

## Ivy Cutting Speaker Dr. Brian Chin



Dr. Brian Chin, associate professor of music, has been at Seattle Pacific University since 2008. As the head of Instrumental Music, he coordinates the instrumental performance programs and teaches mostly music core classes, including the first-year music fundamentals sequence, the second-year Advanced Tonal Harmony, and 20<sup>th</sup> Century Composition Techniques courses. Dr. Chin directs an innovative Learning Assistant Program connected to music fundamentals courses that is helping to redefine how we teach the development of talent in higher education. Dr. Chin was voted *Professor of the Year* by the Associated Students of Seattle Pacific in 2014.

Dr. Chin is the founder and artistic director of Common Tone Arts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring positive change for our diverse world through arts education and music. As an international trumpet soloist with the Yamaha Corporation and an advocate for new music, Dr. Chin has commissioned and premiered many works for the trumpet, and is the creator of the Universal Language Project, a concert series creating new music and engaging programs. He is also an executive leader with the UNITY Arts Alliance, a national collective of nonprofit organizations dedicated to social justice and to demonstrating an alternative model for working artists. His two solo recordings, *Universal Language* and *Eventide* are available on Origin Classical.

Dr. Chin earned his Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees at Rutgers University, as well as his Doctorate of Musical Arts at the University of Washington.