



Coker University

Dr. Meredith Sims

Coker University's 2022 SCICU Excellence In Teaching award winner is **Dr. Meredith Sims**, an associate professor of dance and coordinator of the university's dance and dance education programs. She holds a Ph.D. and an M.A., both in dance education from the

University of Kentucky. She also earned a bachelor's degree in dance with a concentration in jazz dance from the Conservatory of Performing Arts at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her areas of emphasis include dance pedagogy, applied dance science and injury prevention, and jazz dance.

With her experience as a dance educator, choreographer, and researcher, Dr. Sims drew on her background and certification as a K-12 certified dance educator to bring the K-12 certification program in dance education to Coker. Her continued dedication to dance education access throughout South Carolina earned her the South Carolina Dance Association Arts Advocacy Award and the Ray Doughty Arts Integration Award.

Dr. Sims' choreography has been featured in numerous musicals at Coker. Her work has also been performed in the Faculty and Guest Artist Dance Concert.

Serving on the editorial review boards for three dance education journals highlights Dr. Sims' professional involvement outside Coker. Her research has been published in the *Journal of Dance Education*, the *Journal of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*, and *Research in Dance Education*. She is recognized for numerous presentations to professional dance, theatre, and health education organizations in South Carolina and nationally.