



Virtual World Fantasy Convention 2020

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Virtual Program

Start Time: 2020-10-28 08:30 End Time: 2020-10-28 08:50

Session Name: General Session - Wednesday

Session Description: Join Chairperson Ginny Smith for a kick-off session to open the 46 Annual - and the FIRST ever Virtual - World Fantasy Convention. Here's your chance to get your questions answered, and to hear what awesome things are in store for you in this year's WFC!

Session Speakers: Ginny Smith, Angela Wilson

Start Time: 2020-10-28 09:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 11:00

Session Name: Editing to Greatness

Session Description: In this two hour-workshop, Dave Farland discusses different types of editing: the triage method, syllabic editing, content editing, line editing, and others. He will also talk about the rewrites he does--voice passes, description passes, hook passes--and his emphasis on what he calls "boosting" the story and the prose.

Session Speakers: David Farland

Start Time: 2020-10-28 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 11:25

Session Name: Readin - Jayrod Garrett

Session Description: Author Jayrod Garrett reads from his work and takes questions from the Audience. THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVE

Session Speakers: Jayrod Garrett

Start Time: 2020-10-28 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 11:50

Session Name: Repairing Collectible Books

Session Description: (Featuring Ken Sanders, book appraiser on the program "Antiques Roadshow" and proprietor of Ken Sanders Rare Books.)What happens when a precious book gets damaged? Is it possible to repair common problems? What shouldn't be attempted by the less experienced, and what can be done in those cases? Join us for ways to keep your collection intact and whole.

Session Speakers: Ken Sanders, Ethan Ensign, Lindy Stats, Michael Oberg ,

Start Time: 2020-10-28 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 15:00

Session Name: Worldbuilding by Dave Farland

Session Description: Dave Farland's second 2-hour workshop will go over how planets are formed and civilizations grow. He will continue with building wonder in fantasy by creating wondrous places, creatures, and characters, how to build magic systems and how to devise other interesting "power systems," whether they be technological, political, or monetary.

Session Speakers: David Farland

Start Time: 2020-10-28 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 16:50

Session Name: Writing Query Letters

Session Description: In this hands-on workshop, we will cover the nuts and bolts of querying agents and editors. In addition to learning actionable information and mastering practical skills, you will write an actual query letter to use to pitch one of your books.

Session Speakers: DJ Butler

Start Time: 2020-10-28 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 17:50

Session Name: Living in a Horse-Drawn Society

Session Description: Horses have been common forms of transportation in fantasy novels since the genre began. But the animals themselves can be fragile. What stories portray horses realistically, and how does the upkeep and care for these critical animals impact the story's plot.

Session Speakers: Laura VanArendonk Baugh, Molly Gloss, Jane Fancher, Joyce Reynolds-Ward (she/her)

Start Time: 2020-10-28 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-28 19:50

Session Name: Tech Tools for Writers

Session Description: Which software is the best for a writer? Are there specialty programs and apps that can help with the different aspects of writing? How do you keep track of chapters, characters, story arcs and the like? Our tech-savvy panelists share their experience.

Session Speakers: Jonathan G. Chew, Barbara Krasnoff

Start Time: 2020-10-29 09:30 End Time: 2020-10-29 09:50

Session Name: Virtual WFC 2020 - General Session

Session Description: Join Chairperson Ginny Smith and other members of the Virtual WFC 2020 Convention Committee to talk about some of the day's special sessions, and to get your questions answered. And if you're participating in the Video Scavenger Hunt you can win prizes!

Session Speakers: Ginny Smith

Start Time: 2020-10-29 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 12:50

Session Name: Collecting First Editions:

Session Description: In this special panel, Ken Sanders, book appraiser on the program "Antiques Roadshow" and proprietor of Ken Sanders Rare Books shares his knowledge of collecting first editions. How to tell if that gem in the back of a bookstore is a true treasure or a mere replica. Join him for a truly delightful hour as Ken shares his love of books.

Session Speakers: Ken Sanders, Michael Oberg ,

Start Time: 2020-10-29 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 13:50

Session Name: Amazon, Goodreads, NetGalley, and Edelweiss, Oh My!

Session Description: There are a variety of valuable resources for independent authors out there, but how do you choose which one will work for your book? And how can you stand out as an Indie author among the crowd while utilizing the best marketing resources for your book? In this session, we'll navigate the available options for getting your books in the world, the different websites and tools available to indie authors, and explore how your book can reach more readers via the growing field of reviewer markets. Download Holly's presentation slides below!

Session Speakers: Holly Lyn Walrath

Start Time: 2020-10-29 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 15:50

Session Name: Power Dynamics in Fantastical Worlds

Session Description: Power dynamics are intrinsic to most folktales, and really to most stories, fantastical or not. When a writer engages in worldbuilding, one of the hardest tasks is how to introduce the societal structure and cultural atmosphere the characters will inhabit in the story or novel. In many tales, plot dynamics hinge on who has power and who doesn't, even if the class dynamics are relatively calm. Panelists will talk about how power ebbs and flows in their own work and in their favorite fantasies by other writers.

Session Speakers: Kryssa Stevenson, David Keck, David Farland, Mark L. Van Name ,

Start Time: 2020-10-29 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 15:50

Session Name: A Gathering of Voices: The Importance of Anthologies

Session Description: Originally denoted to evoke "a gathering of flowers," anthologies have become a vital resource in the science fiction and fantasy genre. Anthologies offer readers an opportunity to explore new and old ideas from a range of voices, both emerging and established. These collections can reignite enthusiasm about older or less known works, offer a welcoming space for new writers, and celebrate the mastery of authors who make important contributions to the field. Anthologies are fertile, contested spaces for discussions of important developments and characteristics of the subgenres. How do these curated gatherings of works impact writers' careers? How can anthologies highlight and create new space for underrepresented voices? What are the challenges of publishing (and promoting) these works successfully, and how does the evolving taste of audiences influence this special part of the publishing industry?

Session Speakers: Ellen Datlow, Ann VanderMeer, Sheree Renée Thomas, Rich Horton, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki

Start Time: 2020-10-29 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 16:50

Session Name: Queering Fantasy

Session Description: How do you queer Fantasy and Fantasy tropes? Is it dropping in a queer character into an otherwise fantastical plot? Slipping in a positive queer romance? Or is it dismantling, changing, altering, and questioning the tropes that have been present in Fantasy for decades? Is it queering the way power is distributed in a society, or queering character goals and story endings? Does it touch how we build a Fantasy economy, a government, a landscape, a culture? We would say it includes all these things. Queer characters invite complete queer make-overs of Fantasy tropes. We're here to discuss that-- discussing the contributions of LGBTQIAA2S+ authors to the field; we want to give you plenty to look at and consider. Heck, we might, at the end, even compose multiple queer "I want" Disney songs for the Fantasy stories we want to create or see created--ya never know. Whether you're an activist or an ally, we welcome you

Session Speakers: S. Qiouyi Lu, Cheryl Morgan, Corry L. Lee, Jerome Stueart ,

Start Time: 2020-10-29 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 16:50

Session Name: Magic for Sale: Making Money and Paying the Price

Session Description: Whether it's portrayed as a talent, a gift, or a skill, magic can be a moneymaking venture. But magic isn't free. What gains can a magic-wielder realize - and at what cost?

