

Meeting Information

Louisiana State University will host the annual meeting of the American Musicological Society Southern Chapter in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on February 23–24, 2023. The paper sessions will be held at the [French House](#), home of the [LSU Ogden Honors College](#). 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).

Located 0.5 miles from the conference venue (about 10 minutes by foot), [The Cook Hotel at LSU](#) is the closest lodging option; a block of rooms has been set aside at a conference rate (225-383-2665; \$139/night + tax, use [this link](#) and book by Jan. 24). It's all purple, all gold, all the time at the Cook; if "complimentary breakfast at the Shaquille O'Neal Lodge" is on your bucket list, this is the place for you. Further away (1.2 miles; about 25 minutes by foot), and a bit more subdued, are the [Sonesta ES Suites – University at Southgate](#) (225-456-5430; \$205/night + tax).

Options within driving distance to campus include the [Courtyard Marriot at Acadian Center](#) (225-924-6400; \$143/night + tax); the cluster of budget hotels near the College Drive exit on I-10, including [Comfort Inn - University Area](#) (225-590-5186; \$101/night + tax); and the swanky hotels in downtown Baton Rouge, including the [Hotel Indigo](#) (225-343-1515; \$151/night + tax). (If you will be driving to the conference venue from your hotel, keep in mind that you will probably need to pay for your parking spot when you arrive to campus. Budget about \$15 for the meter on Friday, Feb. 23. Review the information on [Visitor Parking Permits](#) at the website of LSU's Parking & Transportation Services.)

Additional inquiries concerning local arrangements may be sent to Blake Howe (bhowe@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 Maria Ryan (mtryan@fsu.edu). The abstracts editor will remove the names from the proposals and submit them anonymously to the program committee. Submissions must be received by **Friday, November 17, 2023, 11:59 pm (EST)**. Abstracts should be double spaced and no longer than 350 words.

The Southern Chapter welcomes individual paper proposals, not to exceed 20 minutes. The chapter also encourages presentations in alternative formats, such as, but not limited to, panels, lecture-recitals, film screenings, interactive workshops, 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 [presentation] 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 Awards

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

1. To be eligible for a student paper award, a student must be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate music program, and graduate students must not have completed the Ph.D. Students must be current members of both the national AMS and the Southern Chapter. Note: to be eligible students must be student members of the AMS (not “regular” members).
2. Before being considered for an award, student papers must be accepted for presentation at the chapter meeting through the normal review process. Students whose papers are accepted must attend the chapter meeting and present the paper in order to receive a prize.
3. A copy of the complete paper, including handouts, must be received via email by Chapter President Sarah Caissie Provost (sprovost@hartford.edu) by Friday, February 16, 2024 at 6 pm (EST). Slideshow files and audio/video files, if essential to the presentation, must be shared via Dropbox with sprovost@hartford.edu prior to the submission deadline.
4. Two Student Awards, consisting of \$250 each, will be awarded. The winners will be announced at the business meeting or, if student presentations extend into Saturday morning, immediately after the chapter meeting. The winners will be acknowledged in the March AMS-S newsletter and recognized by the national organization on its website.
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 contributes up to \$200 in reimbursement of travel expenses to each student presenting a regular paper or a poster session at the national AMS meeting. To be eligible, student must be a student member in good standing of the national organization and AMS-S.

AMS-S also 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 Chapter Secretary-Treasurer will verify student eligibility with a faculty member from each institution and then disburse the funds to students after the meeting.

Contact Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Laura Dallman (ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu) if you are interested in travel assistance for the national or chapter 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 2023 meeting or send payment to the secretary-treasurer during this calendar year, you still owe dues for 2023. You have two options to pay your dues. You can submit payment online through Venmo (Laura Dallman Rorick, lbdallman@gmail.com, @Laura-DallmanRorick; 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 Chapter Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Laura Dallman, P.O. Box 117900, Gainesville, FL 32611-7900. There is no need to indicate a university or building name in the address.

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
Blake Howe (Louisiana State University), President-Elect
Laura Dallman (University of Florida), Secretary-Treasurer
Christy Thomas Adams (University of Alabama), AMS Council Representative
Maria Ryan (Florida State University), Abstracts Editor
Matt Wood (Louisiana State University), Student Representative to AMS Council
Leo Walker (University of Florida), Student Representative to AMS Council
Christy Thomas Adams (University of Alabama), Webmaster

Chapter Committees

The Program Committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting is Alice Clark (Loyola University), chair; Andreas Giger (Louisiana State University); and Joseph Jones (University of Southern Mississippi).

The Nominating Committee is Bryan Proksch (Lamar University), chair; Brett Boutwell (Louisiana State University); and Joe Sargent (University of Alabama).

Regular members of the chapter interested in serving on a committee by appointment should contact President Sarah Caissie Provost (sprovost@hartford.edu) for consideration. Those interested in serving as a chapter officer should contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Bryan Proksch (bproksch@lamar.edu), for consideration.

News and Notes

We need to toot our horns! The AMS-S website does not include any accomplishments, awards, or honors for any members after 2014. In the January newsletter, let's change that pattern! Send noteworthy accomplishments, awards, or honors post 2014 to Chapter Secretary-Treasurer Laura Dallman (ldallman.rorick@ufl.edu). Please send short segments (100-150 words) for the newsletter to Laura Dallman by Friday, December 15, 2023. All news will also be forwarded to Webmaster Christy Thomas Adams for the website!

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 (sprovost@hartford.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.