

Gen Con Writer's Symposium  
2017

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THURSDAY

	CAPITAL I	CHAMBER	CAUSUS	CABINET	CONGRESS I	CONGRESS II
9	Writer's Symposium Opening Ceremonies SEM17121091 Marc Tassin	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event
	Story Craft: Where Do You Begin Your Story? SEM17121092 Brian McClellan Cat Rambo Eric Flint	Writing 101: The Basics—From POV to Punctuation SEM17121141 Erik Scott de Bie Dan Wells Howard Andrew Jones Kameron Hurley	Writer's Craft: Characters with Disabilities SEM17121180 Gail Z. Martin Beth Cato Mary Robinette Kowal	Mastering Fiction—Brainstorming Your Way to a Breakout Novel WKS17121209 Bradley P. Beaulieu	Worldbuilding Workshop Part 1 TBA Steven S. Long	Author Office Hours Drop In Event
	Character Craft: Real Monsters & Vicious Animals SEM17121093 Larry Correia Christopher Husberg Erik Scott de Bie	Writing 101: Contracts—What Are They and How Do They Work? SEM17121142 Brian McClellan Christopher Morgan James Minz	Writer's Craft: Writing a Novel Synopsis SEM17121181 Howard Andrew Jones Lucy A. Snyder Richard Lee Byers Toni Weisskopf	TBA TBA TBA	Worldbuilding Workshop Part 2 TBA Steven S. Long	Business of Writing: Beyond Clickbait—Creating Multi-Platform SEM17121247 Melanie Meadors
	Dynamic Story Creation Part One: The Philosophy of Story Creation SEM17121094 Maxwell Alexander Drake	Writing 101: Careers—What a Writing Career Looks Like SEM17121143 Cat Rambo James Lowder James Minz Linda Robertson	Writer's Craft: Building to the Climax SEM17121182 Erin M. Evans Jerry Gordon Karen Bovenmeyer	Writer's Life: Coping with the Ups and Downs of the Writer's Life SEM17121210 Alaya Dawn Johnson Stephen P. Kelner, Jr. Sandra Tayler	Reading: Christopher Husberg & TBA SEM17121236 Christopher Husberg TBA	Continued Melanie Meadors
	Dynamic Story Creation Part Two: The Invisible Layer SEM17121095 Maxwell Alexander Drake	Writing 101: Dialogue—"Don't mess it up," he said. SEM17121146 Leigh Perry Bruce R. Cordell Josh Vogt Erin M. Evans	Writer's Craft: Ending the Story Right SEM17121183 David Mack Jerry Gordon John Helfers Marco Palmieri	Business of Writing: Schmoozing 101 SEM17121211 Sandra Tayler Mary Robinette Kowal	Author Office Hours Drop In Event	Writer's Workshop: Essential Social Media for Writers and Creators WKS17121248 Gail Z. Martin
10	Worldbuilding: Creating a Universe of Worlds SEM17121096 Brandon Sanderson David Mack James L. Sutter Marco Palmieri	Worldbuilding: Magic Systems that Won't Break Your Story SEM17121152 Monica Valentinelli Richard Lee Byers James Lowder	Writer's Craft: Sympathetic Villains SEM17121184 Bruce R. Cordell Kelly McCullough Brian McClellan Eric Flint	Writer's Life: Time Management Tools and Techniques SEM17121212 Leigh Perry Stephen P. Kelner, Jr. Toiya Finley Aaron Rosenberg	Reading: Karen Bovenmeyer & Josh Vogt SEM17121237 Karen Bovenmeyer Josh Vogt	Continued Gail Z. Martin
	Character Craft: Awesome Anti-Heroes SEM17121097 Charlaine Harris Anton Strout Gregory A. Wilson Toni Weisskopf	Business of Writing: Networking—Building a Foundation for SEM17121153 Aaron Rosenberg Christopher Morgan Eddie Schneider	Writer's Craft: Are You Overthinking the Story? SEM17121185 Beth Cato Kelly McCullough Richard Lee Byers Toiya Finley	Mastering Fiction: Plotting Techniques of the Professional Writer WKS17121213 Bradley P. Beaulieu	TBA TBA TBA	Author Office Hours Drop In Event
