

DFW

Illinois State University

Publications Unit, Department of English

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The First Annual David Foster Wallace Conference

Friday, May 23, 2014

The Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center

201 Broadway Street, Normal, Illinois 61761
309.862.9000 (Ask for the ISU Rate)

CALL FOR PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS OF ORIGINAL CREATIVE WORK

Featured presenters may be selected from early submissions.

Submissions will be considered in three categories: **Scholarship of David Foster Wallace; Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, or Culture** that considers issues including, but not limited to: innovative/experimental literature; the future of literature and/or publishing; digital vs. traditional publishing/literature; the field of publishing in relation to contemporary literature and/or culture; literature, publishing, or scholarship as art; etc.; and the presentation of **Original Creative Work** exemplified by any of the above issues and/or that engages its subject from an original, committed, and human perspective.

Individuals are limited to being a part of no more than one proposal, individual or group, in each of the three categories. To avoid conflicts, individuals who are part of more than one proposal must send an e-mail to DFWconference@gmail.com no later than Friday, March 14, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. CST listing all proposals with titles and fellow panelists where applicable.

Deadline for submissions is Friday, March 14, 2014 at 11:59 p.m. CST.

Notification of acceptance and rejection will be sent by Friday, March 21, 2014.

Registration is open at www.conferences.illinoisstate.edu/DFW.

Conference registration includes book fair; all panels; keynote; continental breakfast; daylong coffee, tea, and water service; hot lunch buffet; and afternoon snack (with options for special dietary restrictions). The deadline to register is 11:59 p.m. CST on Friday, April 18, 2014.

All submissions should be sent to DFWconference@gmail.com, noting in the subject line the category of the submission (David Foster Wallace Scholarship; Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, Culture; or Original Creative Work).

SUBMISSIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP OF DAVID FOSTER WALLACE and SUBMISSIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP OF CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE, PUBLISHING, OR CULTURE:

Individual submissions should consist of two documents and be submitted as PDF, doc, docx, or rtf files.

- The first document should be a cover sheet listing the category at the top of the page, either “David Foster Wallace Scholarship” or “The Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, or Culture” and contain the title of the presentation, submitter’s name (as it will appear in the program), address, phone number, e-mail, affiliation(s) or independent scholar status, and a 100-word bio in third person.
- The second document should list “David Foster Wallace Scholarship” or “The Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, or Culture” at the top of the page and contain the title of the presentation (exactly as it appears on the cover sheet) with a 300-word abstract. The second document should be free of all names.
- In most cases, individual panelists will be organized in groups of four, allowing fifteen minutes per presentation with an additional thirty minutes for Q&A and discussion.

Panel submissions should consist of two documents and be submitted as PDF, doc, docx, or rtf files.

- The first document should be a cover sheet listing the category at the top of the page, either “David Foster Wallace Scholarship” or “The Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, or Culture,” followed by the title of the panel with the panel’s organizer/chair’s name (as it will appear on the program), address, phone number, e-mail, affiliation(s) or independent scholar status, and a 100-word bio in third person; and the individual title of each presentation with the panelist’s name (as it will appear in the program), address, phone number, e-mail, affiliation(s) or independent scholar status, and a 100-word bio in third person. If the panel organizer/

- chair will also be presenting, her/his name and information will appear twice on this document.
- The second document should list “David Foster Wallace Scholarship” or “The Scholarship of Contemporary Literature, Publishing, or Culture” at the top of the page and contain the title of the presentation (exactly as it appears on the cover sheet); a justification for grouping panelists; the title of each paper and contain; and a 300-word abstract for each. The second document should be free of all names.
 - There is no limit on the number of panelists per session, but be cognizant of the fact that presentations will last no more than one hour with an extra thirty minutes being devoted to Q&A and discussion.

SUBMISSIONS OF ORIGINAL CREATIVE WORK:

Note: There are no limits on the level of creativity allowed in individual or panel presentations. Works that deal with other artistic forms and mediums, multi-genre works, cross-genre works, hybrid works, and works without genre are welcome. Experiments in both form and presentation are encouraged.

All creative work should engage its subject from an original, committed, and human perspective.

Individual submissions should consist of two documents and be submitted as PDF, doc, docx, or rtf files.

- The first document should be a cover sheet with “Original Creative Work” at the top of the page and contain the title of the presentation, submitter’s name (as it will appear in the program), address, phone number, e-mail, affiliation(s) or independent scholar status, and a 100-word bio in third person.
- The second document should list “Original Creative Work” at the top of the page and contain the title of the presentation (exactly as it appears on the cover sheet) with the entire creative submission suitable for a fifteen-minute presentation. Work to be presented in a nontraditional manner should note how the work will be presented near the top of the second document. The second document should be free of all names.
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- The second document should list “Original Creative Work” at the top of the page and contain the title of the presentation (exactly as it appears on the cover sheet); a justification for grouping panelists; the title of each paper and contain the entire text for each presentation with respect to time limits. Work to be presented in a nontraditional manner should note how the work is to be presented near the top of the second document. The second document should be free of all names.
- There is no limit on the number of panelists per session, but be cognizant of the fact that presentations will last no more than one hour with an additional thirty minutes being devoted to Q&A and discussion.

Keynote speakers TBA and may be selected from early proposals.

At least one panelist in each of the three categories will be recognized and asked to make a short (approximately five-minute) presentation at the luncheon in addition to being part of a featured panel.

Note to Illinois State University Students: As part of the fulfillment of the David Foster Wallace Memorial Restricted Fund at ISU, at least one ISU student will be recognized at the luncheon with the David Foster Wallace Award.

There will be a raffle of books signed by their authors. For an updated list of titles go to our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/David-Foster-Wallace-Conference/605532606173608>.

To donate a signed book, please contact DFWconference@gmail.com or mail to:

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For questions about submissions that do not fit any of these guidelines, for questions about submissions that will be presented in a nontraditional manner that is difficult to articulate within the submission guidelines, and for general conference questions, e-mail DFWConference@gmail.com.