

NorCal Chapter of the American Musicological Society
UN Reno, April 20, 2024
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The University of Nevada, Reno, Rooms 152-153, Church Fine Arts Building, 1664 Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM Registration and Light Breakfast

10:30 – 12:00 pm Session I- Politics and Identity in Popular Culture

1. Mariana Da Silva Gabriel, "More Than Words: A Study of Chico Buarque & Gil Gilberto's "Cálice" and 'Covert' Musical Protest"
2. Joshua Strickland, "'It's My Life': Music, Baseball, and Identity"
3. Ryan Nason, "Imperialist Nostalgia in Disneyland's Indiana Jones Adventure"

12:00 – 1:00 pm Lunch Break

1:00 – 1:10 pm Business Meeting: ratification of bylaws and call for election of the new NorCal President.

1:10-2:00

Bridging the Gap between Musicologies: Presentation of new books and Q&A with the authors:

Edmund Mendelsohn, *White Musical Mythologies: Sonic Presence in Modernism* (Stanford University Press, 2023)

Ruthie Meadows, *Efficacy of Sound: Power, Potency, and Promise in the Translocal Ritual Music of Cuban Ifá-Òrìsà* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2023)

2:00 – 3:30 pm Session II – Transmission and Context in Motet and Opera

1. Saagar Asnani, "The Curious Case of "mi doint": Tracing Transmission Through Textual Variants of an Occitan-French Hybrid Motet"
2. Anushka Kulkarni, "Histories of Empire, Imaginings of India, and Mythologies of Alexander in Handel's Opera Seria"
3. Ali Nia Moghaddam, "Albert Lortzing's Regina: Factory Workers on The Opera Stage"

3:30 – 3:45 pm Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:15 pm Session III – American Keyboard Stories

1. Monica Francesca Ambalal, "The Advancement and Sustainability of the Piano Accordion in Northern California and the West Coast"
2. Paul Johnson, "Piano rolls: Unveiling the Missing History of Ragtime, Blues and Jazz Piano Performance"

Agenda for the business meeting of the NorCal Chapter in Reno, April 20, 2024

ITEM 1) Ratification of the the Bylaws.

The Bylaws were last ratified on February 6, 2010, and need further ratifications.

As current President, I propose the following changes to the Bylaws:

Officers and Terms of Office

I.2: Eliminate the confusing language about the vice president. There are only two non-student officers: the President and the Treasurer. I propose to replace "Vice-President" with "Treasurer and Secretary."

I.3: eliminate language about "Secretary": this is the Treasurer. I propose to call the Treasure "Treasurer Secretary."

Also, I propose to modify the paragraph, "The Treasurer serves a two-year term which overlaps that of the President." The two terms should be staggered to ease the new officer in by ensuring that one of the two officers preserves the institutional memory, ongoing communication with AMS officers, and the information to operate the website, the funds, and the e-mail list and communicate about what unfinished business remains to be completed.

Elections

II.2: eliminate language about physical mail, considering that now all members have e-mail access ("The call, ballots, and results of the election shall be sent to all Chapter members via e-mail, ~~with U.S. mail copies to those with no e-mail address~~"). Similarly, in II.3: eliminate language about physical mail communications.

III Meetings

Replace "The Chapter normally holds two meetings per calendar year, at times and places determined by the President" with "The Chapter normally holds at least one meeting per calendar year, at times and places determined by the President."

ITEM 2)

Call for nominations and self-nominations to the office of President: please communicate nominations in person at the Chapter meeting or via email to ppolzonetti@ucdavis.edu

ITEM 3) Invitation to graduate students and their representatives to design remote or in-person initiatives geared toward graduate student participation, exchange of ideas, and professional development.

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