

**FANDOM & NEOMEDIA  
STUDIES  
ASSOCIATION**

**2D ANNUAL FANS CONFERENCE  
HOSTED BY A-KON**

Thursday, 5 June 2014

Registration: Senator's Lecture Hall, 10:00AM – 7:00PM

Friday, 6 June 2014

Registration: Senator's Lecture Hall, 9:00AM – 6:00PM

Media Bar Social: Media Bar, 7:00PM – 9:00PM (Conference Registrants Only)

Saturday, 7 June 2014

Registration: Senator's Lecture Hall, 9:00AM – 6:00PM

Presentations:

9:30AM: J. Holder Bennett, FANS Association Chairman

Opening Remarks

10:00AM: Angela Drummond-Matthews, Tarrant County Community College

Deborah Scally, Dallas County Community College

A Phenomenology of Americans and Anime: How Tropes Predict Experience

10:30AM: Brett Burkett, Collin College

Shannon Burkett, Collin College

J. Holder Bennett, Collin College

Bad Science Makes Bad Cinema: Geologic "Science" in *Volcano*, *The Core*, and *Dante's Peak*

11:00AM: Dr. Dara Fogel, University of Central Oklahoma

Steampunk as an Indicator of Paradigmatic Shift: Nostalgia for a Time That Never Was

11:30AM: Madison Brubaker, George Washington University

There Is Nothing New under the Sun

12:00PM: Keynote Speaker, Ken Steacy, Camosun College

Visual Storytelling!: A Structural Analysis

1:00PM: Lunch Break (Conference Registrants Only)

2:00PM: Dr. Sharon E. Roberts, University of Waterloo

Courtney N. Plante, University of Waterloo

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

Dr. Kathleen C. Gerbasi, Niagara County Community College

Elisabeth Wallis, University of Waterloo

The Furry Identity: Notes from the Field about Interacting with People Who Possess This

Stigmatized Identity

2:30PM: Dr. Eric Yorkston, Texas Christian University

J. R. Honeycutt, Texas Christian University

Fandom and Fundraising in Tabletop Gaming

3:00PM: James Bales, University of Texas at San Antonio

Control and the Controller: Narratives of Imperialism and Empire in Modern Military Shooters

3:30PM: Dr. Darren-Jon Ashmore, Akita International University

Funeral for a Friend: Chiba Tetsuya and the Immortality of Heroism



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- 4:00PM: Afternoon Break  
4:30PM: Indira Neill, University of Illinois at Chicago  
“This Is Trash”: Apology Ritual and Yogscast Fandom on Tumblr  
5:00PM: Justin Oney, Florida State University  
From the Damsel in Distress to Kickass Babes: The Cultural Expansion and Internationalization of  
the Heroine through Sexuality in the Graphic Novel  
5:30PM: Dr. Stephen Reysen, Texas A & M University at Commerce  
Courtney N. Plante, University of Waterloo  
Dr. Sharon E. Roberts, University of Waterloo  
Kathleen C. Gerbasi, Niagara County Community College  
Ida Mohebpour, Texas A & M University at Commerce  
Amanda Gamboa, Texas A & M University at Commerce  
Pale and Geeky: Prevailing Stereotypes of Anime Fans  
6:00PM: Basho Haiku Bash, Verandah Club (Open to the Public)

Sunday, 8 June 2014

Registration: Senator’s Lecture Hall, 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Presentations:

- 9:00AM: Dr. Mel White, Independent Scholar  
No Country for Old Women  
9:30AM: Sean Farrell, University of Texas at Arlington  
Rogue Rabbits and Steampunk Bobcats: Biopolitics and Queer Longing in Online Taxidermy  
Fandoms  
10:00AM: Dr. Justin D. García, Millersville University  
Brown Pride vs. White Supremacy: Competing Fan Discourses of Ethnic Authenticity and Racial  
Pride in the Careers of Three Mexican American Prizefighters.  
10:30AM: Dr. Dara Fogel, University of Central Oklahoma  
Science Fiction and Salvation: Shifting Modes of Religion and Science in Popular Series  
11:00AM: Melissa Lum, State Bar of Texas, Intellectual Property Section  
Is Copyright a Dirty Word?  
11:30AM: Dr. Michael Vandehey, FANS Association Vice Chairman  
Closing Remarks

FANS Association Committee Members

J. Holder Bennett, Chairman  
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