

The Shape of Things to Come: Science Fiction at Georgia Tech  
Hosted by The School of Literature, Communication and Culture  
Thursday, November 17, 2011  
Skiles Building, Room 002

On Thursday, November 17, the School of Literature, Communication and Culture will host a day-long symposium spotlighting science fiction as a signature intersection of science, technology, and humanistic studies at Georgia Tech. The symposium will feature a series of scholarly panels involving faculty members from various disciplines, showcasing their involvement in science fiction study across various media, as a cultural phenomenon, and as it relates to issues of scientific and technical development. The symposium will also feature a presentation on the Science Fiction Collection at Georgia Tech (recently cited by *Science Fiction Studies* as one of the twenty most important such collections in the world), a report on student activities in the Science Fiction Research Lab at Tech, and readings by award-winning and critically-acclaimed science fiction authors Kathleen Ann Goonan, Eugie Foster, J.M. McDermott and Chesya Burke.

*All events are free and open to the Georgia Tech and Atlanta communities. For further information, contact Dr. Lisa Yaszek at [lisa.yaszek@lcc.gatech.edu](mailto:lisa.yaszek@lcc.gatech.edu).*

- 9:30 am-10:45 am: Science Fiction and Society  
Richard Barke (PubP), Kristie Champlan Gurley (PubP), Tom Morley (MATH), Jackie Royster (IAC/LCC), Aaron Santesso (LCC, moderator)
- 11:00 am-12:00 pm: Science Fiction Collection Presentation and Student Initiatives  
Ryan Speer (LIB), Joshua Cuneo (LCC), Travis Gasque (ME), Keith Johnson (LCC), Adam LeDoux (LCC), Lisa Yaszek (LCC, moderator), Paul Zaitsev (LCC)
- 1:30 pm-2:45 pm: Speculative Fiction in Literary and Cultural History  
Peter Brecke (INTA), Nihad Farooq (LCC), Narin Hassan (LCC), Carol Senf (LCC, moderator)
- 3:00 pm- 4:15 pm: Science Fiction Across Media  
Nettrice Gaskins (LCC), Michael Nitsche (LCC), Robert Ring (independent film scholar), Jay Telotte (LCC, moderator), Hank Whitson (LCC), Lisa Yaszek (LCC)
- 4:30 pm-6:00 pm: Science Fiction in Atlanta: Author Reading and Book Signing  
Chesya Burke, J.M. McDermott, Eugie Foster, Kathy Goonan (LCC, moderator)