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Bio narrative:

Dr. Jody L. Kerchner has been actively engaged in ISME since 1998, serving as a Board Member (2018-20), editorial board member of the *International Journal for Music Education* (2008-12), Music in the Schools & Teacher Education Commission (MISTEC) member (2006-12), and MISTEC Chairperson (2010-12).

Kerchner is Professor of Music Education and Director of the Pedagogy/Advocacy/Community Engagement (PACE) Division at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Since 1996, she has taught general and choral music education methods, research, music psychology, and educational foundations courses for undergraduate and graduate students at Oberlin. In 2010, she received the Oberlin College Teaching Excellence Award. In 2015, she founded the Oberlin Music at Grafton (OMAG) Choir, an all-male prison choir, which she conducts. Kerchner has authored the book, *Music Across the Senses: Listening, Learning, & Making Meaning* (Oxford University Press, 2014) and co-authored *Musicianship: Composing in Choirs* (GIA, 2016), *Music Experiences in Our Lives* (Rowan & Littlefield, 2009), *Prelude to Music Education* (Prentice-Hall, 2002). Her published research areas of interest include articles and book chapters dealing with creative music listening, reflective praxis, arts access as social justice, teacher education identity development, curriculum development, and authentic assessment practices. She has served as keynote speaker, clinician, presenter, and conductor at conferences throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, and North & South America.

Prior to teaching at the university level, Kerchner taught K-8 general and choral music in public schools in the United States. Kerchner earned her undergraduate degree in music education and graduate degree in vocal performance from West Chester University (PA) and her Ph.D. from Northwestern University (IL). She is also an active member of the American Choral Directors Association, the National Association for Music Education, and the Ohio Music Educators Association.