



CONvergence 2014 Integrated Schedule

Connie's Quantum Sandbox and Programming (Garden Court, Panels, Readings, Signings, and some Performances)

Thursday July 3

<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Rise of 3D Printing <i>art,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 How is 3D printing shaping up for everyday and even fantastical uses? We'll discuss the present tech, such as museums creating 3-D masterpieces for the visually impaired to experience the art, as well as what the future may hold for 3D printing. <i>Kenneth Konkol,Regan Wolfrom,Tish Cassidy</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Food Allergies at CONvergence: How to Cope <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 You have a food allergy, yet are trying to survive from the limited opportunities at CONvergence: how do you cope? What can you safely bring, keep, and prepare in a hotel room? <i>Brianne Bilyeu,Karl Tingelstad,Marie Porter,Renee Petersen,Richard Wielgosz</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Mainstreaming of Geekdom <i>hot dish,social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Lots of popular movies are based on geek stuff. How do you handle being a geek hipster - or feeling like you don't fit in? Many people were geeks before it was cool. Let's stop feeling bad. Let's celebrate that geeks are cool! <i>Hal Bichel,Holley McLellan,Jaqueline Stoner,Kara Redding,Michael R. Underwood</i></p>
<p>12:30pm - 1:30pm</p>	<p>Magic Realism a la China Mieville <i>theme,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 A discussion of contemporary storytelling using elements of magic realism. How do you write everyday magic and still keep it magical? <i>Dana Baird,EP Beaumont,J Boone Dryden</i></p>
	<p>Warehouse 13 Fan Panel</p>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<i>current,fan,theme,TV</i> DoubleTree Bloomington The fifth and final season is upon us. Come relive your favorite moments. <i>Kelly Pesola,Kris Halseth,Neil Anderson</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Godzilla vs. Kaiju <i>horror,movies,theme</i> DoubleTree Edina Is the new Godzilla movie a true Godzilla movie? How does it relate to the past movies and to the genre as a whole? <i>Dave Margosian,David Annandale,Melissa Kaercher,Shaun Duke</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	CONvergence for the Extreme Introvert <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Suggestions on how to survive and thrive (room parties, anyone?) CONvergence when you're not a fan of huge crowds. <i>Ben Ellis,Jenn Baye,Olivia James</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Harry Potter is Alive and Well in Our Hearts <i>books,British,current,teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 There have been several new developments in the world of Harry Potter lately. What's happening with the Fantastic Beasts movie? What about fan-made creations? <i>Kat Brown,Linda White,Madeleine Rowe</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Making Lanyards <i>activity,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Need something to dangle your badge from? Come investigate different techniques for lanyard-making. <i>Carol Strand,Rain Patterson,Sarah Vandenberg</i>

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2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reading - MP Johnson <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 <i>MP Johnson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Fan Art and Social Media <i>art,fan,web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Discuss how the latest social media platforms and visual blogging sites (such as Tumblr and Pinterest) are enabling more exposure for artists--fan and otherwise. <i>Christopher Jones,Fes Works,Hal Bichel,Jennifer Lundstrom,Shawn van Briesen</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Kickstarter Evolution <i>business,web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 It has rocketed from obscurity to being everywhere and is used for funding great ideas to the mundane. What is it? Where is it taking us? <i>Blake Hausladen,Joan Marie Verba,Michael Damian Thomas,Tania Richter,Tish Cassidy</i>
	Walking Dead: Comics or TV? <i>comics,current,theme,TV</i>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	DoubleTree Atrium 6 Which do you like better? What elements from the comics do you miss or think they should have left out of the TV adaptation? <i>Kris Halseth,Neil Anderson,Scott Pearson,Stephan Stomberg,Walter Sullivan</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Gargoyles Radio Play Auditions - Th <i>Gargoyles,GoH,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Ever wanted to be in a radio play? Now is your chance! We are holding auditions for a live performance at CONvergence! You don't even have to be a fan of Gargoyles to enter. You just have to know how to read! <i>Greg Weisman,Jennifer Anderson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Archery in Fact and Fiction <i>hot dish,theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington What do Green Arrow, Merida, Hawkeye, Katniss, Legolas, and Robin Hood all have in common (other than tights)? <i>Edward Eastman,Elizabeth Bear,Regan Wolfrom</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Skiffy & Fanty Show - Live at CONvergence! <i>podcast,writing</i> DoubleTree Edina A live episode of the Skiffy & Fanty Show (skiffyandfanty.com) with guest authors CL Patel and Martha Wells. We'll discuss influences on SF/F lit from gaming, comics, etc. with authors who write SF/F fiction but have experience writing for other formats. <i>Carrie Patel,David Annandale,Martha Wells,Michael R. Underwood (mod),Paul Weimer,Shaun Duke</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	All-Ages Comics <i>art,children,comics,teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 There are comics just for kids and comics just for adults. Are there any comics out there that are genuinely "all-ages"? <i>Cynthia Booth,Roy T Cook,Ty Blauersouth</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	You're a Detective, Harry! <i>comics,GoH,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Dresden, then Bob Howard, now Peter Grant--what makes the two genres of fantasy and cop drama taste so great together? <i>Cetius d'Raven,Emma Bull,Melissa Olson,Ryan Alexander,Samma Johnson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Bones <i>activity,Sandbox,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Discover what an owl had for dinner! Dissect an owl pellet to solve the mystery and reveal clues about the owl's diet and predator/prey relationships. What types of bones will you find in your pellet? <i>Mary Myers,PZ Myers,Skatje Myers</i>

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3:30pm -	Reading - Emmy Jackson <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201
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4:30pm	Emmy Jackson will read from his work. <i>Emmy Jackson</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	GPS Writing Contest Winners <i>GPS</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Past winners of the annual GPS Writing Contests read from their winning work. This year's winners are announced. <i>George Richard</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	CONvergence 101 <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 For first timers or veterans who are pretty sure they don't know everything, this panel will try to teach you everything you need to know! <i>Brian Etchieson,Briana Falb-Joslin,Charmaine Parnell,Jen Manna,Tabitha Anderson,Tish Cassidy</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	It's Okay to Not Like Things <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 You love Firefly, but your friend hates it. You think the Renfest is stupid, but they dress up and go every weekend. How do you go about relationships with people whose likes are diametrically opposed to your own? <i>Bill Stiteler,Jeremy Stomberg,Molly Glover,Nick Glover</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Good, Fast, or Cheap <i>art,business</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 When does it make sense to work for exposure and when does that become exploitative? At what point do you need to insist on charging? What are the trade-offs when choosing between free and paid art? <i>Elizabeth Bear,Kameron Hurley,Michael Damian Thomas,Sharon Stiteler</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	ASL 101 <i>CONvergence,hot dish</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Come learn about ASL. Bring your questions.
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Star Wars Episode VII: Hopes, Fears, Predictions <i>current,Star Wars</i> DoubleTree Bloomington We'll talk about the upcoming film. <i>Dave Margosian,Kenneth Konkol,Neil Anderson,Neil Monson,Zach Nyhus</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Buffyverse 10 Year Anniversary <i>GoH,Joss,theme,TV</i> DoubleTree Edina The Buffy/Angel universe has been off the air for ten years. Let's reminisce and talk about the impact these shows have had on TV fantasy since their cancellation. <i>Cetius d'Raven,Greg Weisman,Madeleine Rowe,Mark Goldberg,Tim Lieder</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Parallel Man <i>animation,comics,current,gaming,movies,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Take a look at the new sci-fi adventure coming to you later this year as a comic, a computer game, and in development as an animated TV series, feature film, and toy line.