	Character Craft: Relationships Between Characters SEM17121098 Mercedes Lackey Larry Dixon Aaron Rosenberg	Writing 101: How Do Writers Get Paid? SEM17121154 Anton Strout Kameron Hurley Maurice Broaddus	Worldbuilding: Creating Fantasy Cultures SEM17121186 Mary Robinette Kowal Gregory A. Wilson Sandra Tayler Lucy A. Snyder	Mastering Fiction: The Structure of Scenes WKS17121214 Bradley P. Beaulieu	Reading: Gail Z. Martin & Linda Robertson SEM17121238 Gail Z. Martin Linda Robertson	Author Office Hours Drop In Event
11	Writer's Life: Develop YOUR Process SEM17121099 Mercedes Lackey Larry Dixon John Helfers Matt Forbeck	Writer's Craft: Is It Tension? Or Just Torture? SEM17121155 Christopher Husberg Maurice Broaddus Kameron Hurley Thomas Dean Donnelly	Worldbuilding: The Impact of Cataclysms, Disasters, and the SEM17121187 Lucy A. Snyder Maxwell Alexander Drake Daniel "Doc" Myers	Writer's Life: Care and Feeding of a Great Writer's Group SEM17121215 Susan Morris Shanna Germain Kelly McCullough Erin M. Evans Kelly Swails (Moderator)	Playing the Pro - Writing for the RPG Industry! Josh Vogt	Author Office Hours Drop In Event
	Worldbuilding: Gods and Religions SEM17121100 Jerry Gordon Steven S. Long Erin M. Evans James L. Sutter	Writer's Life: How to Offer Effective Critiques SEM17121156 Howard Andrew Jones Steve Diamond TBA	Writer's Life: Finding a Mentor, Being a Mentor SEM17121188 Monica Valentinelli Maurice Broaddus Maxwell Alexander Drake Lucy A. Snyder	Author Education: Caves 2.0 SEM17122310 Scott Rice-Snow	Reading: Howard Tayler & Leigh Perry SEM17121239 Howard Tayler Leigh Perry	Author Office Hours Drop In Event
	Writer's Craft: How to Find YOUR Voice SEM17121101 Patrick Rothfuss Alaya Dawn Johnson Bradley P. Beaulieu Howard Tayler	D&D with Authors: Night in the Forbidden Library! SEM17121157 Gregory A. Wilson	No Event	Author Education: Karst Topography 2.0 SEM17122311 Scott Rice-Snow	No Event	No Event
12	Author Education: Medieval Cooking and Fantasy Foods SEM17121102 Daniel "Doc" Myers	Continued Gregory A. Wilson	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event

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	CAPITAL I	CHAMBER	CAUSUS	CABINET	CONGRESS I	CONGRESS II
10	Writer's Craft: Getting It Right—the Role of Research SEM17121103 Patrick Rothfuss Maxwell Alexander Drake Howard Andrew Jones Dan Wells	Worldbuilding 101 SEM17121158 Richard Lee Byers TBA TBA	Business of Writing: Hiring and Working with Freelancers (Cover artists, SEM17121189 James Lowder John Helfers TBA	Mastering Fiction: Tension on Every Page: Ways to Create a Page-turning WKS17121217 Bradley P. Beaulieu	Worldbuilding Workshop Part 3 TBA Steven S. Long	Finding Work for Your Inner Critic: Self-Editing for Fiction Writers WKS17121249 Erin M. Evans
	Business of Writing: Business Plans for Writers SEM17121104 Larry Correia Sandra Tayler Gail Z. Martin Thomas Dean Donnelly Steve Diamond (Moderator)	Character Craft: Writing True Leaders SEM17121160 Stephen P. Kelner, Jr. Beth Cato Richard Lee Byers Geoffrey Girard	Business of Writing: How to Know When You Need an Agent SEM17121190 Brian McClellan Christopher Husberg Eddie Schneider	Writer's Craft: Avoiding Scientific Obsolescence in Science Fiction SEM17121218 Kameron Hurley Kelly McCullough David Mack Eric Flint	Worldbuilding Workshop Part 4 TBA Steven S. Long	Continued Erin M. Evans
11	Story Craft: How to Write an Amazing First Page SEM17121105 Toni Weisskopf Leigh Perry Marco Palmieri Dan Wells	Writer's Craft: Writing a First Draft SEM17121161 Beth Cato Christopher Husberg Kelly McCullough Toiya Finley	Business of Writing: Success Without an Agent SEM17121191 Christopher Morgan Erin M. Evans James Minz Lucy A. Snyder	Science Fiction: Getting the Science Right SEM17121219 David Mack Kameron Hurley Gail Z. Martin Eric Flint	Writer's Craft: Screenwriting 101 SEM17122269 Thomas Dean Donnelly TBA TBA	Author Office Hours Drop In Event

