

ERIC VARNER

BASSOON

Dr. Eric Van der Veer Varner is instructor of bassoon at Miami University, a position he previously held at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio.

Dr. Varner received his Bachelor of Music in 1996 from the University of Michigan. He received his degree in Artistic Education from the Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst, Heidelberg-Mannheim, Germany in 1998. From 1996 until 2000, he played with the Kurpfälzisches Kammerorchester in Mannheim, as well as the Heidelberger Kantatenorchester. He also participated in the prestigious Bayreuth Easter Festival with the International Orchestra Academy from 1998 until 2000. Dr. Varner returned to the United States in 2000 to complete his studies, and received a Master's and a Doctoral degree in Music Arts from the University of Michigan in 2004. He was awarded the Bronze Medal at the Fischhoff Chamber Music competition in 2003 with the Taliesin Trio.

He is the former principle bassoonist of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra (2001-2006), and currently holds positions as principle of the Windsor Symphony Orchestra in Canada as well as playing second and contrabassoon with the Michigan Opera Theater in Detroit.

Dr. Varner's principal teachers include Richard Beene, Alfred Rindespacher, Hugh Cooper and Michael Dicker. When he is not busy playing and teaching, he enjoys watching college football, literature, exercising, and playing with dogs.