

2018 Annual Meeting
February 16–17, 2018

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Meeting Information

Louisiana State University will host the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society Southern Chapter in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 16–17, 2018. The paper sessions will be held in the Recital Hall of the School of Music building on the LSU campus. By air, Baton Rouge is served by Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport (code BTR; 10 miles from campus) and New Orleans International Airport (code MSY; 75 miles from campus). Blocks of rooms have been set aside at a conference rate at the [The Cook Hotel at LSU](#) (225-383-2665; \$129/night + tax, book by Jan. 15) and [Staybridge Suites Baton Rouge–University at Southgate](#) (225-456-5430; \$119/night + tax, book by Jan. 15). Other hotels in the vicinity include [Comfort Inn Baton Rouge](#) (623-207-7627; ~\$87/night + tax) and [La Quinta Inn Baton Rouge University Area](#) (800-753-3757; ~\$69/night + tax). Inquiries concerning local arrangements may be sent to Brett Boutwell (boutwell@lsu.edu).

Call for Papers

To submit a proposal for the chapter meeting, send an abstract as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx extension) to Abstracts Editor Blake Howe (bhowe@lsu.edu). The abstracts editor will remove the names from the proposals and submit them anonymously to the program committee. Submissions must be received by **Thursday, November 30, 2017, 6 pm (EST)**. Abstracts should be double spaced, no longer than 350 words, and should indicate all equipment needs, including need of a piano. Papers as read should not exceed 20 minutes.

All presenters must be members in good standing of both the AMS national organization and the Southern Chapter. Once the Program Committee has selected a preliminary list of presenters, the program chair will forward the names to the national office to ensure membership is current before sending out responses to those who have submitted proposals.

Please consider the following recommendations published by the national AMS organization:

Abstracts should represent the talk as fully as possible. Successful abstracts typically state the specific research findings, substantiate them, and indicate their significance. Abstracts should make clear what is already known and what is new in the proposal. The Program Committee generally will fault abstracts that merely allude to findings or conclusions (*AMS Newsletter*, Vol. 30, No. 2, August 2000, p. 13).

Student Paper Award

Students whose papers have been accepted for inclusion in the AMS-S program may apply to receive the Student Paper Award of \$250 by following these guidelines:

1. To be eligible for the student paper award, a student must be enrolled in a graduate music program, must not have completed the Ph.D., and must be a current member of both the national AMS and the Southern Chapter. Note: to be eligible the student must be a student member of the AMS (not a “regular” member).
2. Before being considered for the award, student papers must be accepted for presentation at the chapter meeting through the normal review process. The student whose paper is accepted must attend the chapter meeting and present the paper.
3. A copy of the complete paper, including handouts, must be received via email by Chapter President Bryan Proksch (bproksch@lamar.edu) by Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6 pm (EST). Slideshow files and audio/video files, if essential to the presentation, must be shared via Dropbox with bproksch@lamar.edu prior to the submission deadline.
4. The award will consist of \$250. The winner will be announced at the business meeting or (if the competition extends into Saturday morning) immediately after the meeting. He or she will be acknowledged in the March AMS-S newsletter and in the newsletter of the national organization.
5. The committee reserves the right to refrain from making an award if the members deem no student paper worthy. A student who wins the award is ineligible to receive the award again in the year immediately following.

Travel Assistance for Student Members

To help students with travel expenses, our chapter contributes up to \$200 to each student presenting one of the regular papers or poster sessions at the national AMS meeting. To qualify, a student must be a member in good standing of both the AMS and the Southern Chapter and must attend the national meeting and present the paper or poster session in person. Students receiving acceptances for the Rochester meeting (November 9–12, 2017) should contact Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Sargent (jsargent@montevallo.edu) and be prepared to submit receipts for reimbursement of expenses after travel is completed.

In addition, our chapter contributes \$50 to each student presenting a paper at our annual chapter meeting, with a maximum of \$150 per institution. A student presenter who receives travel funding from his or her institution will not be eligible for funding from AMS-S. No application is necessary; a faculty member from each institution is responsible for requesting the funds from the secretary-treasurer, verifying student eligibility, and disbursing the funds.

Are You a Member in Good Standing?

Annual dues for our chapter are \$10 for regular members and \$5 for students. If you did not attend the February 2017 meeting or mail a check to the secretary-treasurer during this calendar year, you still owe dues for 2017. Please send a note with your current email address and a check in the appropriate amount (made out to AMS, with “Southern Chapter Dues” in the memo line)

to the AMS-S secretary-treasurer: Dr. Joseph Sargent, University of Montevallo, Davis Hall, Station 6670, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Note also that Article XI of the AMS By-laws requires chapter members to be members in good standing of the AMS national organization.

Chapter Officers and Representatives

Bryan Proksch (Lamar University), President
Brett Boutwell (Louisiana State University), President-Elect
Joseph Sargent (University of Montevallo), Secretary-Treasurer
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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

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).

Regular members of the chapter interested in serving on a committee by appointment should contact President Bryan Proksch (bproksch@lamar.edu) for consideration. Those interested in serving as a chapter officer should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Andreas Giger (agiger1@lsu.edu), for consideration.

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).