Session Speakers: L.E. Modesitt Jr., Terry Brooks, Michelle Cori, Julie E. Czerneda ,

Start Time: 2020-10-29 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 17:55

Session Name: Opening Ceremonies

Session Description: During the opening ceremony, Toastmaster Tracy Hickman will provide entertainment created to encompass the convention's theme; Tracy and Laura Hickman will introduce the guests; Ginny Smith will outline virtual convention offerings and procedures

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Session Speakers: Tracy and Laura Hickman, Ginny Smith ,

Start Time: 2020-10-29 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 18:50

Session Name: Science in Fantasy

Session Description: Have you ever been kicked out of a story by the author's poor understanding of basic science? Yes, it's a fantasy, and yes, the point of most magic is to bypass the rules of physics in one way or another, but really, there must be some consistency that the universe operates by. Which stories and authors are particularly good at portraying science in their fantasy?

Session Speakers: Laura VanArendonk Baugh, Corry L. Lee, Eric James Stone, Joe Haldeman, William Ledbetter

Start Time: 2020-10-29 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 18:25

Session Name: Reading - Stephanie Fazio

Session Description: Author Stephanie Fazio will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Stephanie Fazio

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Session Name: Alternate History

Session Description: Alternate history has long been the domain of science-fiction writers, but it is now being enthusiastically colonized by writers of fantasy, who are bringing in magic, dragons, and the full panoply of the uncanny into what used to be an orderly and rational sub-genre. Who's doing this and what's going on?

Session Speakers: Charlain Harris, Madeleine Robins, Den Valdron, Gillian Polack ,

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Session Name: Reading - Matthew Kressel

Session Description: Author Matthew Kressel will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Matthew Kressel

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Session Name: Utah Humanities Event: Black Women in Fantasy

Session Description: The Book Bungalow (a Utah organization) is excited to host Black Women in Fantasy, as a part of the 2020 World Fantasy Convention. Moderated by Nkenna Onwuzuruoha, the panel will feature three prominent Black women in Fantasy: Christine Taylor-Butler, Sheree Renée Thomas, and Eugen M. Bacon. This is a free event open to the public.

Session Speakers: Christine Taylor-Butler, Sheree Renée Thomas, Eugen Bacon

Start Time: 2020-10-29 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 19:50

Session Name: Making Readers Hungry: Food in Fantasy

Session Description: A well-written scene featuring food can bring in the senses of taste, smell and appetite-inducing appearance. It's a part of the story that can ground the reader deeper into the world and is often one of the more memorable actions in the story. Which authors do a good job of adding flavor to their prose?

Session Speakers: Karlo Yeager Rodriguez, Madeleine Robins, Madeleine Robins

Start Time: 2020-10-29 19:30 End Time: 2020-10-29 19:55

Session Name: Reading - Jerome Steuart

Session Description: Jerome Steuart reads and answers questions from WFC members. Join us for a lively reading!

Session Speakers: Jerome Steuart

Start Time: 2020-10-29 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-29 20:25

Session Name: Reading - Mark Van Name

Session Description: Author Mark Van Name will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Mark L. Van Name

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Session Name: Fairyland Goes to War

Session Description: War! What is it good for? Well, it's been a linchpin of epic fantasy, and now it's marching on contiguous territories. Is war inevitable in Fairyland? What are our weapons?

Session Speakers: S.M. Stirling, David Drake, Marie Brennan, Dave Doering ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 09:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 09:50

Session Name: Virtual WFC 2020 General Session

Session Description: What's in store today at Virtual World Fantasy Convention? Join us in this daily general session to find out! Not only will we highlight special events happening throughout the day, we'll update you on changes AND WE WILL GIVE STUFF AWAY! Today will give away a fully paid membership for WFC 2021, to take place in Montreal next year. How do you win? Play the Video Scavenger Hunt! The person with the highest point value will receive the prize.

Session Speakers: Ginny Smith

Start Time: 2020-10-30 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 12:00

Session Name: Board of Directors

Session Description: Friday morning, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MDT This is a public meeting. Join us and listen to the WFC Board discussions. THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVEMEDIA: NO SCREEN CAPS FOR THIS SESSION

Session Speakers:

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Session Name: Reading - Susie Williamson

Session Description: Author Susie Williamson will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Susie Williamson

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Session Name: Quiet Horror

Session Description: The scariest horrors are not the things that make us scream and clutch at our feet as we scramble away. They are the quiet ideas that lurk in our brains and don't come out until the lights are off and everyone else has left the building. Where do those ideas come from?

Session Speakers: Stephen Gallagher, Steve Rasnic Tem, Brian Evenson, E.A. Brenner ,

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Session Name: Creating Monsters

Session Description: Who and what are the most fascinating monsters of today's fantasy? What new uncanny and ungainly creatures inhabit our stories, and how do they differ from the faded fears of yesterday??

Our panelists talk about how they craft new monsters that embody contemporary dread.

Session Speakers: Stephen Graham Jones, Robert V.S. Redick, Kuta Marler, Mercedes M. Yardley, S.P. Somtow

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Session Name: Reading - T. Aaron Cisco

Session Description: Author T. Aaron Cisco will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: T. Aaron Cisco

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Session Name: Reading - A. Bradbury

Session Description: Mr. Bradbury is unable to attend the convention. THIS READING HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Session Speakers: A. Bradbury

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Session Name: Reading - Karen Joy Fowler

Session Description: Author Karen Joy Fowler will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Karen Joy Fowler

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Session Name: Noir Fantasy and Fairylands

Session Description: It was a dark and stormy, well, you know. Many of the genres are about mood and atmosphere as much as certain plotlines and character types. Enter noir fantasy. Whether it's about a grizzled gumshoe who happens to be dark elf with an interest in murder or a vampire cop who keeps his own kind from breaking the socially acceptable forms of dining, the darker side of fantasy draws readers into the depths of this fascinating genre.

