

Report of the 2017 Annual Meeting

The University of Southern Mississippi hosted the 2017 annual meeting of the American Musicological Society Southern Chapter on February 17–18 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Twenty-two regular members and 17 student members attended the meeting. The Society wishes to thank Ed Hafer and Chris Goertzen for handling local arrangements and all others who worked to make this an enjoyable and stimulating meeting. The conference program and paper abstracts are available on the [AMS-S website](#).

Announcement of the 2018 Annual Meeting

Our next annual meeting will be held at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 16–17, 2018. Updates will be posted on the AMS-S website, and the call for papers will appear in the September 2017 newsletter. *Please note that those reading papers at the meeting must be members in good standing of both AMS-S and the national organization.*

Dues

Annual dues for our chapter are \$10 for regular members and \$5 for students. If you did not attend the meeting in Hattiesburg, you may still owe dues for 2017. Please send a note with your current email address along with a check in the appropriate amount (made out to AMS, with “Southern Chapter Dues” in the memo line) to the AMS-S Secretary-Treasurer:

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General Announcements

At the 2017 annual meeting, the chapter approved a motion to increase student travel funding with the following terms: 1) AMS-S will now allot a maximum of \$600 per year to reimburse travel costs of students presenting papers at our chapter meetings; 2) the funds will be divided regardless of students’ institutional affiliations; 3) no student will receive more than \$100 per year; and 4) AMS-S will only reimburse expenses not covered by a student’s home institution. This change will go into effect beginning at the 2018 meeting.

Student Paper Award

Warren Kimball of Louisiana State University received the award for the best paper read by a student at our 2017 meeting for his presentation “National Identity and the Oratorio in New Orleans, 1836-1861.” Mr. Kimball received a \$250 award as well as hearty congratulations from our chapter. Eligible students who are reading at the 2018 meeting are again strongly encouraged to submit their papers for this award. A submission deadline will be announced in the September 2017 newsletter. General guidelines for submission can be found in last September’s newsletter.

Chapter Officers and Representatives

The list below contains the chapter's officers and representatives. Those whose names are preceded by an asterisk were either elected or appointed to new positions at the chapter's 2017 business meeting:

Bryan Proksch (Lamar University), President
*Brett Boutwell (Louisiana State University), President-Elect
*Joseph Sargent (University of Montevallo), Secretary-Treasurer
Sarah Eyerly (Florida State University), AMS Council Representative
*Blake Howe (Louisiana State University), Abstracts Editor
Warren Kimball (Louisiana State University), Student Representative to AMS Council
*Emily Theobald (University of Florida), Student Representative to AMS Council
Andreas Giger (Louisiana State University), Webmaster

About Our New Officers and Representatives

Brett Boutwell (President-Elect) is Associate Professor of Music at Louisiana State University. His articles on American experimental music have appeared in the *Journal of the Society for American Music*, *Contemporary Music Review*, *American Music*, *Mitteilungen der Paul Sacher Stiftung*, and the *Grove Dictionary of American Music*. He held a Mellon postdoctoral fellowship at Cornell University after earning a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. He served recently as Book Review Editor for the journal *American Music* and held the office of Secretary-Treasurer for the AMS Southern Chapter. He is writing a book on the composer Morton Feldman.

Joseph Sargent (Secretary-Treasurer) is Assistant Professor of Music at the University of Montevallo. His critical edition of service music by the English composer Nathaniel Giles is forthcoming in The British Academy's Early English Church Music series. Book chapters on Renaissance Magnificats appear in *Treasures of the Golden Age* (Pendragon), *Senfl-Studien 2* (Hans Schneider), and *Maria "inter confessiones": The Magnificat in the Early Modern Age* (Brepols). Other articles and reviews appear or are forthcoming in *Early Music History*, *The Musical Times*, *American Choral Review*, *Sacred Music*, *NOTES: Journal of the Music Library Association*, *Fontes Artis Musicae*, Grove Music Online, and A-R Editions, Inc.'s Online Music Anthology.

Blake Howe (Abstracts Editor) is Assistant Professor of Music at Louisiana State University. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of the American Musicological Society*, *Music Theory Spectrum*, *The Journal of Musicology*, and *The Musical Quarterly*. He is co-editor of *The Oxford Handbook of Music and Disability Studies* and editor of recording reviews in *Nineteenth-Century Music Review*.

Emily Theobald (Student Representative to AMS Council) is a doctoral fellow in musicology at the University of Florida. Her research interests include music in post-World War II Poland, specifically Penderecki's *Polish Requiem* and its musical interpretation of events and individuals in 20th-century Poland. This past summer, Emily studied in Krakow supported by a Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) grant, furthering her interest in the relationship between music,

history, and politics in Poland. Emily's interest in the study of music history pedagogy has led her to assist with both Graduate Research Methods and the music history sequence at UF. Before attending the University of Florida, Emily completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Chapter Committees

The Program Committee for the 2018 Annual Meeting is Joanna Biermann (University of Alabama), chair; Sarah Caissie Provost (University of North Florida); and Joe Gennaro (University of Central Florida)

The Nominating Committee is Andreas Giger (Louisiana State University), chair; Margaret Butler (University of Florida); and Ed Hafer (University of Southern Mississippi)

Online Connections

If you received this message indirectly but would like to stay up to date on all of our newsletters and activities directly, you can add yourself to the AMS-S mailing list by joining [our Google Group](#). If you have problems joining or otherwise need help, send an email to Bryan Proksch (bproksch@lamar.edu) and he can add you directly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep apprised of the latest news about our chapter.

Our full [chapter website](#) contains minutes and programs of our annual meetings, past issues of the Newsletter, the chapter bylaws, members' news, and links to the national AMS website. Members are encouraged to send news of accomplishments, awards, or honors to chapter Webmaster Andreas Giger (agiger1@lsu.edu).