

Vu Nguyen is an Associate Professor of Music and Director of Bands at the University of the Pacific. He conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, and teaches courses in conducting and music education. Dr. Nguyen maintains an active schedule as a clinician and has served as guest conductor with the United States Air Force Bands of the Golden West and Mid-America, as well as honor bands across the country. Ensembles under his direction have been invited to perform at state music educator conferences in California and Indiana, at the Midwest Clinic, and most recently at the 2020 College Band Directors National Association Eastern Division Conference.

A native of the San Francisco Bay Area, Dr. Nguyen holds degrees in conducting from the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, and a Bachelor of Music in music education from the University of the Pacific. Prior to his appointment at Pacific, he served in similar roles at the University of Connecticut, University of Indianapolis, and Washington University in St. Louis in addition to being a visiting conductor with the Indiana University Concert Band. He began his teaching career in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

In addition to his academic career, Dr. Nguyen continues to serve as an officer in the Air National Guard where he is the commander/conductor of the ANG Band of the West Coast. In this position, he is responsible for all activities of this 40-member squadron, including participation in ceremonies, parades, concerts and other public performances. The Band of the West Coast is one of five ANG Bands in the United States and covers an eight-state area of responsibility that includes California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.