This year’s meeting of the American Musicological Society-Southern Chapter will be held February 13-14 in Gainesville, Florida, at the University of Florida School of Music. The University of Florida campus offers a variety of attractions, including the Reitz Union Gallery, Harn Museum of Art, the Florida Museum of Natural History, the Philips Center for the Performing Arts. Gainesville boasts an eclectic array of dining options and nearby points of interest. We anticipate a stimulating conference, and invite all to come to renew or make your acquaintance with the members of our excellent chapter.

**Lodging:** Gainesville offers a number of hotels in many price ranges. As on most large campuses, parking can be difficult, so hotels within walking distance provide a distinct advantage. These are:

Reitz Union Hotel, 352-392-2151, or ruhotel@union.ufl.edu, is located on the University of Florida campus, an easy 5 or 10 minute walk from the conference site. Parking for guests is available. Breakfast is available in a food court located within the Reitz Union or at several nearby locations. A room with one queen or two double beds is $60 (add $5.00 for a second person).

Holiday Inn University Center, 1250 W. University Ave, 352-376-1661, or holidayinn.com, is also a 5-10 minute walk from the conference site. The room rate of $97.50 includes continental breakfast. The hotel is located on the corner opposite the campus, near copy shops and eating establishments.

For a complete list of area hotels, email Jennifer Thomas at thomasjs@ufl.edu.

**Paper proposals:** To submit a paper proposal for the Chapter meeting, please send an abstract (one copy with full name, address, phone, fax, and email address, plus two anonymous copies) to the Chapter President: Dr. Denise Van Glahn, School of Music, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. No emailed or faxed proposals will be accepted. Submissions must be received by **November 30, 2003**. Abstracts should be double-spaced and **no more than 300 words**. Indicate all equipment needs on your abstract. Please consider the following guidelines for abstracts as published in the national AMS Newsletter: “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.” (Vol. XXX, Number II, August 2000, 13.)

**Student Paper Award:** Students who wish to be considered for the new $250 award for the best paper by a student member of the Southern Chapter read at its regional meeting must follow the guidelines adopted at the 2002 business meeting of the chapter:

1. To be eligible to receive the student paper award, a student must be enrolled in a graduate music program and must not have completed Ph.D. He or she must be a current member of both the national American Musicological Society and the Southern Chapter.

2. Before being considered for the award, student papers must be accepted for presentation at the Chapter meeting through the normal reviewing process. The student whose paper is accepted must attend the Chapter meeting and present the paper.

3. Three copies of the complete paper, including handouts, musical examples, or other accompanying audio-visual materials, must be received by the President of the Chapter one month prior to the first day of the meeting.

4. The award will consist of $250. The winner will be notified after the annual meeting and announced in the next newsletter.

5. The committee reserves the right to refrain from making an award if the members deem no student paper is worthy. A student who wins the award is ineligible to receive the award again in the year immediately following.

Students who are notified that their paper has been accepted must submit three hard copies of both their paper and any accompanying materials to Prof. Van Glahn by January 7, 2004.

**ARE YOU A MEMBER, OR DO YOU JUST THINK THAT YOU ARE?**

Note that your AMS-SC year 2004 dues of $10.00 ($5.00 students) come due in January 2004. Our share of the national funds is based upon the number of paid regional members and dues are welcome any time. If you have not paid your dues for 2003, there is still time to support the chapter this year. If you are not sure of your status, please email Jennifer Thomas at thomasjs@ufl.edu. You may send dues to the secretary/treasure:

Dr. Jennifer Thomas  
130 Music Building  
PO Box 117900  
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**YOU’VE GOT MAIL!** But we must know where you are so that we can send it to you. If you are one of the few people who is reading this as a forwarded message or in hard copy, drop us a line at thomasjs@ufl.edu.
OUR WEB MASTER
Keith Knop, a graduate student at Florida State University, has generously agreed to serve another year as web master. Member news for the website can be sent to him at keith_knop@yahoo.com.

WEST PALM BEACH 2003 REPORT
The AMS Southern Chapter enjoyed the gracious and most generous hospitality of Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida February 7-8, 2003. The beautiful new music building, Vera Lea Rinker Hall hosted our sessions in comfort and style. Our local host, Professor Siegwart Reichwald, along with President Denise Von Glahn, secretary/treasurer Marion Wilson Kimber, all the student helpers, and the presenters all have our sincere thanks for the excellent meeting. The minutes and treasurer’s report will be distributed at the Gainesville meeting.

Current chapter officers:
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