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		Maxwell Alexander Drake	Geoffrey Girard Gregory A. Wilson John Helfers Toya Finley	Aaron Rosenberg Christopher Morgan Lucy A. Snyder Howard Andrew Jones	Jake Adlaf Karen Bovenmyer Sandra Tayler Richard Lee Byers	Bill Wearne	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	2	Story Craft: Using Foreshadowing SEM17121107	SETUP for Once & Future Podcast	Business of Writing: Where is the Line Between YA & MG? YA & Adult? SEM17121193	Networking and Promotion for Creators in the Online Age: Twitch TV, Podcasts, WKS17121221	Reading: Mary Robinette Kowal & Sandra Tayler SEM17121241	Continued	
		Charlaine Harris Leigh Perry Maurice Broaddus Mercedes Lackey	Anton Strout Melanie Meadors	Alaya Dawn Johnson Geoffrey Girard Steve Diamond	Gregory A. Wilson	Sandra Tayler Mary Robinette Kowal	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	3	Point of View, What's the Point? SEM17121108	Special Event: The Once and Future Podcast LIVE Mega-Cast! SEM17121163	Business of Writing: The Secret Writer Blacklist SEM17121194	Writer's Craft: Writing Kids Right SEM17121222	Author Office Hours Drop In Event	Continued	
		Maxwell Alexander Drake	Anton Strout Mercedes Lackey	James Minz TBA TBA	Erin M. Evans Aaron Rosenberg Gail Z. Martin Sandra Tayler		Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	4	Writing 101: Plotting—What's a Plot and How to Create a Good One? SEM17121109	Special Event: The Once and Future Podcast LIVE Mega-Cast! SEM17121164	Writer's Life: Is Writer's Block a Myth? SEM17121195	Mastering Fiction: Connective Tissue: Advanced Techniques to Create Stories WKS17121223	Author Office Hours Drop In Event	Writer's Craft: Edit Your Way Past the Slush Pile SEM17121251	
		Leigh Perry Gregory A. Wilson Linda Robertson Eric Flint	Anton Strout	Howard Andrew Jones Monica Valentinielli Kelly McCullough Geoffrey Girard	Bradley P. Beaulieu		Karen Bovenmyer	
5	Watching the Watchmen: Surveillance vs. Sousveillance & How to Look Back at SEM17121100	SETUP for Writing Excuses	Novel Craft: "Send Me Your First Chapter"—What They're Looking For SEM17121196	Mastering Fiction: Pattern Recognition: Challenging Your Readers to Create WKS17121224	Business of Writing: Handling Problem People—From Divas to Needy Fans to SEM17121196	Author Office Hours Drop In Event		
	David Brin	Howard Tayler Dan Wells Mary Robinette Kowal Brandon Sanderson	Marco Palmieri Eddie Schneider TBA Toni Weisskopf	Bradley P. Beaulieu	Cat Rambo Jerry Gordon Lucy A. Snyder			
6	Writer's Craft: Pulse-Pounding Fight Scenes SEM17121111	Special Event: Writing Excuses LIVE! SEM17121166	Writer's Craft: How to Write Bestselling Tie-In Fiction SEM17121197	Writer Cage Fight: Do Stories Need a Message? SEM17121225	TBA	Author Office Hours Drop In Event		
	Larry Correia Josh Vogt Erin M. Evans Steven S. Long	Howard Tayler Dan Wells Mary Robinette Kowal Brandon Sanderson	David Mack Matt Forbeck Aaron Rosenberg Christopher Morgan	James L. Sutter Alaya Dawn Johnson Toni Weisskopf	TBA TBA TBA			
7	Writer's Craft: Using Tension to Drive the Narrative SEM17121112	Special Event: Writing Excuses LIVE! SEM17121167	Writer's Life: Writers and Mental Health—You're Not Alone SEM17121198	No Event	No Event	No Event		
	Mercedes Lackey Larry Dixon Cat Rambo Maxwell Alexander Drake	Howard Tayler Dan Wells Mary Robinette Kowal Brandon Sanderson	Maurice Broaddus Linda Robertson Christopher Morgan					
8	Author Education: Believable Fictional Languages SEM17121113	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event		
	Daniel "Doc" Myers							

