

# Nicole Aldrich

## *Conductor*



**NICOLE ALDRICH** is Director of Chapel Music at Princeton University, where she directs the 65-voice Princeton University Chapel Choir and oversees a full calendar of concerts, worship services, and other special musical events. A dedicated educator-performer, Dr. Aldrich sees the conductor's podium as more than a place to facilitate great music-making: it is also a platform for encouraging growth, understanding, and mutual trust among singers.

Before coming to Princeton, she served as Director of Choral Activities at Washington University in St. Louis for 10 years and held teaching positions at the University of Delaware and University of Maryland. She has prepared choruses for Helmuth Rilling and Paul Goodwin, has conducted honor choirs in six states, and is a frequent guest clinician and lecturer on group vocal pedagogy. She has presented her research at state, regional, and national conferences of music educators, and in 2020 she was the lead author of the National Collegiate Choral Organization's position paper "Virtual Choirs in Higher Education."

Dr. Aldrich earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in conducting from the University of Maryland, holds a master's degree in conducting from Northwestern University, and studied piano and voice at Virginia Wesleyan College.