

Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference

February 8 - 11, 2012

Albuquerque, NM

<http://www.swtxpca.org>

Proposal submission deadline: December 1, 2011

Conference hotel:

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque

300 Tijeras Avenue NW

Albuquerque, NM 87102

Further conference details are available at <http://www.swtxpca.org>

Panels are now being formed in the Children's and Young Adult Literature and Culture area. Scholars, researchers, professionals, teachers, graduate students and others interested in this area are encouraged to submit an abstract. Graduate students are especially encouraged and will be assisted in accessing any and all award opportunities the conference and/or associations provide.

This area covers a wide variety of possible mediums: traditional book/literature culture, but also comics, graphic novels, film, television, music, video games, toys, internet environment, fan fiction, advertising, marketing tie-ins to books and films, just to name a few. Proposals on fiction, non-fiction, poetry, or cross-genre topics are welcome. Interdisciplinary approaches are especially welcome, as are presentations that go beyond the traditional scholarly paper format.

The conference theme this year is Celebrating Food and Culture(s) in a Global Context. Proposals addressing this theme in some fashion will be read with special interest.

Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Food and/or hunger as metaphor in Children's and YA literature/culture

Gender portrayals

Racial and Ethnic portrayals

Use of innovative or "novel" formats for both children's and YA literature

The next "big" thing in children's and YA literature

Film adaptation issues

Historical approaches to children's and YA literature and culture

New readings of children's and YA literature and culture

Re-imaginings of myth, fairy tale, and other traditional stories

Explorations of certain authors in the children's and YA areas

Fan fiction and fan followings of books, films, and authors

Other topics related to Children's and Young Adult Literature and Culture will be read with interest.

Please submit proposals of 250 words and a brief bio (100 words) for individual presentations or 500 words for full panels (3-4 people on a panel - please submit contact and brief bio for each person on the panel) to our conference database at <http://conference2012.swtxpca.org/>. All presenters will have to submit their information to the database eventually, and this makes it easier to organize panels and send acknowledgements and acceptances.

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All accepted presenters will have to register for the conference by December 31, 2011.

For questions or if you encounter problems with submitting proposals to the database, please contact:

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Please visit the Conference website for information on registration, accommodations, transportation options, graduate student paper awards, and audio-visual arrangements.

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