

## **CFP: Stardom and Fandom, Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association Conference (2/20-23/19 proposals due 11/1/18)**

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Proposals for papers and panels are now being accepted for the 40<sup>th</sup> annual SWPACA conference. One of the nation's largest interdisciplinary academic conferences, SWPACA offers nearly 70 subject areas, each typically featuring multiple panels.

The Area Chair for **Stardom and Fandom** invites paper or panel proposals on any aspect of stardom or fandom. The list of ideas below is limited, so if you have an idea that is not listed, please suggest the new topic. We are an interdisciplinary area and encourage submissions from multiple perspectives and disciplines. Topics might include:

- Studies of individual celebrities and their fans, both current and historical
- Studies focused on specific fandoms - films, television programs, books, bands, etc.
- The reciprocal relationship between stars and fans
- Impact of celebrity and fame on identity construction, reconstruction and sense of self
- Reality television, YouTube celebrities, and the changing definition of 'stardom'
- The impact of social media on celebrity/fan interaction
- Celebrity/fame addiction as cultural change
- The intersection of stars and fans in virtual and physical spaces (Twitter, Tumblr, conventions)
- Celebrity and the construction of persona
- Pedagogical approaches to teaching stardom and fandom
- Anti-fans and 'haters'
- Fan shame, wank, and fandom policing
- Gendered constructions of stars and fans
- Historical studies of fandom and fan/celebrity interaction

**All proposals must be submitted through the conference's database at <http://register.southwestpca.org/southwestpca>**

The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2018.

SWPACA offers monetary awards for the best graduate student papers in a variety of categories.

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