

R. Wayne Bailey

R. Wayne Bailey's teaching experience ranges from middle school, high school, community college, university, to church music. He currently serves as the director of choral studies/professor of vocal music at Florida Community College at Jacksonville, and is the interim music director at the Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church. He also recently served as the interim director of the Jacksonville Children's Chorus which recorded *Carmina Burana* with the Jacksonville Symphony and Symphony Chorus, and is the immediate past president of the FCCJ Faculty Senate.

Some of Bailey's awards include: Educator of the Year by the Arts Assembly of Jacksonville; Outstanding Faculty Member at Florida Community College at Jacksonville; conducting the first Florida Vocal Association All-State Women's Chorus; conducting the Florida Vocal Association All-State Men's Chorus; being selected as a guest soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra; being selected as a bass soloist on the Robert Shaw Festival Singer's Telarc CD entitled *Amazing Grace*; performing with groups conducted by the late Robert Shaw for over 20 years - performing with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus; Atlanta Symphony Chamber Singers; Robert Shaw Chamber Singers; Robert Shaw Festival Singers; Robert Shaw Summer Choral Workshops at Westminster Choir College and the Robert Shaw Carnegie Hall Choral Workshops. Bailey also performed and recorded with the Robert Shaw Festival Singers in all of their French tours and at their National ACDA Convention performance in San Antonio, Texas. He has had the opportunity on numerous occasions to serve as an adjudicator for the Florida Vocal Association's choral festivals at the district and state level. He has also served as a guest conductor for many All-County choruses in the Florida area.

During his tenure at FCCJ, memorable performances include performing at two State ACDA Conventions; being invited to perform at the Southern Division ACDA Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee; being invited to sing at the National ACDA Convention in Los Angeles, California; and singing Beethoven's 9th Symphony with the Jacksonville Symphony and Symphony Chorus.

Bailey holds degrees from: Jacksonville University where he was awarded a Bachelor of Music Education Degree; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary – Fort Worth, Texas, where he was awarded a Master of Church Music degree. He has also completed extensive work toward a doctoral degree in choral conducting at the University of Miami.