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S A T U R D A Y	10	CAPITAL I Worldbuilding 101 SEM17121118	CHAMBER Writer's Craft: Dark Fantasy SEM17121168	CAUSUS Author Education: Men & War Machines SEM17121199	CABINET Business of Writing: Negotiating Contracts SEM17121226	CONGRESS I Worldbuilding Workshop Part 5 TBA	CONGRESS II Writer's Workshop: Internal Character Conflict WKS17121252	
		Monica Valentinielli Steven S. Long James Lowder	Christopher Husberg Gail Z. Martin Kelly McCullough Richard Lee Byers	Robert A. Mosher	Christopher Morgan Eddie Schneider TBA	Steven S. Long	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	11	Story Craft: Structuring Your Story Right SEM17121119	Writer's Craft: What is the "Writer's Voice?" SEM17121169	Author Education: Magic in Warfare SEM17121200	Mastering Fiction: It's All Entertainment—Crafting Stories that are WKS17121227	Writer's Craft: No Room For Ego—How to Take, Give, and Find Critique for Your SEM17121242	Continued	
		Larry Correia Toya Finley Kelly McCullough	Bruce R. Cordell Mary Robinette Kowal Erin M. Evans	Robert A. Mosher	Bradley P. Beaulieu	Anton Strout Melanie Meadors	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	12	Writer's Craft: Resolving Tension While Holding Interest SEM17121120	Writing 101: Themes—What's a Theme and Do You Need One? SEM17121170	Business of Writing: Hybrid Publishing—Covering All the Bases SEM17121201	Fantasy Fiction: Breaking Out of the European Medieval Fantasy Rut SEM17121228	Reading: Erin M. Evans & Erik Scott de Bie SEM17121243	Continued	
		Patrick Rothfuss Leigh Perry Geoffrey Girard Maurice Broaddus	Beth Cato Bradley P. Beaulieu Howard Andrew Jones	Kameron Hurley Linda Robertson Gail Z. Martin Matt Forbeck	Alaya Dawn Johnson Brian McClellan Marco Palmieri	Erin M. Evans Erik Scott de Bie	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.	
	1	Special Event: Superstars of RPG Fiction SEM17121122	Character Craft: Good People Doing Terrible Things SEM17121171	Business of Writing: Using Social Media SEM17121202	Fantasy Fiction: Turning Tropes Upside Down SEM17121229	Author Education: How—and How Quickly—Can Landscapes Change Over SEM17122312	Business of Writing: The Principles of Good Cover Design SEM17121253	
		Tracy Hickman Margaret Weis James Lowder R. A. Salvatore	Shanna Germain Richard Lee Byers Geoffrey Girard Thomas Dean Donnelly	Cat Rambo Kameron Hurley Gail Z. Martin Eddie Schneider	Christopher Husberg Maxwell Alexander Drake Lucy A. Snyder Monica Valentinielli	Scott Rice-Snow	Sandra Tayler	
	2	Worldbuilding: Making Magic New Again SEM17121128	Special Event: Gen Con and the Leveling Up of RPG Tie-In Fiction SEM17121172	Writer's Craft: What to Do With the Editor's Comments SEM17121203	Fantasy Fiction: Retelling Fairy Tales SEM17121230	Reading: Kelly McCullough & Beth Cato SEM17121244	Writer's Craft: Structuring a Successful Collaborative Project SEM17121254	
		Brandon Sanderson Anton Strout Brian McClellan Christopher Husberg	James L. Sutter Marco Palmieri Shanna Germain	David Mack James Lowder John Helfers	Gregory A. Wilson Monica Valentinielli Steven S. Long	Beth Cato Kelly McCullough	Sandra Tayler	
3	Writer Cage Fight: Can a Hero be Too Powerful? SEM17121133	The Baen Traveling Roadshow! SEM17121174	Writer's Craft: Playing Nice in Shared Worlds SEM17121204	Fantasy Fiction: Drawing from Mythology SEM17121231	Wrinkles in Time: Writers' Craft WKS17121992	Writer's Life: The Anti-Muse—Writer's Block SEM17121255		
	Brandon Sanderson Bruce R. Cordell Howard Tayler	James Minz Toni Weisskopf Eric Flint Larry Correia	Aaron Rosenberg Josh Vogt Dan Wells	Steven S. Long Howard Andrew Jones TBA	Geoffrey Girard	Stephen P. Kelner, Jr.		
