

CFP: The Reception of Crime Stories for Reception Studies Society Conference 9/2017

We are seeking papers for a panel on the reception of crime stories for the 7th Biennial Conference of the Reception Studies Society (RSS) to be held in St. Paul, MN from 21-23 September 2017. The general conference announcement is below. We welcome papers about the reception of crime stories in any medium (books, periodicals, radio, film, television, videogames, comic books, podcasts, etc.) and from any geographic area or time period (from Oedipus to contemporary Scandinavian noir). Possible topics might include (but are by no means limited to): the history of reviewing/criticism of detective stories; true-crime fandom; audience studies of cop shows; Sherlock Holmes and the general reader; Edgar Allan Poe and the canon; "Serial" and the podcast audience; Agatha Christie in print and on film; gender, sexuality, race/ethnicity and the marketing/reception of crime stories; reader-response and the form of the thriller; postcolonial crime fictions and diverse readerships. Please submit a proposal of 250 words or less and a one-page cv to Erin Smith at [erins@utdallas.edu](mailto:erins@utdallas.edu) and Philip Goldstein at [pgold@udel.edu](mailto:pgold@udel.edu) by 1 May 2017, so we will have time to assemble the complete panel for submission. Questions to Erin Smith at [erins@utdallas.edu](mailto:erins@utdallas.edu).

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Seventh Biennial Conference of the RECEPTION STUDY SOCIETY

The Saint Paul Hotel and St. Catherine University

Sept. 21-23, Saint Paul, Minn.

Thursday through Sunday

The Reception Study Society promotes informal and formal exchanges between scholars in several related fields: reader-response criticism and pedagogy, reception history, history of reading and the book, audience and communication studies, institutional studies, and gender, race, ethnic, sexuality, postcolonial, religious, and other studies. We welcome presentations on all aspects of reception studies, but this year

we especially encourage papers and panels on the theme: "Feminist Reception: Celebrating Thirty Years," which commemorates the women's march on Washington as well as the publication of books like *Gender and Reading*, the anthology by Beth Flynn and Patsy Schweikart, who will be speaking at the conference.

Proposals for panels and papers in any of these areas are now welcome. Please submit proposals of 250 words or less, along with a one-page cv to Daniel Morris at [dmorris@purdue.edu](mailto:dmorris@purdue.edu) by May 15, 2017. Contact Professor Morris at [dmorris@purdue.edu](mailto:dmorris@purdue.edu) with any questions or queries.

Plenary Speakers:

Paula Rabinowitz, University of Minnesota

"Scenes of Women Reading/Scenes of Reading Women: The paperback revolution and feminist consciousness"

Sumana Chattopadhyay, Marquette University

"Understanding Voters in a Mediated World: Authoritarianism, Trust, Cynicism and Political Interest in Election 2016"

Patsy Schweikart, Purdue University

"Rereading Rereading: Gender and Reading thirty years later"

Reduced rate rooms will be available from The Saint Paul Hotel, a 2016 Condé Nast Traveler: Readers' Choice Award "Top 10 Hotels in the Midwest."

Selected conference papers will be solicited for publication in the RSS journal, *Reception: Texts, Readers, Audiences, History*, published by Penn State University Press. For information about the RSS, including membership information, past conferences, and the journal, please visit our website: <http://receptionstudy.org/>.

Registration Fees and Membership Dues:

Assistant Professors: \$80

Associate Professors: \$110

Full Professors: \$130

Students and all others: \$45

Saturday evening banquet (separate fee): \$35

From: Philip Goldstein [mailto:pgold@udel.edu]  
Sent: Sunday, March 19, 2017 8:37 AM  
To: Smith, Erin  
Subject: Re: ALA panel follow up

If you make up a broad cfp, I could distribute it to the RSS membership.

Phil G

On 3/18/2017 4:08 PM, Smith, Erin wrote:

Phil,

I think we should! Maybe something a little broader--crime stories (book or film or tv????). I've got a friend recruited to come to the conference, but no crime fiction in her portfolio.

Best,

Erin

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From: Philip Goldstein <pgold@udel.edu>  
Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 7:11 AM  
To: Smith, Erin  
Subject: Re: ALA panel follow up

Attached is the cfp, which was just recently finished. The deadline for submissions is in May. Should we try to find a third person for a panel on detective fiction?

Best,

Phil Goldstein

On 3/9/2017 7:28 PM, Smith, Erin wrote:

Phil,

I think I am interested in this. I went to RSS when it was in Milwaukee a few years ago, and I enjoyed it very much. It doesn't look like the call for papers is up yet, however. Any ideas about submission deadlines, etc.??

Best,

Erin

From: Philip Goldstein [mailto:pgold@udel.edu]  
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 1:18 PM  
To: Smith, Erin; jgruesse@kean.edu  
Subject: Re: ALA panel follow up

John and Erin,

Thanks for the notes. I am glad you both enjoyed the panel and the conference. I got a number of ideas about how to elaborate my paper.

In case you might be interested in participating in another panel on the reception of detective fiction, I would like to mention the upcoming conference of the Reception Study Society, which will be in Minneapolis Sept 21-23. We could put together such a panel for this conference. If you may be interested, please let me know.

Best,

Phil Goldstein

On 3/8/2017 12:23 PM, Smith, Erin wrote:

Philip and John,

This is just a quick note to thank you for organizing the Reception Studies panel and inviting me to be a part of it. This was a good conference for me; I have a great list of books and articles to look up; and I met a lot of smart, generous people. John--I'm still thinking about your history of the canonization / early criticism of the genre and its implications for the later titles I'm at work on. Thank you--

Back to grading midterms!

Best,

Erin

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From: Philip Goldstein <pgold@udel.edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:54 AM  
To: Smith, Erin  
Subject: Re: ALA panel on detective fiction

Erin,

I am glad you can participate. I believe that the title of your presentation will suffice, but I will check with Alfred Bendixen, the conference organizer, to be sure. I will also urge him to send you an official confirmation shortly.

By the way, in my last book I cited your book *HardBoiled* and your essay in a collection edited by Patsy Schweikart, who also recommended that I contact you, in an essay on Paretsky's mysteries.

Thanks,

Phil Goldstein