**Shawn O’Kelley** is a saxophonist who specializes in the excellence of teaching in public schools from grades six through twelve.  He started his teaching career in Greenbrier, Arkansas in 2001 following his graduation from the University of Arkansas. Since 2004, he has taught at Owasso Public Schools in Owasso, Oklahoma. He currently teaches the Owasso Symphonic Band I, eighth grade band, and beginning clarinet and saxophone classes. Mr. O'Kelley also serves as the woodwind caption head for the Pride of Owasso Marching Band and directs the Owasso Saxophone Ensemble. In 2007, Mr. O'Kelley was the recipient of the Phi Beta Mu Young Bandmaster Award for Oklahoma and conducted the Owasso Eighth Grade Symphonic Band at the Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA) annual convention. In 2018, he was recognized with an Exemplary Teacher Award from OkMEA.

Under his direction, Owasso Saxophone Ensemble members have performed at North American Saxophone Alliance biennial conventions in 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2023 and regional conventions in 2017, 2019, and 2021.  The Owasso Saxophone Ensemble was selected to perform at the 77th Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic in December 2023.  Mr. O’Kelley also enjoys teaching an active schedule of private saxophone lessons, and his students frequently earn positions in the North Central Directors Association Region Bands and OkMEA All State Bands and Orchestra.

In addition to an active teaching schedule, Shawn has performed with the Arkansas Saxophones at World Saxophone Congress Conventions in Strasbourg, France, and Zagreb, Croatia.  Mr. O’Kelley has served in a number of leadership roles including: OkMEA All State Band Chair (2017), OkMEA Band Vice President (2023-2025), and North American Saxophone Alliance Youth Engagement Officer (2021-2022). His professional affiliations include Oklahoma Music Educators Association, Phi Beta Mu, North American Saxophone Alliance, and faculty membership at the Great Plains Saxophone Workshop.