



## Campbell Conference 2018

"Posthumanism and Science Fiction"

June 22 – 24 (updated June 22, 2018)

### Friday, June 22

2:00 – 3:50pm **"Secrets of Successful Speculative Fiction"** (Rieger Hall)

Discussion and Q&A with many of our attending guest authors – the concluding event of the Center's first set of writing workshops. Panelists include: Charlie Jane Anders, Pat Cadigan, Tina Connolly, James Gunn, Kij Johnson, and others. Moderated by Chris McKitterick.

6:30 - 8:30pm **Awards Ceremony and Banquet** celebrating the John Campbell Award for best SF novel, and the Theodore Sturgeon Award for best short SF. (Kansas Room, Level 6, Kansas Union)

Evening **Reception** immediately following Awards Ceremony to congratulate the winners and rub elbows with other attendees and guests. Wine, beer, and light snacks provided. (across hall)

### Saturday, June 23

9:30 – 10:00am **Light Breakfast, Informal Chat, Welcome** (Alderson Auditorium, Level 4, Kansas Union)

Attendees are encouraged to drift in during this time for breakfast and conversation.

10:00–10:30am **"Frankenstein and the Posthuman"** (Alderson)

In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Dr. Michael Page (University of Nebraska) presents on the novel and its cultural heritage.

10:30 – Noon **"Intersections: Posthumanism in Science Fiction and Other Fields"** (Alderson)

Panelists:

Dr. Richard De George, KU Emeritus Professor of Philosophy

James Gunn, Science Fiction Grandmaster and KU Emeritus Professor of English

Dr. Allan Hanson, KU Emeritus Professor of Anthropology

Dr. John Symons, KU Professor of Philosophy

Moderators:

Kij Johnson, SF author, KU Professor of Creative Writing, and Gunn Center Associate Director

Chris McKitterick, SF author, KU faculty, and Gunn Center Director

Dr. Michael Page, University of Nebraska faculty and Gunn Center Academic Programming

*Noon*            **Lunch Break**

An extended lunch period so participants have time to choose one of downtown Lawrence's many fine dining establishments. Possibly some short readings TBA.

1:30 – 2:15pm    **Book Signing** (The Jay, Level 1, Kansas Union)

Group autograph session with attending special guests. You can purchase current, recent, and even some rare books by the authors in the Union, as the bookstore makes sure we're well supplied for the autograph session! We usually plan for Conference attendees to be able to get a copy of the Sturgeon Award-winning short story (if from a print edition), and to be able to purchase the Campbell Award-winning novel. This event is free and open to the public.

2:30 – 4:00pm    **Roundtable Discussion: "Posthumanism and Science Fiction"** (Alderson)

The Campbell Conference's traditional roundtable. All conference participants are invited to join the conversation with our special guests.

**Sunday, June 24**

10:00 – Noon    (Kansas Room, Level 6, Kansas Union)

Sunday morning events begin with a reading from our attending honorees, followed by a "Meet the authors" discussion with them and the other attendees. Light breakfast and beverages provided.

1:00pm -

"Science Fiction Sunday." Continuing the tradition begun by Larry Martin, we gather after lunch for an informal afternoon salon of intelligent conversation, possible readings from attending authors, and great company at their lovely family home. Co-hosted by Jean Martin and Amanda Martin-Hamon. Refreshments and light lunch kindly supplied by our hosts!