4	Writer's Craft: Alternate History SEM17121134	Continued	Writer's Craft: The Art of Adding Details SEM17121205	Fantasy Fiction: Getting European Medieval Fantasy Right SEM17121232	Reading: David Mack & Gregory A. Wilson SEM17121245	National Novel Writing Month: Pros, Cons, and Tips SEM17121256		
	Charlaine Harris Eric Flint Beth Cato	James Minz Toni Weisskopf Larry Correia	Leigh Perry Mary Robinette Kowal Kelly McCullough Richard Lee Byers	Erik Scott de Bie Josh Vogt TBA	David Mack Gregory A. Wilson	Karen Bovenmyer		
5	Writer Cage Fight: The Worst Writing Advice Ever SEM17121135	Writer's Craft: Writing a Series SEM17121173	Writer's Craft: Using Setting as a Character SEM17121206	Writer's Life: Writers and Depression SEM17121233	Author Office Hours Drop In Event	Writer's Craft: How to Write Micro and Flash Fiction SEM17121257		
	Charlaine Harris Dan Wells	Christopher Husberg Linda Robertson	Gregory A. Wilson Lucy A. Snyder	Jake Adlaf Josh Vogt		Karen Bovenmyer		

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6	Jerry Gordon Kameron Hurley	Brian McClellan Maurice Broaddus	TBA	David Mack Maxwell Alexander Drake		
	Writer's Craft: Writing Stories that are Fun to Read SEM17121136	Writer's Craft: How to Revise Right SEM17121175	Writer Cage Fight: Self Pub or Traditional Pub SEM17121207	Writer's Life: Picking up the Pieces—Starting Over After a Failure SEM17121234	Author Office Hours Drop In Event	Writer's Workshop: Get Published in an Hour WKS17121990
	Larry Correia Aaron Rosenberg Matt Forbeck	Cat Rambo Christopher Morgan Erik Scott de Bie Jerry Gordon	John Helfers Bradley P. Beaulieu Maxwell Alexander Drake	Jake Adlaf Gail Z. Martin Marco Palmieri Lucy A. Snyder		Geoffrey Girard
7	Fantasy Fiction: Real Animals in a Fantasy World SEM17121137	Worldbuilding: More Than Just Another Earth SEM17121176	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event
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	CAPITAL I	CHAMBER	CAUSUS	CABINET	CONGRESS I	CONGRESS II
10	The Anatomy of Action in Writing: The Craft of Storytelling SEM17121138 Maxwell Alexander Drake	Read & Critique: Session A WKS17121177 Leigh Perry Aaron Rosenberg Alaya Dawn Johnson Christopher Morgan	Read & Critique: Session B WKS17121208 Anton Strout Steven S. Long Cat Rambo	Read & Critique: Session C WKS17121235 Christopher Husberg Josh Vogt Erik Scott de Bie Toiya Finley	Read & Critique: Session D WKS17121246 Geoffrey Girard Gregory A. Wilson Jerry Gordon Karen Bovenmyer	Read & Critique: Session G WKS17121258 John Helfers Toni Weisskopf Kelly McCullough Howard Andrew Jones
	The Anatomy of Action in Writing: The Craft of Writing SEM17121139 Maxwell Alexander Drake	Continued	Continued	Continued	Continued	Continued
11		Leigh Perry Aaron Rosenberg Alaya Dawn Johnson Christopher Morgan	Anton Strout Steven S. Long Cat Rambo	Christopher Husberg Josh Vogt Erik Scott de Bie Toiya Finley	Geoffrey Girard Gregory A. Wilson Jerry Gordon Karen Bovenmyer	John Helfers Toni Weisskopf Kelly McCullough Howard Andrew Jones
	Writer's Symposium Closing Ceremonies SEM17121140 Marc Tassin	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event	No Event
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SPECIAL EVENTS

	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
10		Q & A with Larry Correia SEM17121260 Westin Grand Ballroom V	Larry Correia Book Signing ZED17121310 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	10
		Charlaine Harris Book Signing ZED17121307 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area		
11			Q & A with Charlaine Harris SEM17121263 Westin Grand Ballroom V	11
12	Patrick Rothfuss Book Signing ZED17121305 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area		Brandon Sanderson Book Signing ZED17121304 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	12
	Patrick Rothfuss Book Signing ZED17121306 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	Q & A with Brandon Sanderson SEM17121261 Westin Grand Ballroom V	Charlaine Harris Book Signing ZED17121308 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	
1	Mercedes Lackey Book Signing ZED17121311 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area		Patrick Rothfuss Book Signing ZED17121303 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	1
2	Mercedes Lackey Book Signing ZED17121312 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area		Patrick Rothfuss Book Signing ZED17121302 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	2
	Brandon Sanderson Book Signing ZED17121301 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	Q & A with Mercedes Lackey SEM17121262 Westin Grand Ballroom V	Mercedes Lackey Book Signing ZED17121313 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	
3		Larry Correia Book Signing ZED17121309 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area		3
4	An Evening with Patrick Rothfuss SEM17121259 ICC 500 Ballroom		Mercedes Lackey Book Signing ZED17121314 Exhibit Hall Book Signing Area	4
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