Session Speakers: S. Qiouyi Lu, Wendelin Gray, Thaddeus Howze, Korea Black, Wendelin Gray

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Session Name: Reading - James Van Pelt

Session Description: Author James Van Pelt will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: James Van Pelt

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Session Name: Reading - J. R. H. Lawless

Session Description: Author J. R. H. Lawless will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: J.R.H. Lawless

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Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Anne Groell

Session Description: A conversation with Anne Groell

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Session Speakers: Anne Groell, David Keck ,

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Session Name: Reading - Sharon Shinn

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Session Speakers: Sharon Shinn

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Session Name: Reading - Sofiya Pasternack

Session Description: Author Sofiya Pasternack will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Sofiya Pasternack

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Session Name: The Weirder Side of the Fantastic

Session Description: In the 21st century, Weird fiction has emerged as a powerful, dynamic, and expansive literary mode. The distinguishing factor of this “Weird Renaissance” is the proliferation and innovation of Weird fiction, increasingly penned by authors whom HP Lovecraft deemed “The Outsider” (women, BIPOC, LGBTQ+). This panel will discuss such topics as the re-emergence of The Weird in a Weird world, how The Weird narrative is subverted when Outsider becomes author, what The Weird may address better than so-called realistic fiction, alternate literary progenitors in The Weird canon, and contemporary cutting-edge writers.

Session Speakers: Brian Evenson, Craig Lurance Gidney, Anya Martin, Teri Clarke, Michael Kelly, Lesley M. Wheeler ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 12:50

Session Name: Caribbean Fantasy

Session Description: The Caribbean is a vast archipelago with a rich and tumultuous history. Writers from the chain of 700 Caribbean islands bring the richness and political complexity of island culture to their fiction and poetry to tell stories beyond the ubiquitous stereotypes. How did those cultural influences affect their attitude toward writing and the stories they produced? Our panelists talk about what they are writing and reading right now.

Session Speakers: Tracey Baptiste, Karlo Yeager Rodriguez, Brandon O'Brien

Start Time: 2020-10-30 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 12:50

Session Name: Lifetime Achievement Spotlight: Rowena Morrill

Session Description: The Artful Life of Rowena Morrill

Session Speakers: David Cherry, Sarah Clemens, Bob Eggleton

Start Time: 2020-10-30 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 12:25

Session Name: Reading - Laura VanArendonk Baugh

Session Description: Author Laura VanArendonk Baugh will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Laura VanArendonk Baugh

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Session Name: Reading - Paige L. Christie & Nicole Given Kurtz

Session Description: Author Paige L. Christie will conduct an interview with Nicole Given Kurtz, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Paige L. Christie, Nicole Givens Kurtz ,

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Session Name: Reading - Danian Jerry

Session Description: Author Danian Jerry will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Danian Darrell Jerry

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Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Michael Haspil

Session Description: Join Michael Haspil for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of his studio!

Session Speakers: Michael Haspil

Start Time: 2020-10-30 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 13:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Cindy Pon

Session Description: A conversation with Cindy Pon

Session Speakers: Cindy Pon, Kate Elliott ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 13:50

Session Name: Poetic Fantasy

Session Description: Poetry is one of the oldest storytelling forms, but it is often underrepresented in genre literature today. This panel will celebrate the poets who use this ancient form of storytelling to spin a captivating tale.

Session Speakers: Brandon O'Brien, Holly Lyn Walrath, Mandy D. Chew, C.H. Lindsay, Mary Soon Lee, Jayrod Garrett ,

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Session Name: Reading - Donald S. Crankshaw

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Session Speakers: Donald Crankshaw

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Session Name: Reading - Curtis C. Chen

Session Description: Author Curtis C. Chen will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Curtis Chen

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Session Name: Reading - S. Qiouyi Lu

Session Description:

Author S. Qiouyi Lu will conduct a reading, and then answer questions. THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVE

Session Speakers: S. Qiouyi Lu

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Session Name: Reading - Akua Lezli Hope

Session Description:

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Session Speakers: Akua Lezli Hope

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Session Name: Artist & Author Cover Art

Session Description: Book covers play an important role in communicating the style and tone of a story. Author K.B. Bogen and Guest of Honor David Cherry discuss their partnership on creating the cover for K.B.'s book, *Quest and Found*. Plus, you will get a sneak peek at the sequel, *Surely You Quest*.

Session Speakers: KB Bogen, David Cherry ,

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Session Name: Decolonization in Speculative Fiction

Session Description: Colonialism has had an impact on everything in our world--including our stories, which too often repeat colonial fallacies and stereotypes. What does it mean to decolonize speculative fiction? How can popular tropes and archetypes be subverted? Who are the contemporary authors writing decolonial narratives? What can fantasy writers, editors, and publishers do as an industry to stop replicating colonial power structures?

Session Speakers: Daniel Delgado (he/him), S. Qiouyi Lu, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, Karlo Yeager Rodriguez ,

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Session Name: Podcasting - is it The Voice of Fantasy?

Session Description: Podcasting gives everyone the possibility of essentially making their own private radio station, speaking on any subject or sharing their works in an audible form. What is podcasting's place in the genre of fantasy today? Is this a way to discover new writers and become informed about the state of our favorite genre?

Session Speakers: Gary K. Wolfe, Lisa Quigley, Thaddeus Howze, Mackenzie Kiera Cox, Michael Haspil

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Session Name: Reading - Cindy Pon

Session Description: Author Cindy Pon will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Cindy Pon

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Session Name: Fantasy or Not, That Doesn't Work!

Session Description: It's fiction, right? You can just make stuff up. But that doesn't mean that the readers will find the story, characters and actions credible. Whether it's economics, politics or the social order in the author's world, it has to ring true. Our panelists discuss the works that exemplify making your world work.

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Session Speakers: L.E. Modesitt Jr., Joe Haldeman, Greg Bear, C.J. Cherryh, Anne Groell, Dave Doering ,

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Session Name: Reading - Laurel Anne Hill

Session Description: Author Laurel Anne Hill will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Laurel Anne Hill

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Session Name: Reading - Catherine Jones Payne

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Session Speakers: Catherine Jones Payne

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Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Sarah Clemens

Session Description: Join Sarah Clemens for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of her studio!

Session Speakers: Sarah Clemens

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Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Stephen Graham Jones

Session Description: A conversation with Stephen Graham Jones

Session Speakers: Stephen Graham Jones, Lisa Quigley, Mackenzie Kiera Cox

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Session Name: Reading - Louisa Morgan

Session Description: Author Louisa Morgan will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Louisa Morgan

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Session Name: Reading - Jane S. Fancher

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Session Speakers: Jane Fancher

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Session Name: Tropes and Archetypes

Session Description: Gilgamesh's mother was a goddess. Grendel's was a monster. Is there anything interesting in between? How are today's authors pushing past the old, tired tropes to bring a more real and interesting take on their female characters? Panelists take a look at the many ways of liberating the goddess and the monster in fantastic women.

