

Guidelines for AMS Buddy Program Mentees

If you are a new AMS member (or still feel "new") or are attending your first (or perhaps second) annual meeting, the American Musicological Society would like to extend a special welcome to you by giving you the opportunity to participate in the AMS Conference Buddy Program. If you are interested in participating in this program, please submit the AMS Buddy Program registration form by the deadline indicated on the website. You will be matched with another AMS member who would like to help welcome you to the meeting as your "conference buddy."

1. The limit for participation in the Conference Buddy Program is twice for mentees (two different annual meetings). If there are insufficient mentors to match with second-time mentees, priority will be given to first-time participants.
2. Please alert the Conference Buddy Coordinator if you change your plans after registering for the Conference Buddy Program, or if you change your contact information (particularly e-mail address).
3. Please take the conference buddy connection seriously. Mentors usually have busy schedules at the Annual Meeting. Mentees should be accommodating when providing available times and show up for any appointments made. Be prompt for any arranged meetings, and if you cannot make a connection, be sure to contact your mentor. If you cannot connect, please alert the Conference Buddy Coordinators by e-mail as soon as possible.
4. Please make a prompt connection with your mentor upon receipt of the mentor-mentee pairings notification from the Conference Buddy Coordinators.
5. At the Annual Meeting, you are expected to connect with your mentor as early as possible during the conference (unless you both make other specific arrangements). One key point of the Buddy Program is for your mentor to familiarize you with the conference culture near the beginning of the meeting.
6. Remember that this is an *informal* opportunity to enhance your experience at the Annual Meeting, and it should be an enjoyable experience for mentor and mentee. Please do not present your mentor with resumes or work in progress, and do not expect formal career guidance, introductions to specific scholars, or lasting links beyond the meeting (although it often happens that many mentors and mentees stay connected long after the conference has ended and enjoy reconnecting at subsequent meetings).