## **Thomas Mortenson Bio**

Thomas Mortenson is an assistant professor of Music at the University of Mary where he teaches applied low brass, music theory, and directs the "Blue Crew" Pep Band. He maintains an active performing career. Currently, he serves as principal trombonist of the Bismarck Mandan Symphony Orchestra. He has also performed with groups such as the Bis-Man Little Big Band, the Memphis Jazz Orchestra, the Memphis Knights Jazz Band, Southern Comfort Jazz Orchestra, the Paul Lichty Jazz Orchestra, and the Bluff City Brass Quintet. He can be heard with the University of Northern Iowa Jazz Band One on the albums *Vibrant Lights* and *End of An Era* as well as on the Northern Iowa Symphony Orchestra's album *Inspired By Art*. Mr. Mortenson holds degrees from the University of Mary (BS and BM) and the University of Northern Iowa (MM). He is currently finishing a Doctorate in Musical Arts at the University of Memphis.