Session Speakers: Sarah Beth Durst, Cheryl Morgan, Sharon Shinn, Kryssa Stevenson ,

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Session Name: Reading - Kenneth Schneyer

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Session Speakers: Ken Schneyer

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Session Name: Reading - Joyce Reynolds-Ward

Session Description: Author Joyce Reynolds-Ward will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Joyce Reynolds-Ward (she/her)

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Session Name: Artists as Writers

Session Description: Do artists see the world differently than writers? What if the artist is a writer? Does their artistic discipline and obsessions carry over into their writing? Or is writing a blessed relief from the demands of art?

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Session Speakers: Kathleen Jennings, Michael Haspil, Penelope Flynn, Lee Moyer, Katie Cordy

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Session Name: Reading - Ann Chamberlin

Session Description: Hosted in the Bar and Patio - Potted Plant Author Ann Chamberlin will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Ann Chamberlin

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Session Name: Tell Me a Story: Audiobooks

Session Description: Fantasy audiobooks can capture the listener's attention with riveting stories of mayhem and magic. Recording an audiobook can also involve mayhem and magic, and our panelists tell tales of both.

Session Speakers: C.S.E. Cooney, Robert Devereaux, Andy Duncan, Cassandra Cherry, Louisa Morgan

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Session Name: Reading - Esther Jones

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Session Speakers: Esther Jones

Start Time: 2020-10-30 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 16:50

Session Name: Black Women in Horror

Session Description: We see them at the center of Blaxploitation-era horror films like Abby, Ganja and Hess, Blacula, and Sugar Hill, as well as classics from the 1990's and more recent horror—Vampire in Brooklyn, Def by Temptation, Get Out and Us, Antebellum, and Black Hair. Horror by Black writers and directors employs distinct female archetypes with varying degrees of evil, agency, and sexual autonomy. How do we see those female characters, and how have they come to be? How do these characters differ from outside representations of Black women in horror? What do they want from us? And why can't we get enough

Session Speakers: Sheree Renée Thomas, Danian Darrell Jerry, Danielle Littlefield, Nicole Givens Kurtz ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 16:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 16:55

Session Name: Reading - K. Eason

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Tesseract Falls Author K. Eason will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: K. Eason

Start Time: 2020-10-30 16:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 16:55

Session Name: Reading - Frog Jones

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - in the Room of Requirement Author Frog Jones will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Frog Jones

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:00 **End Time:** 2020-10-30 17:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Tracy and Laura Hickman

Session Description: A conversation with Tracy and Laura Hickman

Session Speakers: Tracy and Laura Hickman, Ramón Terrell ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:00 **End Time:** 2020-10-30 17:50

Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - David Cherry

Session Description: Join David Cherry for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of his studio!

Session Speakers: David Cherry

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:00 **End Time:** 2020-10-30 17:25

Session Name: Reading - Wendelin Gray

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cliffs of Abandon Author Wendelin Gray will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Wendelin Gray

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:00 **End Time:** 2020-10-30 17:25

Session Name: Reading - Jessica Day George

Session Description: In Bar and Patio - Forbidden Forest Author Jessica Day George will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Jessica Day George

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:00 **End Time:** 2020-10-30 17:50

Session Name: There's Comedy in My Fantasy!

Session Description: Humor is not separate from fantasy. It's not an additive, poured in after the fact. In many ways, humor is a form of fantasy, and can render the harmful harmless and reduce the deadly to the merely morbid. Our panelists talk about how they use humor in their work to underscore the serious and to deflect an existential sense of doom. (Or maybe not.)

Session Speakers: Laura E. Goodin, Terry Brooks, C.S.E. Cooney, Andy Duncan, Paul Genesse

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 17:55

Session Name: Reading - Molly Gloss

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - The Hotel Bar Author Molly Gloss will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Molly Gloss

Start Time: 2020-10-30 17:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 17:55

Session Name: Reading - Gillian Polack

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Field of Dreams Author Gillian Polack will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Gillian Polack

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:25

Session Name: Reading - Varak Kaloustian

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Troll's Homely Cave (breakout room) Author Varak Kaloustian will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Varak Kaloustian

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:25

Session Name: Reading - Kathryn Sullivan

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Archeological Room Author Kathryn Sullivan will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Kathryn Sullivan

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:50

Session Name: How to Read Art for Non-Artists

Session Description: An artist learns how to break images into their basic shapes and can make sense of a complicated scene while many non-artists struggle. How an artist sees a piece is informed by long hours of sketching. Artists show some of the layers and symbols in art.

Session Speakers: Kathleen Jennings, David Cherry, Kaitlund Zupanic, Michael Oberg ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:50

Session Name: Norse and Germanic Fantasy: The Northern Thing

Session Description: Norse and Germanic fantasy has held British, American, and Northern European readers in thrall for centuries. From Scandanavian epics to gothic novels to Wagner, from J.R.R.Tolkien to George R.R. Martin, trolls and elves and dwarves have threatened our literary and political systems almost without surcease. Our panelists explore the nature of this fascination.

Session Speakers: Jessica Day George, David Drake, Walter Jon Williams, Ann Chamberlin ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:50

Session Name: Medical Realities & Improbabilities in Fantasyland

Session Description: Diana Wynne Jones's witty A Tough Guide to Fantasyland asks some awkward questions, like why nobody ever catches cold or contracts chilblains in epic fantasy novels. Fantasy heroes, no matter how many terrible wounds they suffer in battle, always seem to be able to avail themselves of a magical healer who will make them good as new with a few herbs and a spell or two. Is it possible to write fantasy with a greater degree of medical realism? Who has done so? Fiction or not, injuries and illnesses have medical consequences. How do those consequences shape the stories we love?

Session Speakers: Paul Genesse, Justin C. Key, Colin Alexander

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:55

Session Name: Reading - Kryssa Stevenson

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - The Comfy Library Kryssa Stevenson will read from her work and take questions THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVE

Session Speakers: Kryssa Stevenson

Start Time: 2020-10-30 18:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 18:55

Session Name: Reading - Robert Devereaux

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Old Well in the Courtyard Author Robert Devereaux will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Robert Devereaux

Start Time: 2020-10-30 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 19:25

Session Name: Reading - Karlo Yeager Rodriguez

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Forbidden Forest Author Karlo Yeager Rodriguez will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Karlo Yeager Rodriguez

Start Time: 2020-10-30 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 19:25

Session Name: Reading - Kathleen Jennings

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Field of Dreams Author Kathleen Jennings will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Kathleen Jennings

Start Time: 2020-10-30 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 19:50

Session Name: How Swordplay in Fantasy has Changed

Session Description: Those swashbuckling pirates and battle-hardened warriors had better know how to fight with swords, or the realism will drop out of the story and hit the floor with a clang of steel. Nothing stirs a fantasy-lover's blood like the clash of blades, the ring of metal-on-metal, the didge and parry of a skillful fighter. Panelists discuss effective sword fighting in fiction, from Sabatini and Howard to The Princess Bride. Has the art of fantasy swordsmanship changed along with reader's tastes and interests?

