

Fri PM Program Changes – Trust the Online Schedule First

Fri 1:00 PM: Rigor and Ranking: Reviewing, Congressional - Eli K.P. William dropped off

Fri 1:00 PM: Crafting an Elevator Pitch Diplomat Ballroom - Mike Underwood dropped off. Pat LoBrutto added.

Fri 1:00 PM: Reverse-Harem Reform School Omegaverse Romance, Kress (Virtual), N.E. Davenport dropped off.

Fri 1:00 PM: Nobody Looks Like Themselves Anymore, Thomas (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Chinelo Onwualu & Sarah Guan & Thomas Whitmore added.

Fri 1:00 PM: Lost (or Gained) in Translation, Rebecca Kuang dropped off

Fri 1:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Grant Carrington, cancelled.

Fri 1:00 PM: The Softer Side of Science Fiction, Blue Room - Malka Older, Sarah Pinsker dropped off.

Fri 2:30 PM: Textiles and Politics, Cabinet Room, Rowena Miller dropped off. Ada Palmer & Jo Walton added.

Fri 2:30 PM: Sublight Diplomacy, Forum Room - Arkady Martine, Walter Jon Williams dropped off. Added Derek Kunsken, Leonardo Espinoza Benavides

Fri 2:30 PM: The Best Video Games of the Last Ten Years, Older (Virtual) - Heath Miller dropped off. Mike Underwood + Marie Vibbert (m) added

Fri 2:30 PM: Readings -- Jose Pablo Iriarte & T.C. Weber - Andrea Hairston dropped off. T.C. Weber added. Note change of title

Fri 2:30 PM: Signing with Rebecca Kuang - Session cancelled

Fri 4:00 PM: Writing to Spec, Calvert Room - Alex Acks dropped off. Juliette Wade, Howard A. Jones added.

Fri 4:00 PM: Reading - Ahmad Siddiqi, Capitol - Ahmad Siddiqi added. New item

Fri 4:00 PM: Taking Care of Volunteers, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Also changed Moderator to Bill Sutton

Fri 4:00 PM: The Rise of Online Markets, Forum Room - Jed Hartman dropped off. Added Scott Andrews (m)

Fri 4:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with John Wiswell, Harris (Virtual), Rescheduled to virtual.

Fri 5:30 PM: Bad Kidneys and Other NFTs, Blue Room - Morgan Hazlewood & Christine Sandquist, Sarah Gulde added.

Fri 5:30 PM: Asexual Characters Done Right, Calvert Room - John Wiswell dropped off. Suzanne Palmer, K.D. Edwards added.

Fri 5:30 PM: The Work of Sheree Thomas, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual), Farah Mendlesohn dropped off.

Fri 5:30 PM: Author Reading--Malka Older, Harris (Virtual) - Rescheduled

Fri 5:30 PM: When Plot Twists Go Bad, Kress (Virtual) - Sarah Gulde dropped off

Fri 7 00 PM: Teaching and Analyzing Genre Fiction, Calvert Room - Andrea Hairston dropped off

Fri 7:00 PM: Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading , Cabinet Room - Karen Anderson dropped off. Elizabeth Crowens added.

Fri 7:00 PM: The Science of Graphene - cancelled

Fri 7:00 PM: Welcome to Clone Club - Orphan Black, Forum Room - Eddie Louise & Keith R. A. DeCandido added.

Fri 7:00 PM: Author Reading--Akua Lezli Hope & C. Rose Clarke, Harris

(Virtual) - Akua Lezli Hope added. Note change of title

Fri 7:00 PM: Sip With the Stars (Friday), Hotel Lobby - Cancelled

Fri 7:00 PM: Global Feminist Science Fiction, Kress (Virtual) - Rivers Solomon dropped off

Fri 7:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Ellen Kushner - cancelled

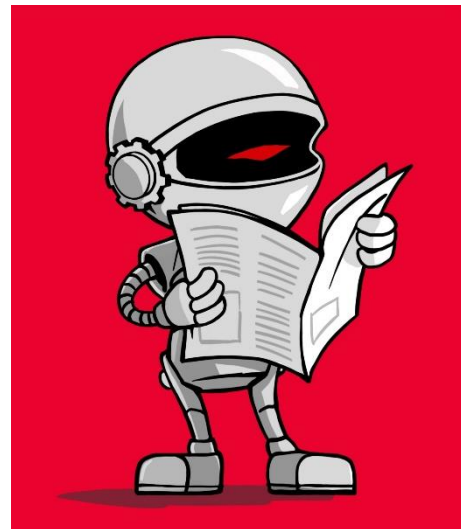
Fri 8:30 PM: The Work of Nalo Hopkinson, Blue Room - Debi Chowdhury dropped off. Shaun Duke added.

Fri 8:30 PM: Incorporating Genre Fiction in the Classroom, Calvert Room - John McDaid, Dana Little

Fri 8:30 PM: The Morphology of Fantasy Creatures, Diplomat Ballroom - Rodrigo Juri dropped off. Christine Taylor-Butler added.

Fri 10:00 PM: Seiun Award, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Dr. Takayuki Tatsumi and Ms Mari Kotani added.

