



## **Dr. Stephen Paparo, Music Education/Choral Specialist**

Stephen A. Paparo, Assistant Professor of Music Education at UMass, Amherst, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in music education, supervises student teachers, and conducts the University Chorale. He holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University, a Master of Music from Syracuse University and a Bachelor of Music from Ithaca College. He is also a Guild Certified Practitioner of the Feldenkrais Method® of somatic education. As a former public school teacher, Dr. Paparo taught junior and senior high school choral music for ten years in New Hartford, NY, and earned National Board Certification in 2003. He has conducted several All-County choruses in New York State and is the director of choir and voice for Signature Music Camp.

Dr. Paparo has presented at state, national, and international conferences, including Michigan Music Conference, LGBT Studies and Music Education Conference, Suncoast Music Education Research Symposium VIII, Leading Music Education International Conference, The 7th International Symposium on the Sociology of Music Education, Phenomenon of Singing International Symposium VIII, and is published in the Michigan Music Educator. His research interests include embodiment in music, informal popular music learning practices, diversity in music teacher education, and choral music education. Dr. Paparo is currently President-elect of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Choral Directors Association.