

### Jennifer Vannatta-Hall Bio

Jennifer Vannatta-Hall is the Director of the MTSU Center for Teaching & Mentoring and Professor of Music Education. She holds degrees from the University of Illinois (Ed.D) and Middle Tennessee State University (B.M., M.A.). She has over 27 years' experience as a professional educator and taught K-12 music in both Rutherford County and Franklin Special School Districts. Jennifer has served in various leadership roles for the MTSU School of Music as Assistant Director (2019-2020), Associate Director (2023-2025), and Interim Director (2020-2023) and continues to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in music education.

Jennifer has presented workshops and conference sessions all over the United States and was a visiting professor of music at Hangzhou Normal University in China in March 2019. She frequently conducts and adjudicates choral festivals. She is certified through the master level of the Orff-Schulwerk approach to music education, the Smithsonian Institute's World Music Pedagogy, and Modern Band/Music Will. Her research interests include teacher efficacy and K-12 general music. Her book, *Music Teaching Self-Efficacy in Early Childhood Teacher Education*, was published in 2013.