Marking two decades of research in the OSU Cognitive & Systematic Musicology Laboratory, this lecture series presents research discoveries and observations spanning a range of musical topics. The lectures are oriented towards a general audience and should be accessible to students and faculty from across campus.

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7. Music and Nostalgia - March 6, 2019

8. Discoveries from the OSU Cognitive & Systematic Musicology Laboratory March 20, 2019

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