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Marvin Western, serves as assistant professor of music at Hampton University where he teaches music education courses and applied clarinet. He has also served as an adjunct professor on the faculties at Christopher Newport University and Elizabeth City State University. He is an active recitalist and chamber music performer, and the founding artistic director of the Virginia Chamber Music Academy. He also maintains an active private teaching practice.

Dr. Western holds the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from Shenandoah University where he studied with Dr. Stephen Johnston. The title of his dissertation and lecture recital was *The Music of Peter Schickele: An Analysis of his Music Involving the Clarinet*. He also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education from the Colorado State University-Pueblo and a Master of Music degree from Pacific Lutheran University. In addition, he

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Dr. Western holds the position of Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble, an adult volunteer musical organization serving primarily the north Hampton Roads area (VA).

He is also a member of the Music Educators National Conference and the Virginia Music Educators Association, the College Music Society, the National Association of College Wind and Percussion Instructors, the International Clarinet Association, the Virginia Music Teachers Association, the Peninsula Music Teachers Association, and the Tidewater Music Teachers Forum. In addition to his teaching, he has performed as a member of the Virginia Beach Symphony Orchestra, The Tidewater Winds, and the Commonwealth Musical Stage Orchestra. He served as a clarinetist in the USAF Band Program for 23 years.