

## **ABS Philadelphia (Temple University)**

October 6-9, 2022

Conference Hotel: [Sofitel Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square](#)

For reservation information, see below

Conference Schedule (as of July 2022):

**October 6, 2022** (Thursday)

Casual reception @ [Sofitel](#), 6:00-8:00pm

**October 7, 2022** (Friday)

Location: Temple University, [Rock Hall Auditorium](#) (1715 N. Broad St., Second Floor)

- 9:00 ABS Shuttle from Sofitel (alternatives at your own expense: Uber, Lyft, taxi, subway [SEPTA])
- 9:30 Coffee and light refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:15 Keynote: (Title TBA)  
Prof. Rita Krueger, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy, Temple University
- 11:30 Session I: Bach and Authority/Bach Authorities  
1. Daniel R. Melamed—"Christ lag in Todes Banden" BWV 4, a Weimar Easter Cantata  
2. Michael Maul—On a Highly Explosive Political Stage: Bach's Trip to Potsdam, the 'Musical Offering,' and Its Context
- 1:00 Lunch (Provided by Temple University)  
ABS Editorial Board Meeting
- 2:30 Session II: Cantatas as Reflections of Authority Structures  
3. Vivian Tompkins—Deathly Devotion: Eighteenth-Century Capital Punishment and the Church Cantatas of J. S. Bach  
4. William Cowdery—Bach, Weimar, and the Hunt
- 4:00 Shuttle to Sofitel  
Dinner on your own
- 7:00 Concert: [Choral Arts Philadelphia](#) (BWV 198, "Trauerode" and BWV 212, "Peasant Cantata")  
[Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square](#) (1904 Walnut St., Philadelphia 19103)  
[Reception to follow, location TBD]

**October 8, 2022** (Saturday)

Location: Temple University, Rock Hall Auditorium

- 9:00 ABS Shuttle from Sofitel

- 9:30 Coffee and light refreshments
- 10:00 Session III: Performing Authority  
5. Tanya Kevorkian—J. S. Bach: In a Web of Authority Relations  
6. Raymond Erickson—Bach and the False Authority of Tradition: The Case of the Violin Ciaccona BWV 1004/5
- 11:30 Lunch (Provided by ABS)  
ABS Advisory Board Meeting
- 1:00 Session IV: Expanding Tradition: Bach in Modern Contexts  
7. David Chin—Bach in the Far East  
8. Thomas Cressy—“Bach is My God”: Excess and Virtuosity in 1980s Metal
- 2:30 Coffee Break
- 2:50 Session V: Panel on Biography—Author/Authority  
Participants: Ellen T. Harris, David Schulenberg, Christoph Wolff, Steven Zohn
- 4:00 Shuttle to Sofitel
- 7:00 Concert: [Ravensong Historical Keyboard Series](#)  
[St. Mark’s Church](#) (1625 Locust St., Philadelphia 19103)  
Performers: Leon Schelhase, Robert Mealy, Beilang Zhu, Geoffrey Burgess  
[Reception to follow, location TBD]

**October 9, 2022** (Sunday)

Location: Sofitel

- 9:30 Breakfast and Business Meeting
- 10:30 Session VI: Bach as Authority  
9. Arlan Vriens—In the Image of Bach: Friedrich Wilhelm Rust’s *Sonate a Violino Solo*  
10. Paul Walker—How Bach’s Fugues Acquired Their Authority

**Hotel Information:**

Conference Hotel: Sofitel Philadelphia at Rittenhouse Square  
We have a limited block of rooms available, so please book early.

Individual booking: Each individual guest must make their own reservations by calling the In House Reservations Office at (877) 411-7634 **no later than September 1, 2022**. Each individual must ask for group reservations and identify themselves as members of the **American Bach Society**.

All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first-night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Check-in time is 4:00pm; checkout is 12:00pm. The hotel will accommodate time adjustments on an individual basis if they are able. Please make requests early.

Parking at the hotel: \$32/day; overnight \$59

Other nearby options:

Doubletree by [Hilton](#) (a short walk from the Sofitel)

[Kimpton Hotel Palomar](#) (next door to the Sofitel)

Travel:

Air:

The nearest airport is [Philadelphia International Airport](#) (PHL). It's about 20-30 minutes from the hotel.

A cab ride from the airport to the Sofitel will cost somewhere around \$30. Lyft and Uber are also available, as is the train (SEPTA). We recommend taking a car.

Newark Airport (EWR) (Newark, NJ) is sometimes a cheaper option but it is an hour's drive or train ride ([Amtrak](#)) from Philadelphia.

Rail:

There is also an [Amtrak](#) station in downtown Philadelphia (William H. Gray III 30<sup>th</sup> St. Station).

Travel to and from Temple University:

The ABS will provide a shuttle service from the Sofitel to Temple University for conference participants. Lyft, Uber, and the subway (SEPTA) are also available at your own expense. We recommend travel by car unless you are already familiar with SEPTA.

Restaurants:

Philadelphia has excellent restaurants at all levels of dining. Demand in the Rittenhouse Square area will be especially high during the time of our conference. We recommend making dinner reservations for Friday and Saturday nights in particular, so that you will be able to make it to the concerts on time. The shuttle should return us to the Sofitel within a half hour, but timing is traffic-dependent.