

**CFP: Special Topics: Stardom and Fandom, SW/TX PCA/ACA (12/1/11; 2/8-11/12)**

Join us for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Southwest/Texas Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Conference, February 8-11, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Special Topics Area Chairs of the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture/American Culture Associations ([www.swtxpca.org](http://www.swtxpca.org)) invite paper or panel proposals on any aspect of stardom or fandom.

Proposal submission deadline: **December 1, 2011.** (Please see below)

Any and all topics will be considered, although we especially encourage proposals on:

The reciprocal relationship between stars and fans  
Impact of celebrity and fame on identity construction, reconstruction and sense of self  
Reality television and the changing definition of ‘stardom’  
The impact of social media on celebrity/fan interaction  
Children and stardom (Little Rascals to Toddlers and Tiaras)  
Celebrity/fame addiction as cultural change  
The intersection of stardom and fandom in virtual and physical spaces  
Celebrity and the construction of persona  
Pedagogical approaches to teaching stardom and fandom  
Straddling the stardom/fandom line: big name fans, bloggers and aca-fans  
Anti-fans and ‘haters’  
Fan shame and fame shame  
Gendered constructions of stars and fans

The list of ideas is limited, so if you have an idea that is not listed, please suggest the new topic. We encourage submissions from multiple perspectives and disciplines.

Submit 250 word paper or 500 word panel proposals to: <http://conference2012.swtxpca.org/> (Choose the area “Special Topics – Stardom and Fandom.” Online submission will be available after September 1. If you are experiencing difficulties with the website, please email your proposal to the address listed below.)

Direct questions to: Lynn Zubernis, [lzubernis@wcupa.edu](mailto:lzubernis@wcupa.edu)

**Deadline for proposal submissions:** December 1, 2011. Earlier proposals are welcomed and will be responded to with all due haste. The registration deadline is December 31, 2011. All participants must register by that date or they will not be permitted to present or appear in the program.

**Conference hotel:**

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque  
330 Tijeras  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
Phone: 1.505.842.1234  
Fax: 1.505.766.6710

Conference Rate Reservations can be made through [www.swtxpca.org](http://www.swtxpca.org). Register early for discounted cost and to reserve space at the conference hotel as discounted rooms fill quickly.  
For more details on the conference, please visit the Southwest/Texas Popular Culture/American Culture Association: [www.swtxpca.org](http://www.swtxpca.org).

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