



Fandom and Neomedia Studies Association

9th Annual Conference

2 – 4 June 2023

Irving, Texas

Program Book

Friday

10:00am: Doors Open for Conference Day 1

All events will be in the Irving Convention Center, 3d Floor, Panel Room 11.

10:30am: Opening Ceremonies

Rabbi Jay H. Pustějovský Bennett, FANS Chair,
University of Texas at Dallas

Block A: Anime and Fandom

11:00am: How to Talk about Anime and Manga with Friends and
Loved Ones: Communication Skills for Hard
Conversations

Dr. William Nation, Johns Hopkins University

12:00pm: Gods, Humans, and Nature: The Theology of *Princess
Mononoke*

Dr. James Knox, Dallas Theological Seminary

1:00pm: Welcome to the New World – How Technology Has
Changed Fandom

Alec Orrock, Chair, Animé Los Angeles

2:00pm: Dimensions of Escapism as Mediators of the
Association between Consumption of Anime-Related
Content and Desire to Learn about Japan

Dr. Stephen Reysen, Texas A & M University at
Commerce

Dr. Courtney N. Plante, Bishop's University

Dr. Sharon E. Roberts, Renison University College,
University of Waterloo

Dr. Kathleen C. Gerbasi, Niagara County Community
College

Presented by Andrew M. Tague, FANS Co-Chair, Texas
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2:30pm: Hikikomori: Social Isolation in Anime, Manga, and Japan
Dr. William T. Nation, Johns Hopkins University

Block B: Fandom and Your Health

3:30pm: Kon-tra-indicated: Conventions and Your Health
Robert Fox, A-Kon First Responder Manager, US Army Combat Medic

4:30pm: Mental Health in Anime, Manga, and Japan
Dr. William Nation, Johns Hopkins University

5:30pm: “Believe It!”: Breaking Down the Effects of Bullying in *Naruto* and *Naruto Shippuden*
Joel Thomas, Tarleton State University

6:30pm: Soccer Culture in Japan: *Blue Lock* and the World Cup
Dr. William T. Nation, Johns Hopkins University

7:30pm: End of Conference Day 1

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Saturday

10:00am: Doors Open for Conference Day 2

Block C: JEDI Studies

10:30am: The Anti-Fan Is Black: Black K-Pop Fan Labor in Digital Fandom Space
Osarugue Otebele, University of California at Berkeley

11:00am: JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) at the Tabletop
Dr. William T. Nation, Johns Hopkins University

11:30pm: The Force Could Be Stronger with This One: An Analysis of the Black Male within
the *Star Wars* Universe
Dr. Frederick Gooding, Texas Christian University

12:00pm: The Invisible Fan: Anime Fans of Color
Dr. Angela M. Drummond, FANS Dir. JEDI, University of Texas at Dallas

Block D: Special Guests

1:00pm: The Disruptive Energy of AI in Manga Creation: Rootport's *Cyberpunk: Peach John* – Outlier or Omen?

Helen McCarthy, FANS Committee, Independent Scholar

At Ms. McCarthy's request, all attendees at her presentations MUST wear masks. Thank you for your cooperation.

2:00pm: Through the Torii Gate: Shintō in Miyazaki's Anime

Dr. Deborah Scally, University of Texas at Dallas

Block E: Gender and Sexuality

2:30pm: Anime Psychology After Dark: Analyzing Everything

Dr. William Nation, Johns Hopkins University

3:30pm: BL Omegaverse as Sexual Technology: Race, Science, and Sex in the Omegaverse

Luke Hernandez, University of Texas at Dallas

4:00pm: Mobile Anime Games and Waifu Collecting: Potential and Loss

Lawrence Brenner, Independent Scholar

4:30pm: Missing in Action: The Female Artist in Japan

Nikita D'Monte, University of Texas at Dallas

5:00pm: FANS Q&A Session

5:30pm: Break

Keynote Address

6:00pm: Et in Arcadia Ego: Honoring Matsumoto Leiji

Dr. Darren-Jon Ashmore, Chair, FANS Japan, Yamanashi Gakuin University

7:30pm: Dinner Break. Doors will be closed during this time.

9:30pm: Doors open.

10:00pm: FANS After Hours: Movie Night with Helen McCarthy. 18+. Masks Required.

12:00am: End of Conference Day 2.

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Sunday

9:30am: Doors Open for Conference Day 3

Block F: Participatory Fandoms

10:00am: An Exploratory Study on Participative Content Creation in the Dream SMP
Heaven A. J. Madrangca, University of the Philippines at Cebu

10:30am: *Twitch Plays Pokémon*
John Kirwan, Maynooth University

Block G: General Studies

11:00am: *Naruto* and *A Silent Voice*: Breaking Down Bullying
Joel Thomas, Tarleton State University

12:00pm: Return to *Fear Street*: Horror and Nostalgia for Generation Y
Dr. Eric Wesselmann, Illinois State University

12:30pm: Isekai That Only Work Because They Are Isekai
Lawrence Brenner, Independent Scholar

1:00pm: *Komi-San* and *WataMote*: Social Anxiety and Society
Joel Thomas, Tarleton State University

2:00pm: How to Have Deep Anime Conversations: The 3Cs Method
Dr. William Nation, Johns Hopkins University

3:00pm: End of Conference Day 3