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GUEST OF HONOUR: **ALLEN STROUD**

Allen is a science fiction, fantasy and horror writer, a lecturer and researcher at Coventry University, and Chair of the British Science Fiction Association. He has also been Chair for several Fantasycons. He writes in a variety of formats and has work published as novels, short stories and in computer games. His novel FEARLESS (2020 from Flametree Press) has been praised as hard SF that offers a glimpse of a vividly plausible future for humanity as it colonises the solar system, and in Adrian Tchaikovsky's words, a "fast-paced, gripping hard SF with death in hard vacuum waiting at every turn." The sequel RESILIENT was published in 2022.



Allen completed his PhD in 2017 at the University of Winchester. He specialises in the research and development of fictional worlds that provide opportunities for imaginative storytelling. He continues to research the nature of storytelling and regularly publishes papers on mythmaking, catharsis and immersion.

Allen is also a composer of science fiction soundtracks, creating orchestral synth tracks for audio dramas, podcast theme tunes and short films. His work on the computer game ELITE DANGEROUS involved a novel, an audio drama and music album completed in 2014.

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