PSC-AMS Spring 2020 CALL FOR PAPERS

We are excited to announce the first-ever joint meeting of the Pacific-Southwest Chapter of the American Musicological Society (PSC-AMS) and the West Coast Conference of Music Theory and Analysis (WCCMTA), to be held at the University of California, Irvine, on April 17-19, 2020. The program will take place Friday afternoon, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning.

We welcome abstracts (max. 350 words) proposing paper topics for the meeting, including submissions for lecture-performances. Papers or presentations should require no more than 20 minutes for full delivery, plus 5-10 minutes for questions and discussion.

We are also introducing a new type of session at the Friday afternoon portion of the meeting, a seminar-style reading group featuring discussion of a pre-circulated text. We encourage suggestions of papers to be discussed, either a published or unpublished text on a topic of contemporary musicological interest. We especially encourage submissions from junior scholars of works-in-progress. Submissions should include the full text of the paper, a 150-word abstract, and should indicate whether it is part of a larger manuscript.

In addition, this meeting will feature the competition for the Ingolf Dahl Memorial Award in Musicology, which is given annually to the best student paper presented at the PSC-AMS conference. Students must be currently enrolled in institutions within the boundaries of the Pacific Southwest chapter of the AMS. All students are strongly encouraged to work with faculty mentors to ensure that their papers are ready for professional presentation. Dahl Competition abstracts will be evaluated according to the following criteria: organization and writing, innovation and contribution to the field, methodology, and potential for publication and future research. Three finalists will be chosen, all of whom will present their papers in the Sunday morning session of the meeting.

Those wishing to present a paper at the joint meeting or lead the reading group discussion should send their submissions by Monday, March 16, 2020, along with the proposed title, author’s name and institutional affiliation, and a list of the equipment necessary for the presentation. All submissions should be sent by email to the President of the PSC-AMS, Stephan Hammel, hammels@uci.edu. Students entering the Dahl Competition should specify in the cover email their intention to participate.