

Meeting Information

The University of Alabama will host the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society Southern Chapter in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on February 17–18, 2023. Paper sessions will be held on campus in the Recital Hall of Frank M. Moody Music Building, 810 2nd Avenue.

Tuscaloosa is served by [Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport](#) (BHM), which has direct flights to/from Atlanta, Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Dallas, and Houston. Birmingham is an hour drive from Tuscaloosa, and conference delegates may rent a car at BHM or else make shuttle arrangements with [Groome Transportation](#). Note that advance reservations are required for this shuttle service. Tuscaloosa is also served by [Amtrak's Crescent Line](#), with trains running to/from New Orleans and Atlanta.

A block of rooms has been reserved at a conference rate (\$129 per night + taxes/fees) at [Hotel Capstone](#) (320 Paul W. Bryant Drive, 800-477-2262). From the hotel's online reservation page click on "Special Codes or Rates," change the default Promo Code tab to Group Code, and use the group code "220803UASC." Reservations must be made by Sunday, January 15 to guarantee the conference rate. Hotel Capstone is located on the UA campus and is a three-minute walk from Moody Music Building. The hotel provides complimentary self-parking and contains an on-site bistro, among other amenities.

Other hotels in the vicinity include [Comfort Inn & Suites Downtown near University](#) (\$134+ per night) and [Embassy Suites by Hilton Tuscaloosa](#) (\$220+ per night), both in downtown Tuscaloosa. Options along McFarland Boulevard include [Hampton Inn Tuscaloosa-University](#) (\$146+ per night) and [TownePlace Suites by Marriott Tuscaloosa University Area](#) (\$122+ per night). Several budget hotels lie near the intersection of I-20/59 and McFarland Boulevard, including [Super 8 by Wyndham Tuscaloosa](#) (\$62+ per night), [Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Tuscaloosa](#) (\$70+ per night), and [Ramada by Wyndham Tuscaloosa](#) (\$106+ per night).

Additional inquiries concerning local arrangements may be sent to Joseph Sargent (jmsargent@ua.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 Laura Dallman (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 14, 2022, 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 Sarah Caissie Provost (s.c.provost@unf.edu) by Friday, February 10, 2023 at 6 pm (EST). Slideshow files and audio/video files, if essential to the presentation, must be shared via Dropbox with s.c.provost@unf.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 2022 meeting or send payment to the secretary-treasurer during this calendar year, you still owe dues for 2022. You have two options to pay your dues. You can submit payment online through Venmo (Blake Howe, 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:

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

Chapter Committees

The Program Committee for the 2023 Annual Meeting is Joshua Neumann (Akademie der Wissenschaften und der Literatur Mainz), chair; Alice Clark (Loyola University); and Andreas Giger (Louisiana State University).

The Nominating Committee is Denise Von Glahn (Florida State University), chair; Bryan Proksch (Lamar University); and Brett Boutwell (Louisiana State University).

Regular members of the chapter interested in serving on a committee by appointment should contact President Sarah Caissie Provost (s.c.provost@unf.edu) for consideration. Those interested in serving as a chapter officer should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Denise Von

Glahn (dvonglahn@fsu.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 Sarah Provost (s.c.provost@unf.edu) and she can add you directly.

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).