

Biographies for Dr. Daniel McDavitt

Long Version

Dr. Daniel McDavitt (b. 1979) is associate professor of music and director of the Goucher College Choirs and Orchestra in Towson, Maryland, where he also directs the musicianship and conducting curricula. Previous to this appointment, he was director of choral studies at Loyola University Maryland, and acting director of choirs at Knox College.

As a composer, Dr. McDavitt's compositions and arrangements have been performed and broadcast throughout the United States and abroad. His music is published by Walton Music, ECS Publishing, Gentry Publications, and Jackman Music. He also has a number of self-published works available through this website. Dr. McDavitt has been awarded a commission from the Barlow Endowment for Music Composition, and won first prize in the Magnum Opus Composition Competition; he has also received numerous grants for music research and to promote new works by living composers; he regularly accepts commissions from community, university, and school choral ensembles from around the country. In 2017, he was honored with the Excellence in Teaching Award at Goucher College, and in 2018 and again in 2020, he has presented part of his research at the Oxford Conducting Institute at St. Anne's College at the University of Oxford.

Born and raised in Missouri, he holds a bachelor of arts degree in music and humanities and a master of music degree in choral conducting from Brigham Young University, and a doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting and literature, with a minor in theory/composition, from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. McDavitt is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the National Collegiate Choral Organization, where he serves on the national board, as well as the College Music Society, and the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP).

He lives in Maryland with his wife, writer and photographer Jenika Beck McDavitt, and their two children.

Medium Version

Dr. Daniel McDavitt is director of the Goucher College Choirs and Orchestra, where he also directs the musicianship and conducting curricula. Previous to this appointment, he served as director of choral studies at Loyola University Maryland and acting director of choirs at Knox College. An award-winning composer and educator, Dr. McDavitt has received the Barlow Prize for Music Composition, numerous grants for research and to promote new works by living composers, and several commissions from community, university, and school choral ensembles. He has presented his research at the Oxford Conducting Institute at the University of Oxford, and in 2017, he was honored with Goucher's Excellence in Teaching award. His compositions and arrangements have been performed and broadcast throughout the United States and abroad, and published with many of the top publishing companies in the United States. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in music and humanities and a master of music degree in choral conducting from Brigham Young

University, and a doctor of musical arts degree in choral conducting and literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Short Version

Dr. Daniel McDavitt is director of the Goucher College Choirs and Orchestra, a position he formerly held at Loyola University and as acting director of choirs at Knox College. He has received the Barlow Prize for Music Composition, numerous grants for research and to promote new works by living composers, and several commissions from community, university, and school choral ensembles. He has presented his research at the Oxford Conducting Institute at the University of Oxford, and in 2017, he was honored with Goucher's Excellence in Teaching award. His bachelor's and master's degrees are from Brigham Young University, with a doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Super-short Version

Dr. Daniel McDavitt is director of the Goucher College Choirs and Orchestra. An award-winning composer and educator, his music has been performed and broadcast throughout the United States and abroad.