	With local creators Jeffrey Morris, Rob Callahan, and Christopher Jones. <i>Christopher Jones, Jeffrey Morris, Rob Callahan</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Fritz Leiber's Urban Fantasy <i>books, classic, GoH, theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 During the 1940s, Fritz Leiber was one of authors who took the supernatural story out of its traditional settings of Gothic mansions and castles and placed it in subway stations, colleges, and other urban settings. A discussion of his urban dark fantasy. <i>David Schwartz, Scott Lynch</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Art-Go-Round <i>activity, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Collaborate with artists to create masterpieces. Even if you can only create a stick figure, you can join the fun with professional artists in seeing the art come to life. <i>John Garner, Ruth Thompson</i>

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4:00pm - 5:00pm	Signing - Greg Guler <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Greg Guler</i>
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5:00pm - 6:00pm	Reading - Martha Wells <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Martha Wells will be reading from her work. <i>Martha Wells</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Victorian is Not Steampunk <i>costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 These two fashion styles are similar in many ways, but they are not the same. What the similarities and - more important - their differences? <i>Kath Dimmich, Sarah Barsness, Ty Blauersouth</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Art as Therapy <i>art, Skepchicks, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Many people find creating and performing art and music to be therapeutic in personal ways. Art and Music Therapy are also formal programs with multiple uses. What is the basis for these various kinds of therapy and how useful are they? <i>Ashley Hamer, Kris Halseth, Olivia James, Shawn van Briesen</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Sci-Fi Mirror <i>books, movies, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 How does the sci-fi of an era reflect society's concerns, hopes, dreams, and politics? <i>Elizabeth Bear, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Kenneth Konkol, Naomi Kritzer, Ozgur K. Sahin</i>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Many Faces of Dracula <i>horror,movies</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6 From Bela Lugosi to Christopher Lee, Gary Oldman to Thomas Kretschmann, many have portrayed Dracula on the silver screen. Join us to discuss the movie depictions of Dracula over the years. <i>Brian Salisbury,David Annandale,Jenny Milos,Joel Arnold,John Heimbuch</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Shakespeare and Fantasy <i>books,classic,myth</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7 From mythical kings like Lear and Cymbeline to the mage Prospero and his monsters in The Tempest to the fairies of Midsummer Night's Dream, and ghosts all over the place. Why are these plays still speaking to us 400+ years later? <i>Catherine Lundoff,Mark Goldberg,Paul Weimer,Ruth Berman,Tim Lieder</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>The Importance of the Storyboard <i>GoH,movies,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington Storyboarding is an essential step in production. Our panel will talk about effective storyboarding techniques and why it is so important to success. <i>Frank Paur,Karine Charlebois</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Dystopian Young Adult Literature <i>books,movies,teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina The huge new thing - and they're all becoming movies now! Discuss the Hunger Games, Divergent, Matched, Legend, Mazerunner, and more. <i>Christine Norris,Hilary Moon Murphy,Kethry Burke-Scovill,Lyda Morehouse,Pete Hautman</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>N00b Gala: A Chance to Meet and Geek <i>hot dish</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court SW</p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Geek Etiquette <i>CONvergence,hot dish,social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Don't harsh the squee. Just because you don't like something, doesn't mean other people don't. What to do to avoid being a jerk at cons and beyond, as well as how to handle jerkdom you encounter. <i>Dorianne McCreary,Hal Bichel,Holley McLellan,Michelle Farley,Rob Callahan</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Thriving With Asperger Syndrome <i>hot dish,social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Autism and Asperger Syndrome appear to be more common among males than females, but some experts suggest that women adapt better. We'll discuss this, other theories about the differences, and ways to live your life to the fullest. <i>Marie Porter,Meghan Williams MA LMFT,Richard Wielgosz,Robert Wagner</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Kitty Blankets for Shelter Cats <i>activity,Sandbox</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Learn to make no-sew fleece blankets! The products will go to kitties in need.</p>

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7:00pm - 8:00pm	Friends of Bill W - Th DoubleTree Atrium 2
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Gaylaxians Book Discussion Update <i>books, GLBTQ</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 North Country Gaylaxians read 10 to 12 books with positive portrayals of GLBTQ situations and characters or from GLBTQ authors in a year. This panel will give an update on the books we've read, which we thought were good, which we disliked and why. <i>Claudia Slovacek, David Lenander, Don Kaiser, Landon Thomas</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Neil Gaiman's Blurred Lines <i>books, myth, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Gaiman deftly blends reality and fantasy, mythical and everyday. We'll discuss the urban fantasy in his works and how it gives us new perspectives on religion, culture, and our own willingness to blur the lines between fact and fiction. <i>Garrick Dietze, Jaqueline Stoner, Mark Goldberg, Roy T Cook</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Sherlock Fan Panel <i>current, fan, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Join us to discuss the latest season of Sherlock. Were you satisfied with the resolution of Season 2's cliffhanger? What does the future hold? <i>Jenny Milos, Melissa McConnell, Scott Pearson, Thomas Mahle, William Dewey</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Not Men or Women: Everyone Else in Fiction <i>books, GLBTQ, movies, Skepchicks, social, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Not all characters need to be male or female! Explore the gender binary and how it can be, and has been, subverted in fictional universes and in reality. We will discuss common tropes and ways gender could be explored better in all fictional media. <i>Benny S, Elizabeth Bear, Haddayr Copley-Woods, Kameron Hurley, Kimberley Long-Ewing</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Main Stage Overflow - Th DoubleTree Bloomington Can't get in to main stage performances? Come watch them on our giant projection screen!
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Female Superhero Movies - Why Can't We Have One? <i>movies, social, superhero</i> DoubleTree Edina Where are the Black Widow / Wonder Woman / etc. movies? <i>Joan Sullivan, Jonathan Palmer, Kelly Pesola, Shawn van Briesen</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Worst Pseudoscience of All-Time: A Skepchick Debate <i>myth, performance, Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Homeopathy or Reiki? ESP or Intelligent Design? Each Skepchick will choose a different pseudoscience to argue as the stupidest of all time, and the audience will choose the winner

	by applause. <i>Amy Roth,Dr Rubidium,Jamie Bernstein,Nicole Gugliucci,Rebecca Watson (mod)</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Iron Druid Chronicles <i>books,current,fan,theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Kevin Hearne is the author of these urban fantasy novels set in present day Tempe, Arizona. The series follows Atticus O'Sullivan, the last of the Druids, as he deals with angry gods from multiple pantheons, vengeful witches, werewolves, and vampires. <i>Meghan Williams MA LMFT,Robert Wagner</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	The Science and Art of Bioluminescence <i>activity,Sandbox,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Draw your masterpiece in glowing bacteria! Participants will have the opportunity to create artwork using glowing bacteria on a petri dish. We will then take a photograph of the resulting artwork for participants to download from Flickr. <i>Siouxsie Wiles</i>

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8:30pm - 10:00pm	Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating (GLBTQ) Th <i>GLBTQ,hot dish</i> Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating: Fire up the warp engines and set a course for love! Limited space available. Line opens at 8:15p, Participants must be 18 or over. 90 minutes. <i>Andrew Davies,Beth Rogers,Erin Frandrup,Kari Keene</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Hobby Electronics: From Prototype to Product <i>costuming,DIY,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Makers and others interested in Arduino, low-cost electronics, and turning an idea into reality: Whether you're new to the hobby, want to polish or multiply your costume or electronics, bring your questions and ideas and let's flip Frankenstein's switch. <i>Christopher Baye,Doug Thorpe,Jerry Belich,Michelle Cadieux,Todd Murray</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Script to Stage: How to Produce a Theater Show <i>business,DIY</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Lots of people want to do a show; very few know how. Where do you go? Finding talent? What about marketing? How do you pay for it? Here is a chance to hear from some local pros on how to make a show happen - and what pitfalls to avoid. <i>Betsey Palmer,Jeffrey Gardner,John Heimbuch,Phillip Andrew Bennett Low,Roy C. Booth</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Fractured Fairy Tales <i>books,theme,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Let's put fairy tales and dystopia in a blender and see what we get. When do things get too fractured - when do you jump the mermaid? <i>Adam Stemple,Amanda Lonsdorf,Holly Day,Joan Sullivan,Sean M. Murphy</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Game of Thrones Fan Panel <i>books,current,fan,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 What's new in Westeros? Attended any weddings lately? Maybe a funeral or two? Come

