

CALL FOR PAPERS

HARRY POTTER STUDIES

36th Annual Conference of the
Southwest Popular/American Culture Association
Feb. 11-14, 2015
Hyatt Regency Hotel & Conference Center
Albuquerque, New Mexico

SWPACA invites scholars to submit papers to the vibrant and diverse Harry Potter Studies Area of the Southwest PCA/ACA conference (with its 2015 theme, “Many Faces, Many Voices: Intersecting Borders in Popular and American Culture”). The Harry Potter Studies Area is an interdisciplinary/cross-disciplinary field that focuses on both the novel and filmic versions of J.K. Rowling’s work. Papers may address the work as a whole, specific characters, themes, relationships, social and/or cultural implications, individual texts within the series, etc.

Paper and/or panel proposals are welcomed. Any and all types of scholars, including independent scholars, graduate students, non-tenured, tenure-track, tenured and emeritus faculty are encouraged to submit. The Harry Potter Studies Area aims to emphasize a diversity of scholarship opportunities and is open to innovation in approach to research about the Potterverse. Networking among Potter scholars with an eye toward post-conference collaboration and publication is a key goal of the Harry Potter Studies Area.

Papers from the Harry Potter Studies Area presented at the 2012 and 2013 conferences were gathered for two published edited volumes in 2013 and 2014. We hope to repeat that performance in 2015!

Papers submitted to the Harry Potter Studies Area are eligible for the **SWPACA Travel Fellowships** and the **Richard Tuerk “Out of This World” Paper Award for Science Fiction and Fantasy**. Dual submissions to the Area and the awards are highly encouraged. For application information, see <http://southwestpca.org/conference/graduate-student-awards/>

It should also be mentioned that SWPACA has launched a new journal, entitled *Dialogue: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Popular Culture and Pedagogy*. For more information, please visit <http://journaldialogue.org>.

For individual paper proposals, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words to the official SWPACA database at <http://conference2015.southwestpca.org/>. Please also include a biographical note about each author in lieu of a full CV.

For panel proposals, please feel free to send an initial query email, or to propose the panel directly. Please include all of the information requested for an individual paper proposal for each member of the panel (each on a separate proposal form), as well as a working title for the panel and an additional description of no more than 300 words explaining the purpose/theme of the panel.

Please submit all questions to Dr. Christopher Bell (cbell3@uccs.edu), chair of the Harry Potter Studies Area. **All proposals must be submitted to the database by November 1, 2014.** Proposals sent to the chair via email will be returned and you will be asked to submit via the database. Information on the SWPACA and the conference can be accessed at <http://southwestpca.org/>.

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