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Third Annual Speculative Fiction Across Media Conference
Contacts and Crossings: Boarders in Speculative Fiction

Speculative Fiction Across Media invites proposals for our 2026 conference-Contacts and Crossings: Boarders in Speculative Fiction in Los Angeles from October 21-24, 2026.

Courtyard by Marriott Culver City   6333 Bristol Parkway, Culver City, CA

Possible Topics Include (but are not limited to):

- Game design and gaming architectures as they explore borders, such as Hellblade: Senua's Sacrifice, and tabletop games such as Risk or Civilization and more
- The politics of empire in space opera by writers such as Arkady Martine and games such as Mass Effect, television series such as Star Trek, and more
- Speculative narratives that explore species borders such as work by Silvia Moreno-Garcia, the Mass Effect game series, Ghost in the Shell, and more

Keynote Speaker: Kalindi Vora (Yale University)

Professor of Ethnicity, Race and Migration, and Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. Her first book, *Life Support: Biocapital and the New History of Outsourced Labor* takes up questions of technology, colonialism, and raced and gendered labor under globalization. Her second, *Surrogate Humanity: Race Robotics and the Politics of Technological Futures*, co-authored with Neda Atanasoski, explores the racial and gendered politics of robotics and artificial intelligence.

Submission Guidelines:

- Please email proposals to Sherryl Vint (sherryl.vint@gmail.com) by May 15, 2026 for paper sessions, individual papers, or panel discussions
- Name and contact details for all presenters
- 250-word abstracts for the paper (or one each for papers submitted as a panel) or a 250-word description of the topic for a discussion panel section
- Please note that all presenters must be registered attendees to participate.

For More Information:

Please visit our website https://sfamla.org for more updates on creative guests, further details on programming and related events, and possible topics.