	<p>discuss the latest developments on the TV show and how they relate to the books. <i>Caroline Symcox, Daren Johnson, Kirsten Wade</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Can You Do That Anymore? <i>classic, movies, social, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Many of the great geeky works from before the '70s have social attitudes that just don't fly anymore (e.g., Lone Ranger). If you rewrite them, the fans get upset. If you don't, they'll bomb. Are these remakes doomed to fail? <i>Derek Mahr, Gordon Smuder, Jen Manna, Mark McPherson, Sarah Prentice</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>DC vs. Marvel <i>comics, current, Joss, movies, TV</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Marvel is putting out 3-5 awesome movies a year. Will DC ever catch up? Or will it just stick with developing good animated TV series. <i>Adam Lueck, Bryon Stump, Kevin Eldridge, Michael Lee, Stephan Stomberg</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Green Is Not Diversity <i>social</i> DoubleTree Edina Why is it always aliens vs. white guys? Diversity is coming, but why is it taking so long? Why do some characters get rewritten to be Caucasian? <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Benny S, Dr Rubidium, Laura Zats, Shaun Duke</i></p>
8:30pm - 11:00pm	<p>Matrix Tag <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court NW Players choose the roles of Agent Smith, Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, or play an Agent or Zionist. Any number of people can play, joining in and leaving at any time. <i>Shannon Green</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>When Science Isn't Your Friend <i>Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 When has science hurt people in reality and what has that taught us about how science should be practiced? We'll discuss everything from the Tuskegee experiments and Henrietta Lacks to continuing issues like surgery on intersex babies. <i>Caleph Wilson, Debbie Goddard, Mary Brock, PZ Myers, Stephanie Zvan (mod)</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Introduction to Anime <i>Anime</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Intrigued by anime, but don't know where to start? This is the panel for you. Come learn the lingo, the classics for a strong anime foundation, and how to avoid accidentally showing your children hentai. <i>Damarra Atkins, Heather Deakman, Jessi Silver, Lyda Morehouse</i></p>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	<p>Fairy Garden <i>activity, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Make a tiny garden in a drinking receptacle. <i>Danielle Swartz, Dierdre Schultz, Jana Worrall, Renee Petersen, Sue Bloyer</i></p>
8:30pm -	<p>Art Show Meetup <i>art</i> DoubleTree Plaza 6</p>

9:30pm	Join us for a meet and greet at the Art Show. Tour the Art Show as we put faces to the art. Stick around afterwards for some refreshments and conversation. All are welcome. Meet in front of Plaza 6. <i>Christine Mitzuk,Cynn Anthony,Karine Charlebois,Shawn van Briesen</i>
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10:00pm - 11:00pm	Masquerade 101 <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Whether you are an old pro or a newcomer, this panel will help you learn the basics of participation in the CONvergence masquerade. <i>Deborah Mullen</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Saberhagen's Dracula <i>books, classic, horror</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Fred Saberhagen wrote a series of books from Dracula's point of view, including The Dracula Tape, Old Friend of the Family, and more. We'll discuss his work, particularly the more complicated moral portrayal of vampires. <i>Paul Weimer, Stephanie Zvan</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Bad September Performance <i>performance</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Minnesota's premiere steampunk band will be performing songs of a neo-Victorian character in a casual parlor-like atmosphere!
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Ultimate Evil Overlord 101 <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 An interactive guide to becoming the ultimate evil overlord - with audience participation. <i>Brian Salisbury, Christoforo Pasqualette, Craig Cormick, Laura Thurston, Naomi Kritzer</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Are Zombies Dead (Yet)? <i>horror</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 No, really, haven't we done it all? Let's wrack our brains (heh...) and see if there's a single original Zombie concept left. <i>David Annandale, Eric Staggs, Rae Anderson (mod), Regan Wolfrom, Ryan Alexander</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Just a Minute <i>comedy, GoH, hot dish, performance</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Paul Cornell will once again host his favorite game of talking and thinking at the same time. The combination is something most of us aren't particularly used to. <i>C. Robert Cargill, Dawn Krosnowski, Eryn Hildebrand, Paul Cornell, Scott Lynch</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Sci-Fail: The Skepchick Movie Review <i>current, movies, Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina A panel of experts reviews some of the best but mostly the worst moments in science found in recent cinematic offerings. <i>Dr Rubidium, Nicole Gugliucci, Rebecca Watson, Ryan Consell (mod), Siouxsie Wiles</i>
	Geek Flirt 101

10:00pm - 11:00pm	<i>social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 There's a cute other person, and he or she seems to be checking you out. Conventions can encourage people to lose their inhibitions, which can create some awkward moments. Learn how to figure out true interest, or just likes your costume. <i>Cat Wagner,Holley McLellan,Jenn Baye,Sean Eberle,Sigrid Ellis</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Fables Fan Panel <i>comics,current,fan,theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 What happens when fairy-tale creatures are exiled to real-world New York? Come discuss your favorite moments from the comic series, slated to end next year. <i>Alexa Wilson,Garrick Dietze,Kevin Eldridge,Shawn van Briesen</i>
10:00pm - 12:30am	Shoulder Dragon - Make a Pet <i>activity,Sandbox,teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Advanced practice crafting! For those who want a more in-depth activity; come early, no new dragons will be started after 11:30. <i>Ruth Thompson</i>

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10:30pm - 12:00am	Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating Th <i>hot dish</i> Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating: Fire up the warp engines and set a course for love! Limited space available. Line opens at 10:15p. Participants must be 18 or over. 90 minutes. <i>Andrew Davies,Beth Rogers,Erin Frandrup,Kari Keene</i>
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11:30pm - 12:30am	Retconning Magic Into Technology <i>hot dish,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 As our technology advances, what used to be considered magic in real life is now (or will soon be) technology. We will look at magic in fiction and see how it could be done with technology. <i>Craig A. Finseth,Lathan Murrell,Renate Fiora</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Art of Burlesque <i>art,costuming,music</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Let's talk about how geek culture has infused burlesque, and applying your geek passion to learning the art of burlesque. What are the different styles and how can we blend them with our geekdom? <i>Holly Spilker,Michelle Farley,Mona Montague,Opiumm Hayze,Pepper Sunshine</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Panel 237 <i>GoH,movies</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Inspired by the documentary Room 237, four panelist give their craziest explanations of what their favorite films are *actually* about. <i>Bill Stiteler,C. Robert Cargill,Melissa Kaercher,Tim Wick</i>

11:30pm - 12:30am	Dr. Horrible's Sing-a-Long Blog <i>Joss,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Joss Whedon's "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog" is a delightfully hilarious exploration of love and evil featuring Nathan Fillion, Neil Patrick Harris and Felicia Day. <i>Barbara Jungbauer (mod)</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Physics of Impossible Costumes <i>art,costuming,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 We'll discuss the physics of our favorite highly unlikely costumes, from unreal women's shapes and male upper bodies to unrealistic body armor. <i>Christopher Jones,Karine Charlebois,Marie Porter,Ryan Consell,Sarah Barsness</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Kink IRL - Turning fantasy into reality <i>hot dish,social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Ever wonder if people really engage in the kink lifestyle? Curious about bondage, dominance/submission, or even whips and chains? Meet organizers of the local BDSM community to learn about the real world of kink & get answers to your burning questions. <i>Betsy Brown,Erin McCauley,James Douthitt,Joshua Hawkins,Katie Sueker (mod)</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle - Th <i>music</i> DoubleTree Edina A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.
11:30pm - 12:30am	Non-monogamous Relationship Structures <i>Skepchicks,social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Polyamorous relationships are portrayed in multiple ways, from Sister Wives to the works of Robert Heinlein. We'll discuss the similarities and differences between fictional depictions and real life non-monogamy. <i>Benny S,Daisy F,Heina Dadabhoy,Lyndzi Miller,Samantha Bitner</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Minnesota Fringe Fandom <i>fan,hot dish</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 The MN Fringe Festival is an annual unjuried theater festival with every conceivable genre and style. Let's talk about why it's awesome, why people should go, and the many things it has in common with fandom and an enormous spread-out con. <i>Claire Alexander,Phillip Andrew Bennett Low,Rob Callahan,Windy Bowlsby</i>

