

CALL FOR PAPERS

Society for Christian Scholarship in Music
Annual Meeting
February 25-27, 2021
Mercer University, Macon, Georgia

The Society for Christian Scholarship in Music seeks proposals for its upcoming annual meeting, which will take place February 25-27, 2021, at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

We are currently planning on an in-person meeting, but will consider hybrid and/or online formats if circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic require it.

Individual papers, research posters, panels, and lecture recitals on any topic related to the study of music and Christianity are welcome. We invite submissions representing a variety of approaches and perspectives, including ethnomusicology, historical musicology, theory and analysis, philosophy, theology, liturgy, congregational music, and critical theory.

Guidelines for proposals (proposals of all types should include a title):

- **Individual Paper Proposals** should clearly describe the argument, evidence, and research findings, situate the work in relation to previous scholarship, and articulate how the research contributes to Christian scholarship in music. The identity of the author should not be divulged in the body of the proposal. Maximum length: 350 words. Only one individual proposal may be submitted. Individual papers are 25 minutes.
- **Research Poster Proposals** should follow the same format as Individual Paper Proposals above. The program will include a designated time to discuss research posters. The poster session is especially designed to encourage presentation from undergraduate and graduate students, but is not limited to student presenters. Please clearly indicate if you would like your proposal to be considered: (1) as a paper, (2) as a research poster, or (3) either paper or research poster.
- **Panel Proposals** (normally 3 papers) should include a summary of the importance of the panel topic by the panel organizer (maximum length 350 words). The organizer should also include a proposal for each paper prepared by individual panelists following the guidelines for Individual Proposals, along with each panelist's contact information. Panel Proposals will be considered only as a whole, the session's coherence being an essential part of the evaluation process. A panel is 1 hour and 45 minutes, including time for discussion.
- **Lecture-Recital Proposals** should list titles and composers of the pieces to be performed, including performing forces and approximate timing, and clearly describe the substance of the lecture component as outlined for Individual Proposals. Please note clearly that this is a Lecture-Recital proposal. Maximum length: 350 words. Lecture recitals are 50 minutes.

The Society for Christian Scholarship in Music promotes the exploration of connections between Christian faith and the academic study of music. We are a cross-disciplinary society including ethnomusicologists, music theorists, musicologists, scholars of liturgy and of church music,

theologians, and practicing church musicians. The Society understands itself as having an ecumenical Christian identity, reflecting the worldwide diversity of Christian traditions. The Society also sees it as vitally important to learn from scholars outside those traditions, and scholars who do not identify as Christian are welcome to join as full members.

SCSM encourages submissions from current graduate students. A \$250 prize will be awarded for the best paper presented by a graduate student at the 2021 meeting. Application instructions for the graduate student prize will be provided upon acceptance of the paper for the program and will be posted on the society's website.

Please send submissions or questions to Richard Strauch, program committee chair, at scsm2021@gmail.com. In the body of your submission e-mail, please identify your affiliation, preferred e-mail for communication, and if you are a student. Please submit your proposal as a Word file. Proposals must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on **October 1, 2020** in order to be considered. All proposals are evaluated by the program committee in a blind peer review process. Applicants will be notified of the program committee's decision by early November.

Presenters are required to become members of the society for the year of the conference. Conference registration is open to all interested persons: undergraduate and graduate students, as well as independent and affiliated scholars.

For more information about SCSM and about previous conferences, see www.scsmusic.org.