



Renovation

The 69th Worldcon, Reno, Nevada USA – August 17-21, 2011

Call for Papers:

Renovation World Science Fiction Convention Academic Program

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Reno-Sparks Convention Center
Reno, Nevada USA

Speculative Frontiers: Reading, Seeing, Being, Going

Renovation's Academic Program invites papers reflecting on real and imagined frontiers whether physical, social, or technological.

Approaches of interest include but are not limited to the following:

- Historic and current use of the frontier as metaphor and device in speculative fiction
- First contact speculation, both fictional and scientific
- Speculative fiction's consideration of the relationship between exploration and exploitation, and between settlement and displacement
- Fictional and real boundaries and exploration in space, technology, and society
- The effects and side-effects of such exploration
- Speculative concepts of historical and future frontiers
- Consideration of current edge and boundary work in speculative fiction, including cross-genre work and cross-format delivery/distribution.

We are interested in how these themes are reflected in fandom, publishing, art, media, gaming, social media, and other new technology. Other topics related to sf, fantasy, and horror are also welcome, particularly those exploring the work of any our guests of honor (Tim Powers, Ellen Asher, Boris Vallejo, Charles N. Brown) or special guests (Bill Willingham, Tricky Pixie).

The Renovation Academic Program is an interdisciplinary conference; papers are invited from all disciplines including the sciences, education and psychology. Short papers

(approximately 15 minutes to allow time for discussion) are encouraged, and authors are reminded to consider not only an audience of their peers, but an educated and motivated general audience.

Submission Arrangements

Please send abstracts by February 15, 2011. Accepted authors will be notified by March 31, 2011.

Submissions and inquiries should be directed to Kim G. Kofmel, at academicprogram@renovationsf.org.

Submissions should include:

- Title of paper
- Name and affiliation
- Email address
- 150-word abstract
- Short biographical statement
- Audio-visual requirements.

We are exploring options for our proceedings; more information (including date for submitting final papers for inclusion in the proceedings) will be forthcoming.

We hope to announce a separate call for a student poster session; more information will be forthcoming.

The Academic Program will run from Thursday August 18 to Saturday August 20, 2011 (the middle 3 days of the Convention).

For more information about Renovation, including membership rates, go to www.renovationsf.org.