

# Ben Bruflat, DMA

Assistant Professor of Music

## Biography

Dr. Ben Bruflat (b. 1992) is an active music teacher. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Music at Lincoln Memorial University where he teaches Music Appreciation and conducts the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, and Pep Band. Prior to this appointment, Ben taught a variety of courses during his graduate studies including large sections of Music Appreciation to 400 students, trumpet lessons to college music minors and non-majors, Music Theory Rudiments, and JH/HS music courses at annual summer music camps.

Ben is also an active performer around the country. He previously appeared regularly with the Tuscaloosa (AL) Symphony Orchestra, the Starkville (MS) Symphony Orchestra, the Starkville Symphony Brass Quintet, and the Mississippi State Faculty Brass Quintet. He has also performed with the Danville (IN) Symphony Orchestra, the Sioux City (IA) Municipal Band, and for various cover bands and weddings. Ben was a featured soloist at the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association annual conference with the Wayne State College Wind Ensemble in 2015 and at the Midwest Trumpet Festival in 2017. He is also a two-time quarterfinalist in the ensembles division of the National Trumpet Competition (2019, 2020).

Ben received his Bachelor of Arts degree in K-12 Vocal/Instrumental Music Education from Wayne State College in 2016. He graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Music Performance from Eastern Illinois University in 2018. In May of 2021, Ben graduated from the University of Alabama with a Doctor of Musical Arts in Music Performance. His primary trumpet instructors are Dr. David Bohnert, Dr. Joshua Thompson, Dr. Andrew Cheetham, and Dr. Eric Yates.

## Teaching and Research Interests

Music Appreciation (in-person and online)

Concert Band

Jazz Band

Pep Band

Honors Seminar – Film Music

Honors Seminar – Rap Music

UACT 100 Strategies for College Success

## Publications and Presentations

### Publications (last five years)

March 2024 - “Cecilia McDowall’s *Framed*,” ITGJ Vol. 48, No. 3 <https://trumpetguild.org/2014-12-24-23-07-19/itg-journal/file/412-mar-2024-contents>

April 11, 2022 - “Freedom Variations for Brass Quintet: A Review”  
<https://www.trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=334>

December 28, 2021 - “Art of Fugue: A Review” <https://trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=330>

October 1, 2021 - “Music for Trombone and Loop Pedal by John Cipher: A Review”  
<https://trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=325>

August 11, 2021: “Musikverlag Bruno Uetz Music for Brass: A Review”  
<https://trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=318>

July 12, 2021 - “*Emergency Vehicle Blues* by The Big Bad Bones: A Review”  
<https://www.trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=317>

May 4, 2020 - "Axiom Brass: *First Impressions* Review" <https://www.trombone.org/reviews/view.php?id=303>

### Presentations (last five years)

July 2025 (expected) 2024, 2023, and 2022 - Eastern Illinois University's annual Eastern Music Camp

February 2024 - Lincoln Memorial University, Solo Trumpet Recital

June 2022 - featured soloist with the Sioux City Municipal Band (Arutiunian Trumpet Concerto)

March 2022 - guest artist residency at Wayne State College

March 23, 2021 - Mississippi State University trumpet studio

February 25, 2021 - University of Southern Mississippi trumpet studio

February 17, 2021 - Eastern Illinois University trumpet studio

October 15, 2020 - Mississippi State University trombone studio

October 1, 2020 - University of Iowa trumpet studio

September 18, 2020 - Wayne State College trumpet studio

Spring 2020 - Guest recital/lecture tour to Mississippi State University, Shelton State Community College, and Wayne State College (canceled due to COVID-19)

November 4, 2019 - Mississippi State University trumpet studio

### **LMU and other Professional Service**

Spring 2025 – LMU co-advisor of the Railspinners student organization

Fall 2023-present – LMU co-advisor of True You student organization

Fall 2021-present – LMU Performance Planning Committee