

## CALL FOR PAPERS

**The Ninth Biennial Conference of the RECEPTION STUDY SOCIETY**  
at New Mexico State University and the Courtyard Marriott Las Cruces at NMSU  
September 28-30, 2023, Las Cruces, NM

The Reception Study Society promotes informal and formal exchanges between scholars in several related fields: reader-response criticism and pedagogy, reception history, history of reading and the book, audience and communication studies, media studies, institutional studies, and gender, race, ethnic, sexuality, postcolonial, religious, and other studies. We welcome presentations on all aspects of reception, but this year we especially encourage papers or panels on the theme: **Diverse Audiences, Diverse Receptions**.

Audience has often been overlooked in text-centered approaches to literary study, but is central to reception studies, which focus on the process by which a text is received, and meaning is made, by an audience. The rise of media and pop culture studies has made the study of audience central to understanding works of literature, film, and culture. Social media has increased interactions and tensions in the relationships between audiences and creators, making the study of audiences all the more critical. We invite panelists to consider the role of audience or fandom in reception studies; what social media (Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, and other platforms) reveals about audience behavior and interactions with creators; how writers and creators engage diverse audiences in terms of race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and politics; the economics of audiences, publishing, and content creation; adaptations and marketing to specific audiences; how public reception through book bans, laws and other discourses are shaping access to books and media as well as their reception with specific audiences.

Proposals for papers or panels in this or any area of reception studies are now welcome.

Please submit proposals of 250 words or less, along with a one-page CV to Kelsey Squire at [squirek@ohiodominican.edu](mailto:squirek@ohiodominican.edu) by June 1, 2023. Please feel free to contact Dr. Squire over email with any questions or queries.

The **Janet Staiger Honorary Scholarship** is available to pay conference registration and banquet attendance fees for one graduate student presenting on a topic in Media Studies. Graduate student applicants should indicate interest in the award on their conference proposal.

Selected conference papers will be solicited for publication in the RSS journal, *Reception: Texts, Readers, Audiences, History*, published by Penn State University Press. For information about the RSS, including membership and registration information, past conferences, and the journal, please visit our website: <http://receptionstudy.org/>.