

Call for Papers: Children's and Young Adult Literature and Culture

PCA/ACA & Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations
Joint Conference
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San Antonio, TX
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Proposal submission deadline: December 15, 2010

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Please put SWPCA Submission in e-mail subject line.

Now accepting proposals for the Children's and Young Adult Literature and Culture area of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture/American Culture Associations Conference. This area is not limited to proposals/papers about traditional literature; children's and young adult culture can encompass a myriad of media: books, television, film, computer/internet culture, fan fiction, toys, marketing issues, music, comics and graphic novels, and non-fiction mediums like documentaries, non-fiction books or magazines, textbooks, television non-fiction shows. Theoretically-based papers about the very nature of "children's" and "young adult" categories/genres also encouraged. Where do the lines intersect between children's, young adult, and traditional adult literature and culture? How do children's and young adult authors and "producers" push the boundaries in genre, format, story/plot, characters, gender, sexuality, and ethnicity? How do children's and YA authors/producers reach their target audiences in inventive ways? How do these authors/producers deconstruct and reconstruct traditional genres and stories in order to address larger issues?

Other topics welcome: adaptations of children's/YA literature to other mediums; ways children's/YA literature continues to perpetuate or break stereotypical depictions of family, sexual identity, gender roles, body image, race, ethnicity, or class; how does children's/YA literature address issues of conflict: personal, regional, national, and global (war, genocide); papers on the **state of research** in Children's/YA literature and culture also welcomed. Other subjects or topics related to children's and YA literature/culture considered.

Please send **250 word paper proposals**, or **500 word panel proposals**, including full contact info for all participants for review to area chair by deadline of **December 15, 2010**. Please include a short (100 word) bio, but no full CVs needed.

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