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Finalists for this year's [John W. Campbell Memorial Award](#) for best science fiction novel have been selected, announced Christopher McKitterick, director of the [Gunn Center for the Study of Science Fiction](#) and newly named Campbell Award chair. The honor will be presented during the [Campbell Conference Award Banquet](#) on Friday, June 22, as part of the annual [Campbell Conference](#).

Finalists for the 2018 John W. Campbell Memorial Award

<i>The Rift</i>	Nina Allan
<i>Tropic of Kansas</i>	Christopher Brown
<i>Future Home of the Living God</i>	Louise Erdrich
<i>The Stars Are Legion</i>	Kameron Hurley
<i>The Moon and the Other</i>	John Kessel
<i>The Stargazer's Embassy</i>	Eleanor Lerman
<i>Austral</i>	Paul McAuley
<i>Autonomous</i>	Annalee Newitz
<i>After the Flare</i>	Deji Bryce Olukotun
<i>New York 2140</i>	Kim Stanley Robinson
<i>The People's Police</i>	Norman Spinrad
<i>Borne</i>	Jeff VanderMeer
<i>The Genius Plague</i>	David Walton

The [Campbell Award](#) is one of the top annual awards for science fiction, and its [finalist lists](#) have been called the "gold standard" in science fiction. Harry Harrison and Brian Aldiss established the award to honor the late editor of *Astounding Science Fiction* magazine (now *Analog*), and continue his efforts to encourage writers to produce their best work. Many consider Campbell – who edited the magazine and guided its authors from 1937 until his death in 1971 – the father of modern SF. Jurors this year included Gregory Benford, Sheila Finch, James Gunn, Elizabeth Anne Hull, Paul Kincaid, McKitterick, Pamela Sargent, and Lisa Yaszek.

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The [Center for the Study of Science Fiction](#) has held the [Campbell Conference](#) each year since 1978, usually in Lawrence, Kansas. It includes a Friday-evening banquet where the annual [Theodore Sturgeon](#) and [John W. Campbell Memorial](#) awards are presented; a round-table discussion with scholars, scientists, and writers of science fiction; and other events.

This year's [Campbell Conference](#) delves into one of today's most intriguing concepts, "The Posthuman and Science Fiction," offering insights for both mainstream and SF scholars and authors. Most activities take place **June 22-24** at the [University of Kansas Student Union](#), including talks, presentations, readings, and a group signing by the attending authors and editors. We'll continue adding more special guests until the event.

In addition to exploring our theme, the Conference celebrates the winners of the [Theodore Sturgeon Memorial Award](#) for best short SF (see prior years' [finalists here](#)) and the [Campbell Memorial Award](#) (see prior years' [finalists here](#)), our Guests of Honor. Most years, one or both winners are able to attend this intimately sized event.