

Call for Papers
SCSMI Conference
June 1-4, 2016
Cornell University
Ithaca, NY, 14853-7601 USA

The Society for Cognitive Studies of the Moving Image (SCSMI) invites proposals for presentations at its annual conference to be held June 1st - 4th, 2016 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA. SCSMI is an interdisciplinary organization made up of scholars interested in cognitive, philosophical, aesthetic, historical, psychological, neuroscientific, and evolutionary approaches to the analysis of film and other moving-image media. Proposals should facilitate the society's mission: to foster an interdisciplinary dialogue between moving image theorists, historians, critics, and philosophers, and scientifically-oriented researchers working on moving-image media.

Guidelines for Submissions

A proposal may be for a long-paper presentation, a short-paper presentation, or a poster/demonstration. Your proposal may be considered for multiple formats or just one, depending on which formats you believe will be suitable. Selecting more than one format increases the likelihood of acceptance.

Long-Paper Presentation

A 50-minute session divided between a 25-minute presentation and a 25-minute Q&A. This format is reserved for well-developed projects that present conceptually complicated ideas or extensive research data.

Short-Paper Presentation

A 25-minute session divided between a presentation of 15 minutes or less with the residual time used for discussion. This format is suitable for works in progress or research that may be presented more succinctly.

Poster Presentation or Demonstration

Any form of research display or demonstration. Posters may present empirical research, scholarship with a single question or thesis, short movies, essay films, or interactive installations. Presenters will display and discuss their research during a 90-minute plenary session, which will take place alongside a reception.

Proposals must be submitted as a pdf file by email to SCSMI2016@cornell.edu. The deadline for proposals is midnight (EST) January 1, 2016. Late proposals or those that do not fulfill the technical requirements stated below will not be considered. The content of your presentation should not have been presented elsewhere in an identical form.

Proposals must include:

A cover page (to be removed for review), with:

- Title
- List of authors
- Brief biographical statement for presenting author (25-100 words)

The proposal body, with:

- A proposal (500-800 words)
- Bibliography of key sources (up to 5; use MLA or APA format)
- A short abstract (80-160 words) for the conference program

Proposals will be selected based on merit, according to the following criteria. Please address each one in your proposal:

- The appropriateness of the topic to the interests of SCSMI
- The conceptual clarity and intellectual rigor of the project
- The project's contribution to current understanding
- The carefulness and thoroughness of the proposal

The deadline for proposals is midnight (EST) January 1, 2016. Notification of acceptance will be made by February 1st, 2016. If authors have selected multiple presentation formats, they will be assigned a format.

Presenters at SCSMI conferences must be current members of the Society. Nonmembers are free to submit a proposal but, if accepted, they have until March 15, 2016 to join SCSMI, otherwise acceptance will be withdrawn.

For more information about SCSMI, to join, or to learn more about membership costs and privileges, visit <http://scsmionline.org/>.

Further questions about the conference, the abstract submission process, or any problems encountered during submission should be addressed to SCSMI2016@cornell.edu.