Friday July 4

9:30am - 10:30am	Disabled Persons in Fiction <i>books,comics,hot dish,social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Professor X and Daredevil are possibly twice as heroic as any other superhero. Is their disability written well? <i>Haddayr Copley-Woods,Meghan Williams MA LMFT,Vetnita Anderson</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Can Sci-Fi Keep Up? <i>books,movies,STEM,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Is sci-fi able to keep up with technology? Snow Crash and Necromancer are already

	<p>outdated, to give just a few examples. Does technology move faster than our imaginations? <i>Craig Cormick, Eric Staggs, Lee Harris, Pete Hautman, Tyler Tork</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Artist Egos <i>art, Skepchicks</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Artists tie their identity to art in ways those in many other fields do not. We'll discuss imposter syndrome, dealing with thinking we're the best until someone better comes along, and how to overcome psychological obstacles to flourish as artists. <i>Amy Roth, Ashley Hamer, Beth Voigt, Mona Montague</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Adventure Time Fan Panel <i>children, current, fan, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 This Cartoon Network show continues to grow in popularity. What about Finn and Jake's adventures in the Land of Ooo make it so appealing? <i>Boris Smelov, Lori Fischer</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Historical Costuming <i>art, costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Come learn about and discuss historical and semi-historical costuming. We'll discuss tips and resources, timelines, silhouettes, structuring, and more. <i>Brandy Danaki, Kath Dimmich, Mary McKinley, Rae DreamStitcher, Sarah Barsness</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Doctor Who for Kids <i>children, Dr Who, TV</i> DoubleTree Bloomington How many of us grew up watching the Doctor explore the universe with his companions? Have you shown any of the new series (or old series) to your kids? <i>Holley McLellan (mod), Jules Mohr, Karine Charlebois, Michael Damian Thomas, Shawn van Briesen</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Real Monsters <i>horror, myth, Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina Reality is stranger than fiction. The deep seas and uncharted lands hold unimaginably bizarre creatures. This panel explores some of the strangest, ugliest, and most unlikely creatures known to live. <i>Brianne Bilyeu, Matt Kuchta, PZ Myers, Ryan Consell, Siouxsie Wiles</i></p>
9:30am - 12:00pm	<p>14th Annual IKV WarHammer Invitational Bat'leth Tournament DoubleTree Garden Court SW Worthy warriors are invited to join the Klingons Friday morning 9:30 poolside as they fight for a cure against diabetes. Certifications are at 9:30 with the tourny beginning at 10:00. Entry fee is \$10.00 and all proceeds go to the American Diabetes Assoc. <i>George Richard</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Where's the Creature from the Black Lagoon? <i>classic, movies</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 By now every other Universal Monster is basically a genre unto itself, with movies in the dozens. When's the Creature from the Black Lagoon gonna get some love? <i>David Annandale, Joel Arnold, Lathan Murrell</i></p>
	<p>Hard SF Movies are Back!</p>

9:30am - 10:30am	<i>current,movies</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 With the recent releases of "Gravity" and "Ender's Game," hard SF movies are back. Will this trend last? <i>Carrie Patel,Dave Margosian,Mark McPherson,Romeo Azar</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Kids' Science Play <i>activity,children,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Make a mess, have some fun, and learn about the world around you. <i>Amy Murphy,Angie Anderson,Dierdre Schultz,Jana Worrall</i>

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11:00am - 12:00pm	Reading - Lee Harris <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Lee Harris will be reading from his work. <i>Lee Harris</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Good Tech, Evil Tech <i>books,movies,STEM,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 When in our stories did technology shift from being the answer to being the problem? Is it cyclical? We'll discuss examples and trends in books, TV, and movies. <i>Christoforo Pasqualette,Craig Cormick,Emmy Jackson,Ozgur K. Sahin,Regan Wolfrom</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Mark Time Show Retrospective and Playback <i>audio</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Jerry Stearns and Brian Price will play and discuss highlights of a 16 year run of live main stage shows that included Mark Time (David Ossman, Phil Proctor), Wally Wingert, Michael Sheard, and the usual cast of nuts like Tim and Windy. <i>Brian Price,Jerry Stearns</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Geek Fitness - How to Outrun the Zombies <i>DIY,GoH,hot dish</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Rule 1 - cardio. Then what? <i>Caitlin Ericson,Elizabeth Bear,Emma Bull,Erica Schaub</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Women in STEM <i>Skepchicks,social,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Women in STEM discuss women's current work and achievements in these fields as well as the future. How do we get more women in STEM and why does it matter? What are the challenges and opportunities girls and women face and how is this changing? <i>Michelle Cadieux,Nicole Gugliucci,Siouxie Wiles,Skatje Myers</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Gargoyles Radio Play Auditions - Fr <i>audio,Gargoyles,GoH,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Ever wanted to be in a radio play? Now is your chance! We are holding auditions for a live performance at CONvergence! You don't even have to be a fan of Gargoyles to enter. You just have to know how to read! <i>Greg Weisman,Jennifer Anderson</i>

11:00am - 12:00pm	Signing - Wesley Chu <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Wesley Chu</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	What's Opera, Doc? <i>music,myth</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Opera and other musical theater often contain fantastical elements, from Valkyries to phantoms to magic flutes. Let's dig into these musical tales of wonder. <i>Holly Day,Melissa Kaercher (mod),Ruth Berman,Tim Lieder</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Suspension of Disbelief in Urban Fantasy <i>books,theme</i> DoubleTree Edina Are there specific challenges to getting readers to accept fantastical elements in a real-world setting? Is it a harder sell to get people to accept vampires in NY and fairies running around Minnehaha than similar elements within a purely fantastic world? <i>Haddayr Copley-Woods,JD Horn,Laura Zats,Roy C. Booth</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Tea Dueling <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court NW See description under CoF2E2. <i>Caroline Symcox,Paul Cornell</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Ask a Librarian <i>books,business</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Are you interested in the profession? Do you want to know how to organize your library? How should you take care of your old photos? What does it take and mean to be a professional in the digital era? <i>Hilary Moon Murphy,Jenni Klumpp,Kathryn Sullivan,Lynne M. Thomas,Sarah Barsness</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Rise of the Web Series <i>GoH,web</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 The way in which we get our media is constantly changing and the web series represents one of the most dramatic shifts in content distribution. Let's talk about this rapidly growing platform. <i>Amy Berg,Gordon Smuder,Kyle Dekker</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Zombify Your Plushie <i>activity,DIY,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 The Zombie Apocalypse is upon us!! However, they are so cute that no one really minds. Julie Bowman will show you how to turn a cute and adorable Plush Creature into an even cuter and more adorable Plush Zombie. <i>Julie Bowman</i>

