

MEET YOUR DIRECTOR

Dr. Jay W. Gilbert is professor of music, director of the instrumental music, and chair of the music department. Since 1993 he has served as director of bands, overseeing all aspects of the instrumental music program, he also conducts the Blue River Community Band. Dr. Gilbert's career as a band director began in the public schools of Wisconsin, where he taught instrumental music in elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools. Prior to his appointment at Doane, Dr. Gilbert was assistant director of bands at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

He holds degrees in music education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and masters and doctoral degrees in conducting from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he studied with renowned conductor and arranger John P. Paynter, and outstanding orchestral conductor Victor Yampolsky.

Dr. Gilbert has been a guest conductor and clinician throughout the United States and Canada. He also is interested in composing and arranging and has produced a film score for Wisconsin Educational Television, some commercial music, and pieces for speaking chorus as well as music for bands and band instruments. His compositions and arrangements are published by Southern Music Company, Kendor, and Shawnee Music Press. Recently Dr. Gilbert received an Artist's Fellowship from the Nebraska Arts Council for his work in composition.

His study of quality wind band literature is often cited and a summary of his research was recently included in the book *The Winds of Change: The Evolution of the Contemporary American Wind Band Concert* by Frank Battisti. He is also a contributing scholar to the series *Teaching Music through Performance in Band, Volumes II, III, and IV*. Dr. Gilbert has received several awards including a Distinguished Service Award from the Nebraska State Bandmasters Association, a Citation of Excellence from the National Band Association, an Artist's Fellowship from the Nebraska Arts Council, and the Zenon Hansen Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions to Doane College. Recently he was recognized as the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by the college's student congress and was inducted into the University of Nebraska – Omaha's Band Hall of Fame.

Dr. Gilbert is a member of the Nebraska School Bandmasters Association, Music Educators National Conference, the College Band Directors National Association, the Conductors Guild, and honorary band fraternity, Phi Beta Mu.

Dr. Gilbert lives in Crete with his wife Laura and their two children, Allen and Philip.

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