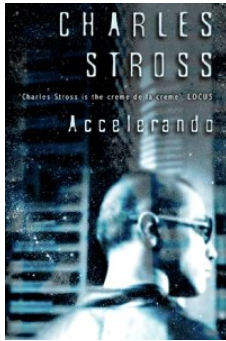


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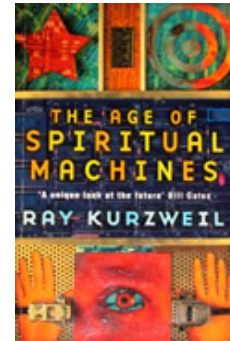


## English 507

Spring 2009  
Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:40pm  
Bailey Hall Room 202

### Course coordinators:

Philip Baringer, James Gunn, Chris McKitterick, Ryan Nichols



Science and technology offer countless benefits to individuals and societies, yet they also present challenges. This course explores the past, present, and possible future effects of science and technology on society. We use nonfiction in conjunction with science-fiction stories, novels and occasional film clips to explore these themes.

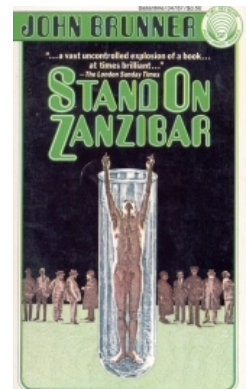
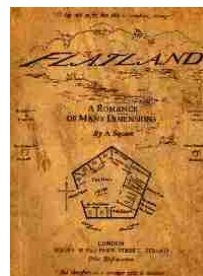
Classes are a mix of lecture and discussion. Students leading each discussion come to class with questions on the day's topic and readings, plus bring outside readings and observations to share with the class. Readings are mostly short works available from the KU Library's e-reserve system.

Each week, students write a one-page paper about that week's readings. Other projects include a mid-term paper, a presentation, and a research paper as a final project.

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Class website with syllabus: <http://www2.ku.edu/~sfcenter/science-SF.htm>