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12:30pm -	Reading - David Annandale <i>reading</i>
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1:30pm	DoubleTree 2201 David Annandale reads from his new work. <i>David Annandale</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	So You Want to Be a Panelist? <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Veteran panelists and moderators will share what works and what doesn't. It will also cover the CONvergence panel process. <i>Craig A. Finseth, Elise Matthesen, Melissa Kaercher, Michael Lee, Rachel Kronick</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Dresden Files <i>books, comics, current, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Skin Game has been out for a month and tells the tale of Harry's team-up with Nicodemus to steal the Holy Grail from Hades. How has Book 15 expanded the Dresden universe we knew? Spoilers will abound--you have been warned. <i>Cetius d'Raven, Robert Wagner, Samma Johnson</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Steampunk in the Details <i>costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Join Steam Century in a venue showcasing the technical skills that we don't have the time or space to appreciate in the hallways! Show off your favorite steampunk gear and speak about the details of your costume. Vote for you favorites! <i>Cassandra Fabian</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Marvel Film Roundup <i>movies, superhero</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Thor: The Dark World and Captain America: The Winter Soldier have been out, and Agents of SHIELD, Guardians of the Galaxy, The Defenders, and Ant Man are on the horizon. How do they all compare? What do you want to see next? <i>Allyson Cygan, John Seavey, Lyda Morehouse, Neil Anderson, Shaun Duke</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Storytelling 101 <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Three powerhouses of writing come together to hash out, once and for all, the best way to write a story. (Panel preview: just do what works!) <i>C. Robert Cargill, Elizabeth Bear, Scott Lynch</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Signing - Adam Whitlatch / Tim Lieder <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Adam Whitlatch, Tim Lieder</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Fear and Trembling <i>performance, theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington A one-man storytelling show showcasing urban fantasy. <i>Phillip Andrew Bennett Low</i>
12:30pm -	Ask a Scientist <i>Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina

1:30pm	A general Q & A with expert scientists from a variety of fields. <i>Bug Girl,Dr Rubidium,Lathan Murrell,Matt Kuchta,PZ Myers</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Yoga Quest <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SW YogaQuest is back for its third year! Join Justini Yogini and the YoGeeks for A Very Supernatural narrated yoga adventure with Sam, Dean, and Castiel. Never done yoga? No problem! Come prepared to move! <i>Jenny Milos,Justine Mastin,Kris Regeth</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Northstar Rollergirls Training Camp <i>hot dish,performance</i> DoubleTree Outdoors Come watch, learn, and even assist the North Star Roller Girls in some usual training drills and some very unusual ones as well! We'll be looking for volunteers to help the girls out and even win prizes! We promise that we only hurt the ones we love. <i>Windy Bowlsby</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Show Us Your Ugly Things <i>art,Skepchicks</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Do you make art that nobody's ever seen? Do you play music only in the safety of your bedroom? A team of artists from Mad Art Lab will discuss ways to get over your fear of failure and show you why you should be proud of even your ugliest creations. <i>Amy Roth,Anne Sauer,Ashley Hamer,Emily Finke,Ryan Consell</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	From TV to Comics <i>comics,GoH,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 We'll discuss the TV shows that expanded into the comicverse, such as Buffy, Smallville, and Gargoyles. Did they succeed? Were any of the comics improvements on the shows? How did canon change during the transition? <i>Christopher Jones,Greg Guler,Greg Weisman,Jonathan Palmer,Karine Charlebois,Shawn van Briesen</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Edible Astronomy <i>activity,Sandbox,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Astronomy is the study of things far away, but you can explore moons, planets, and spaceships with materials you have in your own kitchen! <i>Nicole Gugliucci</i>

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2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reading - Kelly McCullough <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Kelly McCullough will read from his works. <i>Kelly McCullough</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	You Against the Game <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Not all of us like competing against each other. What are good games that have the players

	<p>work against the game? Lord of the Rings and Pandemic are two examples: there must be more.</p> <p><i>Carrie Patel, Craig A. Finseth, Dave Benhart, Michael Black, Walter Sullivan</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>X-Files Retrospective <i>theme, TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Mulder and Scully continue to be pop-culture touchstones, and X-Files remains one of the best examples of Urban Sci-Fi ever televised. What made this show so successful?</p> <p><i>Allyson Cygan, Cetius d'Raven (mod), Danielle Indovino, Daren Johnson, Nicole Gugliucci</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>10 Must-See Anime Movies <i>Anime, GoH, movies</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Panelists will talk about their top-ten anime movies. Bring your favorites and join the discussion.</p> <p><i>Anna Waltz, Frank Paur, Heather Deakman, Mark McPherson, Samma Johnson</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Powerpoint Karaoke <i>comedy, GoH, hot dish, performance</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>Four people take on a PowerPoint presentation they've never seen before, and which makes no sense!</p> <p><i>Barb Abney, Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Derek 'Duck' Washington, Joseph Scrimshaw, Melissa Kaercher, Molly Glover, Paul Cornell, Sharon Stiteler, Tim Wick</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Home Audio Recording Studio <i>DIY, GoH</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>How to set up a high-quality home recording studio...on a budget.</p> <p><i>Bruce Miller, Matthew Ebel, Richard Wielgosz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Signing - Emma Bull / Will Shetterly <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table</p> <p><i>Emma Bull, Will Shetterly</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>War for the Oaks' Influence on Urban Fantasy <i>books, GoH, theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>How has Emma Bull's War for the Oaks influenced the Urban Fantasy genre?</p> <p><i>Dana Baird, David Lenander, Elizabeth Bear, Scott Lynch</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Signing - Christopher Jones / Greg Weisman / Greg Guler <i>GoH, signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</p> <p><i>Christopher Jones, Greg Guler, Greg Weisman</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Creating Convincing Magic Systems in Urban Fantasy <i>STEM, theme, writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>How do you incorporate technology into your magic, and vice-versa.</p> <p><i>Adam Stemple, Ozgur K. Sahin, Roy C. Booth, Ryan Consell, Tyler Tork</i></p>
	<p>Human Combat Chess</p>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	DoubleTree Garden Court SW Two teams assume the positions of pieces on a life-sized chess board and play a game of chess. When a square is contested, the board is cleared, and the two pieces fight a duel with a variety of weapons from throughout history. <i>Skot Rieffer</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Grounded Parenting <i>Skepchicks, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 How do busy parents sort through the mounds of parenting information and advice available today? We'll debunk myths and discuss how we cope with the realities and societal expectations parents and children face every day. <i>Daisy F, Katie Anderson, Mary Brock, Melanie Mallon, Tammy Anderson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Meet Sarah Clemens and Her Work <i>GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Guest of Honor Sarah Clemens will present a multi-media overview of her work. <i>Sarah Clemens</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Iron Pen <i>activity, GPS, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Stretch your creative muscles by writing a 100-word story based on a surprise prompt item. Entries will be judged during the weekend and the winners announced at the end of the convention. <i>Heather Bufkin</i>

