

Campbell Conference 2017
Saving the World Through Science Fiction:
James Gunn's 80 years in SF



Friday, June 16

- 12:30 – 1:45 **Spencer Library Special Collections** (hosted by Elspeth Healey)
Spencer Research Library, 1450 Poplar Lane
See some of the science fiction materials from KU's special collections, including items from the James Gunn, Theodore Sturgeon, and Cordwainer Smith archives.
- 2:00 – 3:30 **Secrets of Successful Speculative Fiction**
Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall, 1323 Ohio Street
The concluding event of the workshops. Panel discussion with guest authors and editors including Pat Cadigan, Brad Denton, Sheila Finch, James Gunn, Kij Johnson, Dorian Maffei, Chris McKitterick, Catherynne Valente, Sheila Williams, and Gary K. Wolfe.
- 3:30 – 3:45 **Writers Workshop Awards** (presented by Jean Asselin)
Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall, 1323 Ohio Street
- 3:45 – 4:45 **James Gunn: The Interview** (conducted by Gary K. Wolfe)
Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall, 1323 Ohio Street
Gary K. Wolfe will interview James Gunn for *Locus* magazine.
- 6:00 – 9:00 **Awards Banquet, Ceremony, and Reception**
Kansas Room, KU Memorial Union, 1301 Jayhawk Blvd.
The Awards ceremony begins around 7:00, following the meal. All are welcome to attend the awards ceremony, if you do not wish to eat at the banquet.

John Kessel, one of James Gunn's former students, has sent us a "James Gunn Tribute," which we will screen following the Awards presentations.

Our Chinese attendees will also present gifts to James Gunn and the Center for the Study of Science Fiction.

A reception follows. Here is a good opportunity to meet our special guests and our visiting writers, scholars, and fans from China.

Saturday, June 17

Kansas Room, Level 6, KU Memorial Union, 1301 Jayhawk Blvd.

9:00 – 9:20 **Michael Page**, Welcome and Introduction: “The Road to Science Fiction Leads to James Gunn”

9:20 – 9:30 **Kevin Gunn**

9:30 – 9:45 **Bradley Denton**, “First Contact with a Grandmaster”

9:45 – 10:00 **Karen Hellekson**, “Jim Gunn and Practical Advice for SF Academics”

10:00 – 10:15 **Sheila Williams**, “James Gunn: Signpost on My Road to Science Fiction”

10:15 – 10:30 **Gary K. Wolfe**, “The Cave of Night”

10:30 - 10:50 **James Gunn Q & A**

10:50 – 11:00 **Short Break**

11:00 – 11:15 **Pat Cadigan**

11:15 – 11:30 **Betty Anne Hull**, “Fred and Jim”

11:30 – 11:45 **Nate Williams**, “James Gunn Can Kick Your Ass at Bridge”

11:45 - 12:00 **Time for discussion/questions/comments**

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

The Roasterie Coffee counter on Level 4 will have sandwiches and salads available for purchase by Conference attendees.

1:00 – 1:45 Reading James Gunn

Jayhawk Ink, Level 2, KU Memorial Union

Prior to the book signing, come hear our special guests read their favorite passages from the works of James Gunn. Readings from:

The Burning (Nate Williams)

The Dreamers (Brad Denton)

The Millennium Blues (Karen Hellekson)

Kampus (Betty Anne Hull)

Transcendental (Pat Cadigan)

“The Cave of Night” (Gary K. Wolfe)

“Attack on Terminal: The Pilgrim’s Story” (Sheila Williams)

The Joy Makers (Kij Johnson)

The Listeners (Chris McKitterick)

- 1:45 – 2:45 **Book signing**
- 1:00 – 2:45 **Literary agent Dorian Maffei** will be available in the bookstore for writers interested in seeking representation.
- 3:00 – 5:00 **Panel Discussion: “Saving the World Through Science Fiction”**
Kansas Room, Level 6, KU Memorial Union
The Campbell Conference’s traditional roundtable where all conference participants are invited to participate.
- 5:00 – 7:30 Break for Dinner**
- 7:30 – 9:00 **Evening.** Participants are encouraged to keep the conversation going at venues of their own choice.

Sunday, June 18

- 10:00 – 12:00 **Award Winners and Special Guests Reading and Discussion**
Kansas Room, Level 6, KU Memorial Union
Readings from Award Winners and from other special guests. Special reading by James Gunn from his new novel *Transformation*. Literary agent Dorian Maffei and *Asimov’s* editor Sheila Williams on the ins and outs of getting published.
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch** at Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall
(ordered in, orders will be taken in the morning)
- 1:00 – 2:00 **Science Fiction in China**
Dennis E. Rieger Scholarship Hall, 1323 Ohio Street
Alex Li and our other guests from China will discuss what’s happening in science fiction in China and its prospects for the future.