

**[CFP: Stardom and Fandom, SW PCA/ACA \(11/1/15; 2/10-13/16\)](#)**

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New Mexico, United States

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Cultural History / Studies, Digital Humanities, Film and Film History, Journalism and Media Studies, Popular Culture Studies

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Join us for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Popular Culture and American Culture Association Conference, February 10 - 13, 2016 at the beautiful Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Area Chair for Stardom and Fandom invites paper or panel proposals on any aspect of stardom or fandom.

Proposal submission deadline: **November 1, 2015.**

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

Studies focused on specific fandoms

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

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

Submit 250 word paper proposals, or proposals for multi-paper panels, to: <http://conference2016.southwestpca.org> Choose the area "Stardom and Fandom" and input your information as directed. **Deadline for proposal submissions: November 1, 2015.** Earlier proposals are welcomed!

Please remember that there are monetary awards for the best graduate student papers - we encourage you to apply! Papers in the Stardom and Fandom area could qualify for several awards, including the Diana Cox Award for best paper on images of women in popular culture, Euro Pop Award for best presentation on European popular culture, Peter C. Rollins Award for best paper dealing with a popular culture issue, Richard Tuerk Science Fiction and Fantasy Award for outstanding essay related to science fiction and fantasy, and the Post Script Award in film studies. You can see the full list at: <http://southwestpca.org/conference/graduate-student-awards/>

Also, please visit <http://journaldialogue.org> for information about the organization's new, peer-reviewed journal, *Dialogue: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Popular Culture and Pedagogy*.

**Conference hotel:**

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Register early for discounted conference registration and hotel rates, and to reserve space at the conference hotel as discounted rooms fill quickly. For more details on the conference, please visit the Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association: [www.southwestpca.org](http://www.southwestpca.org).

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