

Call for Papers

Riddle Me This, Batman! The Dark Knight of the Academy

July 16-18, 2010

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2010

Notification Date: May 10, 2010

(Earlier submissions are strongly encouraged!)

The subtitle for the conference could just as easily be: Why Batman Matters! A scholarly exploration of the Batman universe, from its inception through multiple incarnations on screen and in print, will take place at Henderson State University, July 16-18, 2010. Papers on any topic associated with Batman – the movies, the graphic novels, the television shows and cartoons – are invited. Papers should be no more than 20 minutes reading time (roughly 3000-3500 words). Panel proposals are also encouraged. Electronic submissions are preferred.

The Keynote Speaker's identity is a closely held secret to be revealed on the website, www.hsphilosophy.com, in the coming months. Suffice to say here (teaser alert!) that our keynoter is a widely recognized scholar in the field of graphic novels and their popular culture significance. He is widely published and a Batman expert (as well as a fan).

Inquiries, abstracts, and panel proposals should be directed to:

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Abstracts should be no more than 300 words in length. They should include the author's name, title of the paper or panel, institutional affiliation, physical address, email address, and phone number at which the author may be reached. Submissions from independent scholars are most welcome.