Session Speakers: Cindy Lynn Speer, Troy Carrol Bucher, Walter Jon Williams, Marie Brennan, S.M. Stirling

Start Time: 2020-10-30 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 19:50

Session Name: Collaboration: Are Two Heads Better than One?

Session Description: What happens when two great authors put their heads together? Brilliance! Or maybe Double Trouble? What makes a co-authored book worth reading?

Session Speakers: Brandon Sanderson, Tracy and Laura Hickman, C.J. Cherryh, Jane Fancher, Peter Orullian

Start Time: 2020-10-30 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 19:50

Session Name: Global Perspectives in Fantasy and Horror

Session Description: The things that scare you might not be the ones that scare me, but there are some horrors that are nearly universal. As technology expands our global perspectives, we become more aware of the vast scope of stories from other cultures and their strong influence on fantasy and horror. Our panelists take us on quick tour of the things horrify them, from around the world.

Session Speakers: Eugen Bacon, Gillian Polack, S.P. Somtow, Robert V.S. Redick ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 20:50

Session Name: Disabled Protagonists in Fantastical Fiction

Session Description: We're sorry - this panel has been cancelled. It's an important conversation that needs to take place but...Maybe next year! Characters with disabilities have long been included in stories of fantasy and horror, rarely as the hero and too often as the villain. Has this changed? In what way? Where can we go for stories in which the fantastic element is not somehow about a character's disability? Who are some of the writers with disabilities creating fantastic fiction, and how is their work different?

Session Speakers: Carole McDonnell, C.H. Lindsay, Ginny Smith

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 20:25

Session Name: Reading - S. M. Stirling

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Tesseract Falls Author S. M. Stirling reads from his works and takes questions. THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVE

Session Speakers: S.M. Stirling

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 20:25

Session Name: Reading - Justin C. Key

Session Description: The Bar and Patio - Room of Requirement Author Justin C. Key will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Justin C. Key

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 20:50

Session Name: Plagues and Pandemics

Session Description: Writers have been portraying plagues in fiction for centuries. Society breaks down in the face of an invisible enemy. How do world events, such as the current pandemic, shape stories, and what opportunities and challenges do they give authors?

Session Speakers: Kryssa Stevenson, Matthew Kressel, Robert V.S. Redick, Susan Forest ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-30 20:50

Session Name: The Attractive Evil

Session Description: Even as kids, we knew we were supposed to like the dashing heros, but we were secretly fascinated by the horrifying, yet oddly appealing, monsters. Vampires, dark fey, evil fairies capture our imagination and draw us into the dark places where--oddly--we love to go. Why are we attracted to the chillingly creepy?

Session Speakers: Charlaine Harris, Stephen Graham Jones, S.P. Somtow, Ramón Terrell ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 21:30

Session Name: Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - The Cliffs of Abandon The Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading is always a hit at World Fantasy Convention!

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Session Speakers: Kathryn Sullivan, Carol Gyzander, A.R. Henle, Jude-Marie Green ,

Start Time: 2020-10-30 20:30 End Time: 2020-10-30 22:30

Session Name: Weird Fiction Reading Cluster

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Forbidden Forest Weird fiction is undergoing a Renaissance and challenging expectations under the pen of diverse new authors. Hear readings by five dynamic Weird sisters pushing the borders of this expansive and perhaps timely literary mode--Lesley Wheeler, teri.zin/Zin E. Rocklyn, Christi Nogle, Eugen Bacon, Anya Martin (reading and moderating).

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Session Speakers: Anya Martin, Lesley M. Wheeler, Teri Clarke, Eugen Bacon, Christi Nogle

Start Time: 2020-10-31 09:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 09:50

Session Name: Virtual WFC 2020 - General Session

Session Description: Join Ginny Smith and members of the Virtual WFC Committee for updates on the day's activities, to get your questions answered - and to find out who won the day's prizes!

Session Speakers:

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:25

Session Name: Reading - Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki

Session Description: in the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:25

Session Name: Reading - Cassiopeia Fletcher

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Cassiopeia Fletcher will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Cassiopeia Fletcher

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:50

Session Name: How Does Music Interact with Fantasy Writing?

Session Description: Some writers evoke music in their work to create a mood for the reader, and some listen to music while they're writing to evoke moods in themselves. How does this work for fantasists?

Session Speakers: Peter Orullian, Danian Darrell Jerry, Louisa Morgan, Sheree Renée Thomas ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:50

Session Name: Short Fiction's Place in Fantasy

Session Description: Fantasy is clearly a friendly place for writers who write long, but is there a nook by the fireside for short story writers? Editors and writers who enjoy a short story as much as a thousand-page novel explain why.

Session Speakers: Gordon Van Gelder, Stephen Gallagher, John Kessel, Shawn Frazier ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Jo Fletcher

Session Description: Join Jo Fletcher and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

Session Speakers: Jo Fletcher

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:55

Session Name: Reading - Joe Haldeman

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author Joe Haldeman will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Joe Haldeman

Start Time: 2020-10-31 10:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 10:55

Session Name: Reading - Barbara Krasnoff

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Barbara Krasnoff will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Barbara Krasnoff

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:50

Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Penelope Flynn

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room Author Penelope Flynn will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Penelope Flynn

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:50

Session Name: Lifetime Achievement Spotlight: Karen Joy Fowler

Session Description: Karen Joy Fowler: a career retrospective

Session Speakers: Karen Joy Fowler, Molly Gloss ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Stephen Gallagher

Session Description: A conversation with Stephen Gallagher

Session Speakers: Stephen Gallagher, Ginny Smith ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:25

Session Name: Reading - Kuta Marler

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room Author Erika Kuta Marler will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Kuta Marler

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Ellen Datlow

Session Description: Join Ellen Datlow and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

Session Speakers: Ellen Datlow

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:55

Session Name: Reading - Robert V. S. Redick

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author Robert V. S. Redick will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Robert V.S. Redick

Start Time: 2020-10-31 11:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 11:55

Session Name: Reading - Mary Soon Lee

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Mary Soon Lee will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Mary Soon Lee

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:50

Session Name: The Fall of Shannara

Session Description: More than 40 years after Terry Brooks first published The Sword of Shannara, The Last Druid has brought the series to an end. Let's take a look at the ways in which these books and their popularity influenced other writers and the fantasy genre as a whole.

