

Dr. Matt Chiu is an organist, programmer, and music theorist. Though he started on piano, at 11 he started learning organ with his older brother to serve his home church (the Lutheran Church of St. Mark in CT) when the 8 o'clock service didn't have music. During his undergraduate degree—music theory with a focus on organ performance—he acted as music director for Bethlehem Lutheran Church (CT), and, since then, he has continued to serve different congregations as an organist and director. Outside of church music, he has had the opportunity to direct musicals, play as a bar pianist, and work as co-director of music for a circus.

As a music theorist, Dr. Chiu has taught music theory and aural skills at Boston University, the Eastman School of Music, Union College, and the University of Illinois. His research concerns music cognition and the study of perception using computational modeling of different musical styles. He currently works as an Assistant Professor of Music Theory at Baldwin Wallace University.

Dr. Chiu is excited and blessed to work in such a welcoming environment, and he looks forward to joining the Bethesda community!