

Dr. Michael Ellzey, Visiting Assistant Professor of Music at Delta State University, has served on faculty at Eastern New Mexico University, the University of Northern Iowa, Tennessee Tech University, and the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has performed with several regional orchestras during his career, including the Southwest Symphony, Roswell Symphony, Huntsville Symphony, the Meridian Symphony, the Chattanooga Bach Society Orchestra, Mississippi Wind Symphony, and the Gulf Coast Symphony. Other performance activities include appearances with the ENMU Wind Symphony, Clovis Community Band, Caprock Symphony, and the Belmont Brass Quintet. As a freelance musician, he performs regularly with University and Chamber groups around the Middle Tennessee region.

Michael is an alumnus of the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts and serves as Instructor of Trumpet each summer. As a faculty member there, Michael mentors talented young brass players through teaching trumpet and theory, coaching brass chamber music, organizing daily master classes, and performing on faculty recitals that span a wide range of repertoire and genres.

In addition to performing and teaching, Michael has judged the junior division of the National Trumpet Competition, chaired the high school division, and judged the solo and ensemble finals. He has served as an adjudicator for the New Mexico All-State organization, Southeastern New Mexico Solo and Ensemble Festival, the TGSFTA Auditions, and for the UT-Martin Solo and Ensemble Festival. He is the publicity advisor for Blackburn Trumpets, a contributing author to the Grove Dictionary of American Music, was a member of the ITG Social Networking Committee, and served two years on the judging panel for the ITG Scholarship Competition.

Michael earned his Bachelor of Music and Doctorate of Musical Arts degrees from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg and his Masters of Music at the University of Akron in Ohio. He also has a secondary doctoral minor in music theory, and is certified to teach grades K-12. His major teachers include Allan E. Cox, Joel Treybig, Scott Johnston, and Reese Land.

Dr. Ellzey is an active member of several professional organizations, including the International Trumpet Guild, College Music Society, Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, and the *Theta Chi* Chapter of *Pi Kappa Lambda* National Music Honor Society.