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3:30pm - 4:30pm	Reading - Dana Baird <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Dana Baird will read from her own work. <i>Dana Baird</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Convergence Events Open Meeting <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Get an update on the latest with the organization that runs CONvergence with members of the Convergence Events Board of Directors. <i>Christin 'LeXi' Davies, Michael Lee</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Making Urban Fantasy More Urban <i>theme, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Large cities around the world have diverse populations and urban-specific problems: transportation, economic inequity, getting food, etc. Let's talk about urban fantasy that reflects cities as we know and love/loathe them. <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Catherine Lundoff, Christoforo Pasquarette, Kara Redding</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	One on One with Amy Berg <i>one-on-one, GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 <i>Amy Berg, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod)</i>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Creating Gargoyles <i>Gargoyles,GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 The creators of Gargoyles show clips and tell stories of how the show came to be. <i>Frank Paur,Greg Guler,Greg Weisman</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Making Space Sound Interesting <i>audio,podcast,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 How to write and produce science fiction audio theater that doesn't sound like it is stuck inside a tin can. <i>Brian Price,Clayton Faits,Jeffrey Gardner,Jerry Stearns</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Signing - Rob Callahan / Kathy Sullivan <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Kathryn Sullivan,Rob Callahan</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Junkfood Cinema Live! <i>GoH,performance,podcast</i> DoubleTree Bloomington C. Robert Cargill and Brian Salisbury present a live recording of their world famous podcast - Junkfood Cinema! <i>Brian Salisbury,C. Robert Cargill</i></p>
3:30pm - 8:00pm	<p>Signing - Marina Sirtis 1 <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Marina Sirtis</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Things I Wish I'd Known Before I Started Writing <i>books,GoH,writing</i> DoubleTree Edina There are easy ways to write and there are mind-bogglingly difficult ways to write. Wouldn't it be nice if someone told you which is which? <i>Adam Stemple,Kelly McCullough,Lynne M. Thomas,Scott Lynch,Will Shetterly</i></p>
3:30pm - 6:00pm	<p>Assassins Guild Boffing DoubleTree Garden Court SW Join the Assassins Guild for boffer weapon training and practice in preparation for Saturday's big event, The Assassins Guild Grand Boffing Tournament. To participate you must be 18 yrs or older, 14 yrs old with parental consent.</p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Paul Cornell's Advanced Cricket for Americans <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Outdoors Paul Cornell continues to educate Americans on the intricacies of a game that none of us really understand. There will be actual cricket involved. <i>Paul Cornell</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Wolfram & Hart: A Legal Firm (Not an Ethical Firm) <i>Joss,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 In the TV series Angel, the law firm of Wolfram & Hart defended clients with moral</p>

	<p>turpitude and used every force at its disposal to win. What is real in how the firm conducted its business? And do the Senior Partners really need to have passed the Bar? <i>Ann Laabs,Cetius d'Raven,Tim Lieder</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>You Can't Cosplay That! <i>costuming,social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Want to cosplay a certain character but you differ from the original in body-type, race, gender or age? Do these matter? Should they? Come and discuss these issues with others who have been there, or wish to be. <i>Camille McAloney,Cynn Anthony,Hal Bichel,Kat Brown,Samantha Bitner</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Costume Sketching <i>activity,GoH,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 A chance to draw your favorite characters in real life. Drawing ability optional. <i>Christine Mitzuk,Sarah Clemens</i></p>

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5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Reading - Doug Hulick <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Doug Hulick will read from his work <i>Doug Hulick</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Crafting While You're Fanning <i>art,DIY,fan</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Using crafts to explore your fandom. How do you express your fannish nature through your crafts? <i>Brandy Danaki,Julie Bowman,Lyndzi Miller,Michael Zecca,Ryan Consell</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Gaming When You Have a Life <i>gaming,social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Mods and DMs, how do you handle being adequately prepared to give your players the best possible experience when you're balancing family, a full-time job, etc. We'll discuss Pathfinder Adventure Paths and other timesaving options. <i>Beth Kinderman,Laura Thurston,Mark DiPasquale,Paul Weimer,Rachel Kronick</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Best Urban Fantasy Books <i>books,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 The genre is broad and contains a lot of different storytelling styles. What are some of your favorites? <i>David Lenander,Lee Harris,Renate Fiora (mod),Robert Wagner</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Alien Conspiracy Theories <i>GoH,myth,Skepchicks</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 The truth is out there, and we'll help you find it! We'll cover a wide range of alien-centric conspiracy theories and discuss the implications these have on individuals and society at large. <i>JD Horn,Jason Thibeault,Nicole Gugliucci,PZ Myers,Scott Lynch</i></p>

5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Cyberpunk 101 <i>books,gaming,movies,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7 Discuss the cyberpunk genre in books, film, and games; from Neuromancer and Snow Crash to Deus Ex and The Matrix. <i>Christoforo Pasquarette,Elizabeth Bear,Eric Staggs,Lyda Morehouse,Spencer Kennedy</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Signing - Dana Baird / Kelly McCullough <i>signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table</p> <p><i>Dana Baird,Kelly McCullough</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Paranormal Romance vs. Urban Fantasy <i>books,GoH,theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington With the popularity of paranormal romance, has romance become a fixture in most urban fantasy to a degree? What about the combo of romance, action, and magic keeps drawing readers? What's out there for readers who want less kissing and more butt-kicking? <i>Ashley F. Miller,Cetius d'Raven (mod),Emma Bull,Melissa Olson,Rory Ni Coileain</i></p>
5:00pm - 7:00pm	<p>Signing - Greg Guler 2 <i>GoH,signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central</p> <p><i>Greg Guler</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Doctor Who at 50 <i>Dr Who,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina We only got two episodes of Doctor Who this year, but they were some big ones. Come discuss the anniversary celebration, the first multi-Doctor special of the new era, and the departure of Matt Smith! <i>Kathryn Sullivan,Lynne M. Thomas,Rob Callahan,Shawn van Briesen,Tim Lieder</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Judging a Book by Its Cover <i>art,books,comedy,performance</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Our team of experts will determine the plot of a book based entirely upon what they see in its cover art. <i>Dawn Krosnowski,Jerry Belich,Melissa Kaercher,Molly Glover,Nick Glover,Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Campaign CONvergence <i>comedy,hot dish,performance</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 THE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE IS BACK! Come listen, laugh, and heckle this year's candidates: Cookie Monster, Dr. Sheldon Cooper, and Harley Quinn as they debate each other and attempt to woo you for your vote which can be cast in party room 123. <i>Cookie Monster,Harley Quinn,Sheldon Cooper,The Moderator</i></p>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	<p>Make Your Own Spellbook <i>activity,Sandbox</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Come learn a binding spell... wait, no, learn how to bind your spells! <i>Jana Worrall</i></p>

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7:00pm - 8:00pm	Friends of Bill W - Fr DoubleTree Atrium 2
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Movie Costuming <i>costuming,DIY</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 How to make movie quality costumes and do it on a budget. <i>Erin Schneider,Maggie Schultz,Marie Porter,Mary McKinley</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Time Travel Theory <i>GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Let's assume for a moment that Time Travel is possible. This panel will explore the theories behind such technology. We'll explore quantum realities, temporal anomalies and all other challenges our theoretical time travelers will be face! <i>Amy Berg,G. David Nordley,Greg Weisman,Jim Kakalios,Nicole Gugliucci</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Where's the Magic? <i>books,movies,STEM,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Increasingly, writers feel the need to include a scientific (or pseudoscientific) explanation for strange events and objects, rather than simply having a fantastical or magical explanation. Why is this the case? Does it work? <i>Doug Hulick,Kameron Hurley,Kelly McCullough,Martha Wells,Sean M. Murphy</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Being a Supernatural in Today's World <i>GoH,social,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Discussing the trials and tribulations of being a vampire, werewolf, or other supernatural in today's world of cameras, biometrics, passports, and identity verification. <i>Craig A. Finseth,Emma Bull,Kenneth Konkol,Kris Halseth,Melissa Olson</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Coming Out Atheist <i>GLBTQ,Skepchicks,social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Join us to discuss what it's like to come out as an atheist in various parts of the country, with different religious backgrounds, and the intersection for many of us with coming out in other ways, such as in sexual orientation and gender identity. <i>Ashley F. Miller,Brianne Bilyeu,Debbie Goddard,Heina Dadabhoy,PZ Myers</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Movie Year in Review <i>current,GoH,movies</i> DoubleTree Edina 12 months later, it is time to take another look at the year in Film. What are the undiscovered gems? What is the over discovered crap? What movies do you talk to your friends about all the time? <i>Ben Ellis,Brian Salisbury,C. Robert Cargill,Mark McPherson,Melissa Kaercher</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Teens Ask a Scientist <i>STEM,teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Our panel of scientists will answer questions, with the answers geared for the teen crowd.

