

Dr. David W. Carter, Jr. currently serves as Assistant Professor of Music Education at Coastal Carolina University where he teaches undergraduate courses in music education, commercial and jazz music, and supervises preservice music teachers. Most recently, Carter served as the Director of Education and Outreach for Charleston Jazz – a non-profit organization focused on preserving and promoting the art of jazz. Throughout that time, Carter established a community school of music (Charleston Jazz Academy) focused on jazz education for students of all ages and experience levels.

A native of Charleston, SC, David holds his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of South Carolina, and both his Master of Music Education and Ph.D. in Music Education degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). During his time at USM, David served as a graduate teaching assistant for both the university bands and jazz bands. As a graduate teaching assistant for the jazz bands, he worked with Director of Jazz Studies, Larry Panella, directing the Jazz Lab Band II, coaching various jazz combos, performing in both the Jazz Lab I and the USM Jazz Sextet, and lecturing for jazz improvisation classes. His duties for the university bands included working with the marching band, the “Pride of Mississippi,” the concert ensembles, and guest lecturing for undergraduate conducting and music education classes.

David served as the Director of Bands and Fine Arts Department Chair at Cane Bay High School (Summerville, SC) where he was named the 2015 Teacher of the Year. Under his direction, his students and bands earned numerous Superior ratings at various competitions and festivals. Carter also travels throughout the southeastern United States as an active jazz, contemporary, and classical musician and clinician.

Dr. Carter’s professional affiliations include the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), Jazz Education Network (JEN), South Carolina Music Educators Association (SCMEA), Kappa Kappa Psi – National Honorary Band Fraternity, Phi Beta Mu – International Bandmasters’ Fraternity, College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA), National Band Association (NBA), and the South Carolina Band Directors Association (SCBDA) where he served as a member of the statewide Jazz Committee. In his free time, David enjoys traveling with his wife, Megan and daughter, Gabriella and driving around Charleston with his dogs – Ella, Charlie, and Abram.