

## **Meeting Information**

The University of Florida will host the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society Southern Chapter in Gainesville, Florida on February 25–26, 2021. (Note that the meeting will be held one week later than originally scheduled. Chapter leadership decided to make the change after learning of several competing events. A survey was sent to the chapter in late August, asking members if they preferred the original dates or the later dates, or if they had no preference. All who responded either preferred the later date or had no preference.)

The paper sessions will be held on campus in the recital hall of the Music Building (MUB 101), which is located at 435 Newell Drive. For those flying: the [Gainesville Regional Airport](#) (GNV) has connecting flights to/from Atlanta, Dallas (DFW), and Charlotte and is serviced by American and Delta Airlines. It is located 5.7 miles from the Music Building.

A block of rooms has been set aside at a conference rate (\$109 per night/code SMC) at the [Holiday Inn](#), catty-corner to the northeast corner of campus (1250 W University Avenue, 352-376-1661). Reservations must be made by Tuesday, February 1 to guarantee the conference rate. The hotel is within walking distance (~10 minutes) to the School of Music. The Holiday Inn provides complimentary onsite parking and an airport shuttle.

Other hotels in the vicinity include [Hotel Eleo](#), a brand new hotel located on the south side of campus (\$209+ per night). The [Marriott \(Downtown\)](#) is near the northeast corner of campus and is also relatively new (\$188+ per night). If you are driving and accessing Gainesville via I-75, you might consider [Country Inn and Suites](#) (\$150+ per night) or the [Baymont](#) (\$79+ per night). Both are very close to the interstate. South of campus, [Home2 Suites](#) provides a more apartment-like setting with kitchens in each room (\$134+ per night). Finally, there is a hotel on campus at the [Reitz Student Union](#) (\$109+) and a bed and breakfast, the [Sweetwater Branch Inn](#), east of campus and close to downtown Gainesville (\$161+ per night).

Additional inquiries concerning local arrangements may be sent to Laura Dallman ([ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu](mailto:ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu)).

The conference will be held in a room with 200 seats. As the conference approaches, chapter leaders will announce mitigation guidelines regarding social distancing and masking. We are also developing plans for a hybrid conference, which will allow members to watch paper sessions virtually if they are unable to attend in person. In the event that the COVID-19 pandemic worsens, the chapter leaders will announce plans to move the annual meeting online.

## **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 Laura Dallman

([ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu](mailto:ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu)). The abstracts editor will remove the names from the proposals and submit them anonymously to the program committee. Submissions must be received by **Monday, November 15, 2021, 11:59 pm (EST)**. Abstracts should be double spaced and no longer than 350 words. Papers as read should not exceed 20 minutes.

As a reminder: The Southern Chapter has expanded the participation options available to its membership. In addition to soliciting individual presentations, the chapter invites proposals for panel discussions and presentations in alternative formats, such as lecture-recitals, film screenings, seminars, and pedagogical sessions.

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 Joseph Sargent ([jmsargent@ua.edu](mailto:jmsargent@ua.edu)) by Friday, February 18, 2022 at 6 pm (EST). Slideshow files and audio/video files, if essential to the presentation, must be shared via Dropbox with [jmsargent@ua.edu](mailto:jmsargent@ua.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. The winner 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**

AMS-S allots a maximum of \$600 per year to reimburse travel costs of students presenting papers at our chapter meetings. These funds will be divided regardless of students' institutional affiliations. No student will receive more than \$100 per year, and AMS-S will only reimburse expenses not covered by a student's home institution. No application is necessary; the secretary-treasurer will verify student eligibility with a faculty member from each institution, and then disburse the funds to students after the meeting.

## **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 2021 meeting or send payment to the secretary-treasurer during this calendar year, you still owe dues for 2021. You have two options to pay your dues. You can submit payment online through Venmo (Blake Howe, [bhowe@lsu.edu](mailto:bhowe@lsu.edu), @Blake-Howe-48; please include "AMS-S dues" in the note). Or you can mail 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. Blake Howe, 102 School of Music, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA, 70803.

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**

The list below contains the chapter's officers and representatives:

Joseph Sargent (University of Alabama), President  
Sarah Caissie Provost (University of North Florida), President-Elect  
Blake Howe (Louisiana State University), Secretary-Treasurer  
Blake Howe (Louisiana State University), AMS Council Representative  
Laura Dallman (University of Florida), Abstracts Editor  
Emily Eubanks (Florida State University), Student Representative to AMS Council  
Heidi Jensen (University of Florida), Student Representative to AMS Council  
Christy Thomas Adams (University of Alabama), Webmaster

## **Chapter Committees**

The Program Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting is Maria Cizmic (University of South Florida), chair; Joshua Neumann (University of Florida); and Alice Clark (Loyola University New Orleans).

The Nominating Committee is Valerie Goertzen (Loyola University New Orleans), chair; Denise Von Glahn (Florida State University); and Bryan Proksch (Lamar University).

Regular members of the chapter interested in serving on a committee by appointment should contact President Joseph Sargent ([jmsargent@ua.edu](mailto:jmsargent@ua.edu)) for consideration. Those interested in serving as a chapter officer should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Valerie Goertzen ([goertzen@loyno.edu](mailto:goertzen@loyno.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 Joseph Sargent ([jmsargent@ua.edu](mailto:jmsargent@ua.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 Christy Thomas Adams ([cvadams1@ua.edu](mailto:cvadams1@ua.edu)).