	<i>Caleph Wilson, Dan Berliner, Jenn Baye, Matt Lowry, Steven Theiss</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Superheroes in Our Modern-Day Pantheons <i>comics, movies, myth, Skepchicks, superhero</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Nobody really worships Hercules or Thor as Greek and Norse gods anymore, but don't despair, because now they're both members of The Avengers. This panel will explore the commonalities and differences between our ancient and modern pantheons. <i>David Schwartz, Jason Thibeault, Jonathan Palmer, Roy T Cook, Ryan Consell</i>
7:00pm - 9:30pm	Zombie Mob <i>activity, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Come join our zombie assembly line! Makeup and open wounds supplied; wear clothes you don't mind staining. (You may also want to take a look at this video, in case you want to join the post-panel dancing: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3LTEjy3U7Q) <i>Carla Mantel, Jana Worrall, Jim Shields, John Garner, Nikita Dragonrose</i>

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8:30pm - 10:00pm	Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating (GLBTQ) Fr <i>GLBTQ, hot dish</i> Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Warp Factor 9 Speed Dating: Fire up the warp engines and set a course for love! Limited space available. Line opens at 8:15p, Participants must be 18 or over. 90 minutes. <i>Andrew Davies, Beth Rogers, Erin Frandrup, Kari Keene</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Good Food, Bad Food <i>Skepchicks, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 What are the ethical dimensions of our food choices? Is buying local really better than buying imported? What's up with veganism? How do things like socioeconomic status, mental health, and disability intersect with the ethics of food consumption? <i>Chrissy Komjathy, Courtney Caldwell, Julia Burke, Sari Hagen, Will Robertson</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Author Websites <i>business, web, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Creating and maintaining an interesting and useful author website is no easy task. What are some handy hints? <i>Haddayr Copley-Woods, Regan Wolfrom, Tania Richter, Tyler Tork</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Cartoons - Why Can't We Make Them in the US? <i>animation, Anime, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Exploring the wide variety of Japanese Anime vs. limited number of American cartoons. How are the audiences different, and what is it about Japanese culture that makes it so voluminous? Do we just like our films better than our TV? <i>Dave Margosian, Mark McPherson, Shawn van Briesen</i>
8:30pm - 11:00pm	2014 Midwest Sci-Fi Short Film Festival <i>movies, performance</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Once again we present a showcase of local filmmaking talent. Come enjoy our sixth year of fantastic locally produced short films. <i>Troy LaFaye (mod)</i>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	Tell Me That Again! Classic Stories Retold <i>books,myth</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Most stories have been told before! What folktales, myths, and legends did Shakespeare tell in his plays? What classic stories are being retold in episodes of Star Trek, the Avengers, or the Big Bang Theory? <i>Aimee Kuzenski,Joseph Erickson,Naomi Kritzer,Sarah Prentice,Tex Thompson</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Signing - Martha Wells / David Annandale <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>David Annandale,Martha Wells</i>
8:30pm - 11:00pm	Main Stage Overflow - Fr DoubleTree Bloomington Can't get in to main stage performances? Come watch them on our giant projection screen!
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Breaking Bad Science <i>Skepchicks,STEM,TV</i> DoubleTree Edina We'll discuss the science behind the murder, meth, and mayhem of the show, from chemistry to forensics, as well as the social science of the anti-hero--how "normal" people can end up doing terrible things, yet the audience still roots for them. <i>Amanda Leinbaugh,Amanda Marcotte,Dr Rubidium,Rebecca Watson (mod)</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Welcome to Night Vale Fan Panel <i>audio,horror,podcast,theme</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Earth is a hallucination, podcasts are dreams. Let's talk about the eerie, spooky elements of "Welcome to Night Vale." What happens when you cross Prairie Home Companion and HP Lovecraft? <i>Beth Kinderman,David Schwartz,Jo Thrace,Molly Glover,Ryan Alexander</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	iOS vs. Android <i>current,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Can't we all just get along? Users share their favorite traits of the system they *DON'T* use. (Where do we put the Windows user?) <i>Dave Benhart,Doug Yoder (mod),Jerry Belich,Michael Zecca,Michele Webber</i>

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10:00pm - 11:00pm	Shadowrun: 25 years of Urban Fantasy Gaming <i>gaming,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Shadowrun, our favorite cyberpunk urban fantasy RPG, is now in its 5th edition and boasts a book series, CCG, computer games and even an upcoming MMO. Let's discuss what we love about this setting and what keeps us running the shadows! <i>Hertzey Hertz,Kevin Horner (mod),Matt Midwinter,Michael Carus,Pedro Rodriguez</i>
10:00pm -	Jane Austen Mashups <i>books,horror,web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 It's the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's works. Let's discuss the various takeoffs,

11:00pm	mashups, and homages, from vampire and zombies to Twitter accounts. <i>Catherine Lundoff, Hilary Moon Murphy, Joan Sullivan, Samma Johnson (mod), Sarah Barsness</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Sexual Quandaries <i>GLBTQ, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Come discuss and learn about fetishes, sexual alternatives, and interests in an open, Geek-friendly forum where you are more than welcome to ask questions, define limitations, and find out just what the heck that even means. <i>Damarra A, Ken Akin, Kethry Burke-Scovill, Samantha Bitner, Sean Eberle</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Evolution of Fan Fiction <i>current, fanfic, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Fan fiction is not just for 13-year-olds. How has fan fiction evolved, who reads and writes it, and where is it going? Come discuss your favorite fan-made creations. <i>Jo Thrace, Katie Tremaine, Lee Blauersouth, Michelle Farley</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Things I Licked for Science <i>Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina Bugs, rocks, bones, and more--licking is a common methodology in more scientific fields than you've ever imagined. Come hear the stories and get a taste (literally and figuratively) of the what and the why from scientists across multiple disciplines. <i>Anne Sauer, Bug Girl, Desiree Schell (mod), Emily Finke, Matt Kuchta</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Xanadu Cinema Pleasure Dome Live Podcast <i>GoH, movies, podcast</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 The ladies of the XCPD podcast will be recording live, geeking out about geeky movies. <i>C. Robert Cargill, Melissa Kaercher, Windy Bowlsby</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Screw It! Nerds Tasting Nerdy Wines <i>hot dish, podcast</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Not-wine/nerd-experts sample the following geeky imbibements: Downton Abbey Bordeaux Claret 2012, Middle-Earth Pinot Noir, and Fangria "all Spanish...all vampire." This will be recorded for wine.xtlpodcast.com. <i>Bill Stiteler, Dawn Krosnowski, Lana Rosario, Sharon Stiteler</i>
10:00pm - 12:30am	Sandbox After Dark: Art is Skin Deep <i>activity, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 You're beautiful. You know it. We all know it. Just imagine how beautiful you'd be with neon tiger stripes! Sandbox After Dark presents: Body Painting! You paint, we paint, it's fun for everybody. 18+ Bring ID. <i>Jim Shields, John Garner</i>

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<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Tech Sex <i>Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 New technology is often used to explore sexuality and sexual identity; its more sexually charged uses often determine the course for technological innovations. We will explore the complex intersections of sexuality, gender, identity, and technology. <i>Catherine Lundoff,Heina Dadabhoy,Lyndzi Miller,Miri Mogilevsky,Samantha Bitner</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Why Do All My Heroes Have Diagnoses? <i>social,superhero</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 From high-functioning sociopaths to physicists with strong Asperger's tendencies, it seems all our heroes have something going on these days. This panel will explore examples of modern fandoms with heroes who are living with disabilities. <i>Anna Waltz,Derek Hanisch,Justine Mastin,Lathan Murrell,Vetnita Anderson</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>The Zombie Environment <i>theme,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Since Romero, zombies have become a universal archetype for the decay of society. However, they're usually just an environment for your characters to exist in. <i>Adam Stemple,Adam Whitlatch,Dr Rubidium,Eric Staggs,Regan Wolfrom</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Killer B's Improv Movie Show <i>comedy,movies,performance</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Our team of expert improvisers will create brand new dialogue, commentary, and Theremin score to some of the most deliciously odd film clips you will ever see... and they will do it without ever having seen the films before! <i>Aric McKeown,Chad Dutton,Jerry Belich,Joseph Scrimshaw,Kelvin Hatle,Melissa Kaercher,Molly Glover,Tim Uren,Tony Brewer</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Slash Fanfic Review <i>books,current,fan,slash</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Tropes, shifts, and recs from the last year in slash fandom <i>Jo Thrace,Kamuran Paradis,Lee Blauersouth,Mara Kapp</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Superstimuli: My, What a Big _____ You Have! <i>Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Doing stupid things to attract mates isn't limited only to humans. From the peacock's tail to the bird of paradise mating game, evolution itself makes animals go to ridiculous lengths for the sake of reproduction. <i>Bug Girl,Emily Finke,Matt Kuchta,PZ Myers,Sharon Stiteler</i></p>
<p>11:30pm - 12:30am</p>	<p>Late Night Music Circle - Fr <i>music</i> DoubleTree Edina A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.</p>

