

## Chorale Conductor's Bio



**Lauren E. Whitham**

*Visiting Instructor of Music*



### Biography

Lauren E. Whitham, is serving as a Visiting Instructor of Music at PLU, during Brian Galante's sabbatical leave. She conducts the University Chorale and University Singers, and teaches undergraduate courses in choral music education. Ms. Whitham earned her Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Western Washington University with Dr. Leslie Guelker-Cone, and her Bachelor of Music Education degree, from Pacific Lutheran University with Dr. Richard Nance. Under her direction, Ms. Whitham's choirs have performed at WMEA Conferences in 2010 (Spanaway Junior High Men's Concert Choir), and 2014 (Pioneer Middle School Young Women's Choir). As an active member of both NAFME and ACDA, Ms. Whitham is frequently invited to present conference interest sessions titled "Creative Classroom Management: Stop Disciplining and Start Teaching" and "Music Literacy: Finding the Key to Independent Learning in the Choral Classroom." In addition to her K-12 work in the public schools, Ms. Whitham taught undergraduate courses in aural skills and keyboarding at Western Washington University and conducted the University Men's Chorus, University Women's Chorus, and WWU's premier choral group, Western Voices.

### Education

- B.M., Music Education, Pacific Lutheran University
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