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Session Speakers: Terry Brooks, Anne Groell ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:25

Session Name: Reading - John Kessel In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author John Kessel will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: John Kessel

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:25

Session Name: Reading - Brandon O'Brien - in the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Brandon O'Brien will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Brandon O'Brien

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:50

Session Name: Crossing the Genre Line: Stories in Multiple Genres

Session Description: Many of us enjoy stories in several genres. And some authors write in multiple genres. Some even blend the two together. Let's talk about books and authors who cross the genre line.

Session Speakers: C.J. Cherryh, Charlaine Harris, Kathleen Jennings, L.E. Modesitt Jr. ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Cherise Papa

Session Description: Join Cherise Papa and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

Session Speakers: Cherise Papa

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:55

Session Name: Reading - D. J. Butler In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room Author D. J. Butler will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: D. J. Butler

Start Time: 2020-10-31 12:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 12:55

Session Name: Reading - Den Valdron In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room Author Den Valdron will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Den Valdron

Start Time: 2020-10-31 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 13:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: Brandon Sanderson

Session Description: A conversation with Brandon Sanderson

Session Speakers: Dave Doering, Brandon Sanderson ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 13:25

Session Name: Reading with K. J. Riley and David Cherry and Cassandra Cherry In the Bar and Patio

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author K.J. Riley will be joined by her father and sister, Artist GoH David Cherry and Cassandra Cherry, to talk about her new book. Cassandra, a professional audiobook producer, will read an excerpt.

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Session Speakers: K.J. Riley, Cassandra Cherry, David Cherry

Start Time: 2020-10-31 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 13:25

Session Name: Reading - Marie Brennan In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Marie Brennan will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Marie Brennan

Start Time: 2020-10-31 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 13:50

Session Name: What's New in Books for Teens?

Session Description: In the last few years, the excitement in fantasy has been in the teen and young adult categories. An explosion of titles now line the shelves. What are the new books, authors, trends and directions for this vibrant market?

Session Speakers: Sarah Beth Durst, Cindy Pon, Susan Forest, James Van Pelt ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 13:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 13:50

Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Lee Moyer

Session Description: Join Lee Moyer for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of his studio!

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Session Speakers: Lee Moyer

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:25

Session Name: Reading - Lee Moyer In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author Lee Moyer will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Lee Moyer

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Session Name: Reading - Julie E. Czerneda In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Julie E. Czerneda will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Julie E. Czerneda

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:50

Session Name: Black Speculative Futures

Session Description: There is wealth in the diverse voices of Black writers, stories that challenge traditional narratives and old power dynamics, illuminate hidden histories, and give voice to those who speak from the margins. Our panel explores Afrofuturism, African Futurism, and other Black Speculative Fiction, and how these writing traditions engage with reimagined futures across world contexts.

Session Speakers: Eugen Bacon, Oghenechovwe Donald Ekpeki, Sheree Renée Thomas, Thaddeus Howze

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:50

Session Name: Fantasy in Films and TV

Session Description: Fantasy was underrepresented in movies and tv shows for decades, but that is no longer true.

Filmed fantasy storytelling has been increasing greatly in the last decade or so. What are the hidden gems? Underappreciated shows? Movies to look for and enjoy?

Session Speakers: Stephen Gallagher, Marina Berlin, Christopher Kastensmidt, Christopher Kastensmidt

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:50

Session Name: Small Press Impact: Great Books Not Published by the Big Five

Session Description: Small-press editors and publishers talk about why writers and readers both should check out what's happening at the small presses. They're not just for poetry anymore....

Session Speakers: Cherise Papa, J.R.H. Lawless, Kathryn Sullivan, Cheryl Morgan, Gwenda Bond

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:55

Session Name: Reading - Sarah Beth Durst In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room Author Sarah Beth Durst will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Sarah Beth Durst

Start Time: 2020-10-31 14:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 14:55

Session Name: Reading - Eileen Gunn In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room Author Eileen Gunn will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Eileen Gunn

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: David Cherry

Session Description: A conversation with David Cherry

Session Speakers: David Cherry, Michael Oberg ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:25

Session Name: Reading - Sheree Renée Thomas In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Sheree Renée Thomas will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Sheree Renée Thomas

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:25

Session Name: Reading - Corry L. Lee In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Corry L. Lee will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Corry L. Lee

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:50

Session Name: Contemporary Fantasy

Session Description: Literature responds to the anxieties and concerns of the times in which it was written. Think of WW I's impact on The Lord of the Rings. Contemporary Fantasy are the stories which are set in current time. What are the anxieties and concerns of our own era, and how are they influencing the composition of today's Fantasy?

Session Speakers: Mary Anne Mohanraj, Madeleine Robins, Ken Schneyer

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Anne Groell

Session Description: Join Anne Groell and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

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Session Speakers: Anne Groell

Start Time: 2020-10-31 15:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 15:55

Session Name: Reading - Carole McDonnell In the Bar and Patio - in the Obsidian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author Carole McDonnell will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Carole McDonnell

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Session Name: Reading - L. E. Modesitt, Jr. In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author L. E. Modesitt, Jr. will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: L.E. Modesitt Jr.

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:50

Session Name: Diasporic Voices

Session Description: We live, and we have always lived, in a world of diasporas, in which groups of people are moved or driven or stolen from their homelands and yet continue to remain a community and remake their lives in an unknown land. The journey to retain sense of self and community captures our sympathies and our imaginations. What fantasy and horror stories best describe the experiences of characters who are caught up in a diasporic event due to circumstances beyond their control? What are the stories of fantasy or horror being created to reflect on this experience and to re-imagine it?

Session Speakers: Gillian Polack, Geof Ryman, Andrea Hairston, Marina Berlin, Brandon O'Brien

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:25

Session Name: Reading - Emily Skaftun In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room Author Emily Skaftun will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Emily C. Skaftun

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:25

Session Name: Reading - Christine Taylor-Butler In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room Author Christine Taylor-Butler will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Christine Taylor-Butler

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:50

Session Name: World Fantasy Award Ceremony Practice Session

Session Description: This will be a practice session for the closing and award ceremonies. All guests and finalists are requested to attend. THIS PRACTICE SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED

Session Speakers: Ginny Smith, Ellen Datlow, Gordon Van Gelder

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Betsy Wollheim

Session Description: Join Betsy Wollheim and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

Session Speakers: Betsy Wollheim

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:50

Session Name: Fairyland was Nothing Like This...

