

## **Fiction Writing for Philosophers**

**\*\*\*ALL TIMES ARE IN CENTRAL TIMEZONE. PLEASE TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT IF ZOOMING IN FROM ELSEWHERE\*\*\***

Locations:

Physical:

Adorjan Hall 142, 3800 Lindell Blvd St. Louis, MO 63108 (when you come in at the entrance off the street, it is the first large lecture room on the left of the hall)

On Zoom:

Meeting link (available to participants)

### **Day 1, July 14**

- 10 AM Introduction to the workshop
- 10:10 AM Ann Leckie: How to introduce suspense and flow of information in your fiction (lecture + Q and A)
- 11:00 AM Coffee, tea, water break
- 11:10 AM Sharon Shinn: Writing prompt exercises (two, or time permitting, three short writing prompts for participants + feedback)
- 12:00 PM Lunch (catered). You can eat indoors or outdoors, as you prefer (tables are outdoors for convenience)
- 1:00 PM Panel: How to publish your fiction  
Each workshop leader talks briefly about their publishing experience. After this, participants can ask questions to the panelists
- Ann Leckie (traditional publishing)  
Rachel Neumeier (on transitioning from trad to self-publishing)  
Sharon Shinn (trad + self-publishing)  
Rich Horton (short fiction publishing in anthologies)  
Benjamin C. Kinney (short fiction publishing in magazines)
- 2:30 PM One-on-one sessions with your mentor (on Zoom or in person) – coffee, tea, and water will be available
- 4:00 PM End of day 1

7:00 PM Outdoor dinner, location TBD (optional, workshop participants pay their own way)

**Day 2, July 15**

10:00 AM Rachel Neumeier: SFF novels that are focused on "big ideas." How do authors handle these ideas? Presentation + Q and A

10:50 AM Coffee, tea, water break

11:00 AM Rich Horton and Benjamin Kinney: Short fiction publishing and editing + Q and A

11:50 AM Giveaway of copies of works by the workshop leaders (for practical reasons, only for in-person participants)

12:00 PM Lunch (catered). You can eat indoors or outdoors, as you prefer (tables are outdoors for convenience)

1:00 PM Peer feedback sessions (beverages will be served)

Zoom	Group in person-1	Group in person-2
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3:30 PM Final panel on the creative writing process (until 4:30 PM) – open session for workshop leaders and participants

4:30 PM End of workshop