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**CALL FOR PAPERS: Terminus**

**Chicago, IL**

**August 7-11, 2008**

**A *Harry Potter* conference presented by Narrate Conferences, Inc.**

Terminus, an interdisciplinary *Harry Potter*-themed conference to take place August 7-11, 2008, in Chicago, Illinois, seeks papers, panels, interactive workshops, roundtable discussions, and other presentation formats suitable for an audience of academics, students, professionals, and fans.

The overarching conference themes focus on the completed series. Analyses that address the development of topics through the entirety of the seven *Harry Potter* books are especially encouraged, including those topics that focus on the related cultural phenomenon. The programming will not be limited to those themes, however, and proposals that address specific aspects of the *Harry Potter* series, related works, and surrounding community across all disciplines are encouraged as well. A non-exhaustive list of sample topics includes literary analyses of the novels; studies of the cultural phenomenon; use of the novels in schools and libraries for education; examination of related business and legal issues; scientific explanations of magic in the series; media and fan studies; craft-based workshops in writing, art, and publishing; and overviews of how the series and films fit into larger contexts.

Submission to the vetting board is by online system only. No other format or contact will be accepted. The submission system is located at <http://www.terminus2008.org/submissions/>, and will open for proposals on June 30, 2007.

The deadline for proposals is February 1, 2008, and notices regarding proposals will be sent no later than March 1, 2008. For those requiring an early decision in order to obtain travel funding, the deadline for submission is November 1, 2007, with a response no later than November 15, 2007.

At the time of proposal submission, we require an abstract of 300-500 words for each presentation, a 50-100 word presentation summary, and a presenter biography of no more than 100 words. Those wishing to submit a proposal for a roundtable discussion may submit a brief explanation of a topic and a list of 10-15 sample discussion questions in lieu of a formal abstract.

Conference papers will be collected for publication at a later date. Presenters must be registered for the conference no later than April 15, 2008. For more information about programming, our review process, and proposal submissions, please see the Terminus website at <http://www.terminus2008.org/programming/>. Questions specifically about programming may be directed to [programming@terminus2008.org](mailto:programming@terminus2008.org).

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