Session Description: What happens when the pandemic curse of 2020 hits fairyland? How far can an author push re-thinking fantasy elements and still keep the fae in tales of fairy? Our panelists share the works that change the very shape of fairyland.

Session Speakers: James L. Yu, Penelope Flynn, A.R. Henle

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:55

Session Name: Reading - Steve Rasnic Tem In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Steve Rasnic Tem will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Steve Rasnic Tem

Start Time: 2020-10-31 16:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 16:55

Session Name: Reading - Mandy and Jonathan Chew In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Authors Jonathan and Mandy Chew Mandy D. Chew will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Jonathan G. Chew, Mandy D. Chew ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:50

Session Name: The Art of Book Covers

Session Description: A book cover, ideally, is both a work of art and a sales tool, and lord help you if your book cover is only one of these. Our panelists tell tales of tragedy and triumph in this space where art meets commerce.

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Session Speakers: David Cherry, Kathleen Jennings, Bob Eggleton, Lee Moyer ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:25

Session Name: Reading - Eva L. Elsigue In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author Eva L. Elsigue will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Eva L. Elsigue

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:25

Session Name: Reading - Eugen Bacon In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Eugen Bacon will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Eugen Bacon

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:50

Session Name: The Fantastic Detective

Session Description: The clues they follow aren't fingerprints and DNA. The culprits they're chasing might be human - or they might not. But solving crimes takes on new depths when the detective lives in a supernatural world. Whether they're cops, private investigators, or amateur sleuths, who doesn't love a gripping follow-the-clues mystery?

Session Speakers: Gwenda Bond, Les Klinger, Gayle Surette, Thaddeus Howze ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:50

Session Name: Western Mythology in the American Culture

Session Description: The myth of the Old West was created quite deliberately, and its lies were enhanced and sustained by historians, writers, showmen, and entertainers for well over a century and a half. How has this myth informed and been subverted in the work of contemporary writers of fantasy, including in the substantial body of work by Native American writers?

Session Speakers: Molly Gloss, Karen Joy Fowler, Joyce Reynolds-Ward (she/her), Fred Lerner ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:55

Session Name: Reading - William Ledbetter In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Amber Reading Room Author William Ledbetter will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: William Ledbetter

Start Time: 2020-10-31 17:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 17:55

Session Name: Reading - James L. Yu In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Azure Reading Room Author James L. Yu will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: James L. Yu

Start Time: 2020-10-31 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 18:50

Session Name: Magazines and Their Impact on the Genre

Session Description: Magazines bring a variety of story worlds into your home monthly. They are a touchstone for the readers of what is transpiring in the genre. Technology has had an impact on how those stories are delivered. Will magazines survive in this "on demand" world?

Session Speakers: Emily C. Skaftun, Gordon Van Gelder, Mary Anne Mohanraj, Darrell Schweitzer, Ellen Datlow, Joe Monson ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 18:50

Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Kathleen Jennings

Session Description: Join Kathleen Jennings for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of her studio!

Session Speakers: Kathleen Jennings

Start Time: 2020-10-31 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 18:25

Session Name: Reading - Laura Goodin In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author Laura Goodin will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Laura E. Goodin

Start Time: 2020-10-31 18:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 18:50

Session Name: What's Next in Children's Fantasy?

Session Description: Do the trends in children's fiction follow adult fiction, or does the age of the readership define the direction a genre goes? What new trends do we see developing in children's fantasy?

Session Speakers: Jessica Day George, Christine Taylor-Butler, Kathryn Sullivan

Start Time: 2020-10-31 18:30 End Time: 2020-10-31 18:55

Session Name: Reading - Cindy Lynn Speer In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author Cindy Lynn Speer will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Cindy Lynn Speer

Start Time: 2020-10-31 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 19:50

Session Name: Artist Sketchbook Tour - Kaitlund Zupanic

Session Description:

Join

Kaitlund Zupanic for an Artist Sketchbook Tour. You might even get a tour of her studio!

Session Speakers: Kaitlund Zupanic

Start Time: 2020-10-31 19:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 19:50

Session Name: The Roots of Fantasy

Session Description: Fairyland in many forms has been in our culture since the beginnings of recorded stories. Is "Fairyland" a fairly recent invention? Elves and trolls go back, it's true, to pre-Christian Northern European beliefs, but do the elves and trolls we know descend from those beliefs? Where does Tolkien go out and D&D come in?

Session Speakers: Darrell Schweitzer, K. Eason, Jim Minz, Les Klinger ,

Start Time: 2020-10-31 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 20:50

Session Name: Is Fantasy Essential?

Session Description: The earliest recovered folktales and written stories are fantastic, and unreal images—people with animal heads or antennae or horns—are found in even the earliest cave paintings. And it's not just humans who explore the unreal. Wild chimpanzees create unreal narratives and act them out. Hermit crabs deliberately tell lies to one another. Why? Is fantasy, like narrative, an essential neurological activity that conveys an evolutionary benefit—and not only to humans? Panelists from diverse backgrounds explore this idea.

Session Speakers: Gary K. Wolfe, Andrea Hairston, Andy Duncan, Marie Brennan, Eileen Gunn

Start Time: 2020-10-31 20:00 End Time: 2020-10-31 20:50

Session Name: The Art of the Series

Session Description: Writing a series can be a balancing act that takes place over years to decades. Keeping the characters, themes and atmosphere consistent over the years can be a difficult trial for those who work in this longest of all forms. Who is particularly good at the art of the series?

Session Speakers: Ramón Terrell, Melissa McPhail, Sharon Shinn, Matthew Kressel, Eva L. Elsigue

Start Time: 2020-11-01 09:30 End Time: 2020-11-01 09:50

Session Name: Virtual WFC 2020 - General Session

Session Description: Join Ginny Smith and members of the Virtual WFC Committee for updates on the day's activities, to get your questions answered - and to find out who won the day's prizes!

Session Speakers: Ginny Smith

Start Time: 2020-11-01 10:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:00

Session Name: Board of Directors

Session Description: Sunday morning, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. MDT This is a public meeting. Join us and listen to the WFC Board discussions. Note that if bids for future conventions are being discussed, the meeting will close to the public for that portion of the meeting. THIS SESSION WILL NOT BE RECORDED! IF YOU WISH TO SEE IT, PLEASE WATCH IT LIVEMEDIA: NO SCREEN CAPS FOR THIS SESSION

Session Speakers:

Start Time: 2020-11-01 10:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 10:50

Session Name: The Laws of Fairyland

Session Description: Every society, real and imaginary, has at its basis a legal system, a method of evaluating right versus wrong. What influences have modern legal systems had on fantasy fiction? What fictional worlds demonstrate a finely-tuned legal system, and what impact do those laws have on the development of the stories?

