



Cleveland State University



CAROL OLSZEWSKI, PhD, LPMT, MT-BC, was elected President of the Faculty Senate on May 28, 2024, and serves as a Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term, ending August 31, 2026.

Dr. Olszewski is an Ohio-licensed, board-certified music therapist and Associate Professor of Music Therapy; she has worked as a clinical music therapist with a myriad of populations and as a research scientist.

Dr. Olszewski's teaching and research areas include the psychology of music; introduction to music therapy, medical and hospice music therapy, competency-based evaluation, instructor characteristics on learner outcomes, and neural processing of individual music elements through typical and atypical hearing mechanisms.

She has pursued grants from the NIH and GRAMMY Museum for research with interprofessional piano keyboard intervention in preschoolers with neurodevelopment disorders. Her previous research experiences under the University of Iowa's Music Perception team, an NIH-funded project examining music perception through cochlear implants, has been published in journals such as *Ear and Hearing*, *The Journal of Music Therapy*, and *Otology & Neurotology*.

Dr. Olszewski's professional affiliations include the American Music Therapy Association, The Certification Board of Music Therapists, Great Lake Region of the American Music Therapy Association, and the Association of Ohio Music Therapists.

Dr. Olszewski earned her Ph.D. in urban education with focus in adult, continuing, and higher education from Cleveland State University, and her M.A. and B.M. in Music Therapy from the University of Iowa.