Fri 10:00 PM: Concert: Carla Ulbrich and Joe Giacoio, Thomas (Virtual) – Rescheduled



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Authors, artists, dealers, craftspeople, and fans at large, our con requires the hard, unpaid work of hundreds of volunteers. One way we reward them is by holding daily raffles for items you donate (each 4 hours earns the volunteer one raffle ticket). If you have donations, please bring them by the volunteer desk. Questions, contact bruce.kaplan@discon3.org, our volunteer benefits coordinator.

Omni Gardens Open to All

Looking for a place to eat, or just somewhere you can take off your mask for a while? The Omni Shoreham's 12-acre grounds offer ample space for everyone, and plenty of seating is scattered across the terrace and gardens. Just step outside through the glass doors located at the far end of Robert's Restaurant. Enjoy the usually nice weather.

Smithsonian Suggestions

I visited the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum earlier this week and want to give people a heads up. The building is under renovation and more than half of the exhibits are closed. Neither the Enterprise nor the X-wing are on display. -Wyn Jones

The Smithsonian Arts + Industries building is currently hosting an exhibition called "FUTURES". There's plenty there to interest and delight SF fans, but in particular, it includes a small exhibit about Octavia Butler and Afrofuturism. Recommended. -- Karen Schaffer

SFWA Table Signings

Friday, December 17
 10:00 Derek Künsken
 11:00 Dan Moren, G. David Nordley
 12:00 Patrick Tomlinson, Juliette Wade
 1:00 Steven H Silver, Marie Vibbert
 2:00 Tom Doyle, Suzanne Palmer
 3:00 John Appel, Michael Capobianco
 4:00 Lindsay Ellis, Jennifer Povey
 5:00 Marie Brennan, Alyc Helms

Nano Nano

Nando's Peri-Peri (2631 Connecticut Ave., (202) 204-1251) Only 2 blocks away from the hotel, Nando's is a local chain specializing in grilled Afro-Portuguese chicken. There was there was no wait Thursday evening. If you're eating in, you'll use an app to order. The 1/4 chicken was tasty and the right amount of heat (second mildest with mango and lime). Sides include roasted cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, and rice. The Portuguese custard tart was a nice way to end the meal. Reasonable portions made for a great value. -- Marisa Ong <https://www.nandosperiperi.com/menu>

Careful with Covid

Please take precautions around Covid-19. Wear your mask so it covers your mouth and nose. Keep it on except when in your room or outdoors. Stay at least 6 feet from others, even in party rooms. Only eat or drink outside, in your hotel room, or in the Ambassador Ballroom.

Newsletter Seeks News

Have something to share with your fellow fans? Send it to the newsletter. Email newsletter@discon3.org

Gamer Concert

The concert by the Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra was a special treat. It showcased a wide range of musical styles in games, everything from pre-Baroque classical to Latin jazz. Games ranged from *Microsoft Encarta MindMaze* to *Dragon Age: Inquisition*. There even was music from a pinball game, *the Black Knight*, complete with evil laughs. The full-size orchestra and chorus did a fantastic job. The sound was lush but not overly ornate with solos and even a recorder trio. The main conductor, Jamin Morden, introduced the songs with a bit of history. The videographers were exceptional; shooting close-ups and back views projected onto two screens in the front.

Local Weather Thinks Its Spring

The weather today is supposed to hit 60 degrees today with no rain. Go outside and enjoy this unseasonably nice weather. Walk to Dupont or Adams Morgan for lunch. And, for everyone who was worried about winter weather, DC continues to surprise us all.

Volunteer Raffle

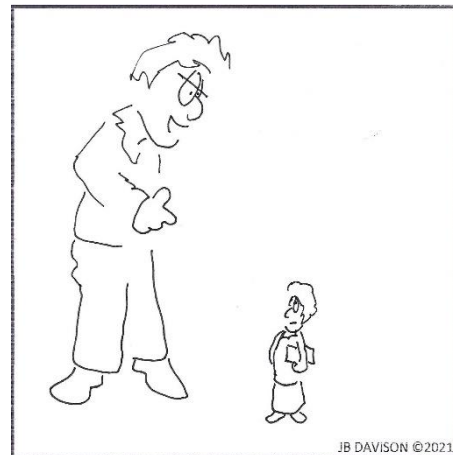
Winners!
 Names: Elizabeth Morgan, Mia McCarty, Amy Kaplan, and Ali Cataltepe.

Raffle tickets: 5139278, 5139291, 5139300, 5139333, 5139334, 5139353, 5139373, 5139390, 5139401, 5139402, 5139404, 5139423, 5139425, 5139429, 5139430, 5139431, 5139435, 5139442, 5139450, 5139455, 5139462.

Philz Coffee Review

If you're an early riser like me, you want good coffee first thing in the morning. Philz Coffee (1827 Adams Mill Rd philzcoffee.com) is a 15-minute (0.6 mi (1 km)) walk over the Duke Ellington Bridge on the outskirts of Adams Morgan neighborhood. They are a West Coast chain with outposts in Chicago and DC. They also have specialty drinks, teas, and pastries. Open 6 am - 5:30 pm (6 pm on weekends)

"Our baristas grind your beans and make each cup to your taste, poured over slow, with lots of care and attention."



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