Session Speakers: David Drake, J.R.H. Lawless, Mary G. Thompson, Den Valdron ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 11:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 11:50

Session Name: Editor KaffeeKlatsche - Jim Minz

Session Description: Join Jim Minz and 11 other WFC members for an informal chat. Pre-registration required.

Session Speakers: Jim Minz

Start Time: 2020-11-01 11:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 11:50

Session Name: Using our Traumas in our Tales

Session Description: Many writers explore their own trauma in their writing, and readers often seek characters through whose senses they can experience a story. The characters who endure trauma are a challenge for authors, especially in realistic and compassionate portrayal of those trials and their aftermath. How do fantasy and horror writers deal with revisiting traumatic experiences that may be essential to their writing? Can authors exploring personal experiences breathe life into their characters and find catharsis in the process?

Session Speakers: Nina Kiriki Hoffman, Mark L. Van Name, Fred Lerner, Varak Kaloustian, Carole McDonnell, Justin C. Key ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 11:30 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:20

Session Name: Reading - C. S. E. Cooney & Zig Zag Claybourne In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Velvet Reading Room Author C. S. E. Cooney and Zig Zag Claybourne will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: C.S.E. Cooney, Zig Zag Claybourne ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 12:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:50

Session Name: Fantasy Trendsetters

Session Description: What new and exciting trails are today's fantasy books blazing? What books are setting trends, and what upcoming books do we not want to miss?

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Session Speakers: Jo Fletcher, Anne Groell, Jim Minz

Start Time: 2020-11-01 12:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:50

Session Name: World Fairy & Folk Tales

Session Description: Fairy tales are a staple of the fantasy genre. Indeed, there is currently an explosion of authors using the fairytale framework to find new nuances and storylines in these beloved tales and the narratives from Western canon are only a fraction of the available fairy and folk tales. With a vast array of powerful and vibrant storytelling traditions from all over the world to draw from, modern popular fantasy is finally expanding beyond the limitations of a Eurocentric view.

Session Speakers: Tracey Baptiste, Wendelin Gray, Cindy Lynn Speer, Nina Kiriki Hoffman ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 12:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:50

Session Name: What's Now and Next in Horror

Session Description: Join us for a brief overview on today's field of horror. Who are the authors to watch? What upcoming books do we not want to miss? What are the new and exciting subgenres to watch for?

Session Speakers: Ellen Datlow, Mercedes M. Yardley, Penelope Flynn, Steve Rasnic Tem, Ann VanderMeer

Start Time: 2020-11-01 12:30 End Time: 2020-11-01 12:55

Session Name: Reading - Walter Jon Williams In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Obsidian Reading Room Author Walter Jon Williams will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Walter Jon Williams

Start Time: 2020-11-01 13:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 13:25

Session Name: Reading - Susan Forest In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Cartesian Reading Room Author Susan Forest will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Susan Forest

Start Time: 2020-11-01 13:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 13:50

Session Name: Morally Grey Protagonists

Session Description: A sub-theme permeating modern society is the reversal of good and evil. But readers want to care about the story's protagonist.. How can the morally grey characters be written in a compelling and sympathetic way? Which authors have done this in a way that pulls characters through to the end ?

Session Speakers: Stephen Graham Jones, Troy Carrol Bucher, Matthew Kressel, Korea Black ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 13:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 13:50

Session Name: Transport Me to a New World!

Session Description: Some books establish such a vivid sense of place that we feel as though we have stepped through the page into the story world. Some worlds are so sharp, so realistic that when we look up, our own worlds look dull and unexciting. Let's talk about the fantastic (or terrifying!) worlds that come alive in our minds.

Session Speakers: Sharon Shinn, Gwenda Bond, Catherine Jones Payne, Christine Taylor-Butler ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 13:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 13:50

Session Name: Better than Ever!

Session Description: Experience helps a writer gain perspective and sharpen their skills. Their writing deepens in complexity, and their focus shifts. Are there some topics that can only be handled well by experienced writers?

Session Speakers: Ann Chamberlin, David Drake, Darrell Schweitzer, Joyce Reynolds-Ward (she/her) ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 13:30 End Time: 2020-11-01 13:55

Session Name: Reading - Andy Duncan In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room

Session Description: In the Bar and Patio - Lunar Reading Room Author Andy Duncan will conduct a reading, and then answer questions.

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Session Speakers: Andy Duncan

Start Time: 2020-11-01 14:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 14:50

Session Name: Guest Spotlight: C.J. Cherryh

Session Description: A conversation with C.J. Cherryh

Session Speakers: C.J. Cherryh, Jane Fancher ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 14:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 14:50

Session Name: Was I Inspired?

Session Description: Was it inspiration, or careful planning? Listen as writers tell us the surprising inspirations and the secret diligent planning behind their newest works.

Session Speakers: Stephanie Fazio, Carole McDonnell, Laurel Anne Hill

Start Time: 2020-11-01 14:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 14:50

Session Name: Alternative Forms of Storytelling

Session Description: Whether it's gaming, video games, or narration on a theme park ride, storytelling surrounds us. What influences do these alternative forms of story have on today's books? And what role do fantasy books have on the stories we encounter in our everyday lives?

Session Speakers: Jonathan G. Chew, Christopher Kastensmidt, Mandy D. Chew

Start Time: 2020-11-01 15:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 16:50

Session Name: World Fantasy Award Ceremony

Session Description: Toastmasters Tracy and Laura Hickman will deliver an address (this address will be recorded); Ginny Smith will introduce the guests, who will each give a short speech; Jo Fletcher and Gordon Van Gelder will announce the WFA winners; if in attendance, winners will deliver a short acceptance speech

Session Speakers: Tracy and Laura Hickman, Anne Groell, Cindy Pon, Stephen Graham Jones, Stephen Gallagher, C.J. Cherryh, Brandon Sanderson, David Cherry, Ginny Smith, Ellen Datlow, Gordon Van Gelder

Start Time: 2020-11-01 17:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 17:50

Session Name: Feedback Panel

Session Description: WFC members are invited to ask questions and give feedback to this year's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; next year's chair will be on hand to answer questions about the 2021 WFC

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Session Speakers: Diane Lacey, Terry Fong, Pamela Oberg, Ginny Smith ,

Start Time: 2020-11-01 17:00 End Time: 2020-11-01 17:50

Session Name: Judges' Review Panel

Session Description: Following the WFA Ceremony the attending judges will discuss this year's award process and answer questions

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Session Speakers: Michael Kelly, Victor LaValle, Gwenda Bond