11:30pm - 12:30am	Young Justice Meetup <i>fan,GoH</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SE Writer Greg Weisman and artist Christopher Jones host an informal gathering for fans of Young Justice! Come hang out, chat, get autographs and take photos. Cosplay is encouraged but not mandatory! <i>Christopher Jones,Greg Weisman,Hal Bichel</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	It's (Not) Written in the Stars <i>myth,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 We'll explore the myths and beliefs of astrology and why some people still find it convincing in the modern age of science. <i>Brianne Bilyeu,Dan Berliner,Jason Thibeault,Matt Lowry,Nicole Gugliucci</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Pun-el <i>comedy</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Lowest form of humor? We don't know about that. What we do know is that if you hate puns and you come to this panel anyway, it's a form of self-punishment. <i>Bob Alberti,Brian Salisbury,Edward Eastman,Maggie Schultz</i>

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9:30am - 10:30am	Masquerade Orientation <i>CONvergence,costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 All entries in the masquerade need to attend in preparation for the show and rehearsals on Saturday. <i>Deborah Mullen</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	FitMyths <i>Skepchicks,social,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Does kinesio tape work? Should you run during pregnancy? How many beers can you drink while running? We'll discuss fitness science and myths as well as the fitness community, from Fitspiration, bro science, and paleo to fat shaming and support groups. <i>Ashley Hamer,Heina Dadabhoy,Jamie Bernstein,Julia Burke,Olivia James</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Cartoons You Can Watch With Your Kids <i>animation,children,GoH,teen</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Phineas and Ferb and the Pixar movies have great stories that adults can get into as well. What are some others and why do you like them? <i>Greg Guler,Karine Charlebois,Mark McPherson,Samma Johnson,Scott Pearson</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Super Academy <i>current,superhero,video,web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Super Academy is an upcoming Minneapolis-based superhero webseries about a college for superheroes. We will discuss the series and what goes into independent film. <i>Alex Jeffrey,Ben Lifson,Jacob Gulliver,Kyle Dekker,Ted Femrite</i>
9:30am -	Your Grampa's Gods - Why Should You Care? <i>teen,theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington

10:30am	Revisiting fantasy ideas in Young Adult urban fantasy. How are Rick Riordan (Percy Jackson) and Eoin Colfer (Artemis Fowl) shaping the field? <i>Christine Norris, Jody Wurl, Vetrina Anderson</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Signing - Gargoyles <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Frank Paur, Greg Weisman, Marina Sirtis</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Kids Ask a Scientist <i>children, STEM</i> DoubleTree Edina Our panel of scientists will answer questions, with the answers geared for the 12-and-under set. <i>Brianne Bilyeu, Camille McAloney, Lori Fischer, Nicole Gugliucci, Siouxsie Wiles</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Haidong Gumdo Real Sword Training Demo DoubleTree Garden Court SW Haidong Gumdo, The Way of the Sword, is an ancient and noble martial art from Korea. This demo will include cutting drills and forms and give you an insight and info on this ancient martial art. <i>George Richard</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Northstar Rollergirls Trivia or Dare <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 The North Star Roller Girls are more than just bruises on a pair of skates; they're also some of the nerdiest, geekiest - and yeah, toughest - girls around. Team up with the derby girls to test your knowledge and/or their strength! <i>Windy Bowlsby</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Female Moral Development in Young Adult Fiction <i>books, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Exploring the empire of girl's moral development, what is of value to a growing girl, a look at authors such as Nnedi Okorofor. <i>David Lenander, Joan Sullivan, Katie Tremaine</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Fairy Wings and Rocket Packs <i>activity, children, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Come fly with us! Bring your imagination and your sleepy parents. <i>Angie Anderson, Carla Mantel, Renee Petersen</i>

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10:30am - 12:00pm	Signing - Marina Sirtis 2 <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Marina Sirtis</i>
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11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Reading - Wesley Chu <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Wesley Chu will read from his work. <i>Wesley Chu</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Meet GPS <i>GPS</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Learn about the latest workings of the Geek Partnership Society. News and updates about our clubs, events and work in the Geek community. <i>Ann Roubik, Charles Piehl, Danielle McKay, George Richard, Seth Chmelik, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Writing by Ear <i>audio, podcast, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 With the popularity of podcasts, audio drama is in the midst of a renaissance. Learn how writing for this medium differs from film or the stage, and discuss how to craft a compelling story using nothing but sound. We'll also cover equipment & marketing. <i>Aimee Kuzenski, Brian Price, Clayton Faits, Dave Walbridge, David Rheinstrom</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Business of Art <i>art, business, GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Join successful artists to discuss the business of art. How do you make a living with your art? What business skills do artists need to develop? <i>Amy Roth, Bob Alberti, Marie Porter, Matthew Ebel, Shawn van Briesen</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Once Upon a Story: Exploring Fairy Tales in Popular Culture <i>GoH, movies, myth, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 What do NBC's Grimm, Willingham's "Fables" and Disney have in common? They all propel fantastical stories of antiquity into modern times. Explore where we've come from and where we're going in myth, fairytale, and folklore. <i>Christine Norris, Dana Baird, Emma Bull, Martha Wells, Roy T Cook</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Signing - Emmy Jackson / Joel Arnold <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Emmy Jackson, Joel Arnold</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>How Star Trek's Space Travel Relates to World Peace <i>Star Trek, STEM</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Zefram Cochrane breaks the warp barrier in 2063 per Star Trek's timeline. Hunger, war, disease and poverty are eradicated by the 24th century. How do humans accomplish such a feat in less than 200 years? Do our actions today help or hinder such a future? <i>Kelly Cole, Kenneth Konkol, Michael Shappe, Richard Wielgosz</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Evolution of Disney Princesses <i>GoH, hot dish, social</i> DoubleTree Edina They started out helpless (Snow White), and now they're shooting arrows. What changed, and why? <i>Ashley F. Miller, Greg Guler, Kathryn Sullivan, Madeleine Rowe, Michelle Farley, Windy Bowsby</i></p>

11:00am - 6:00pm	ExploraDome <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SE
11:00am - 12:00pm	Science of Irrationality <i>Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Your brain has been deceiving you all your life! Our brains often trick us into making irrational decisions and it does so in ways that are generally predictable. No one is immune, not even you. Come learn how your own brain has been misleading you. <i>Bug Girl, Jamie Bernstein, Mary Brock, Megan Press, Miri Mogilevsky</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Do You Want to Play the Theremin? <i>GoH, music</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Guest Sarah Clemens will demonstrate the Theremin and present a history of the instrument. At the end of the panel, audience members will have their own chance to try it! <i>Jerry Belich, Sarah Clemens</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Pipecleaner Creatures <i>activity,DIY,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Amazing Soft Sculpture Artist Julie Bowman will be teaching all ages how to make wonderful creatures from the Flexible Master of Craft Materials...the Pipecleaner. Mosifications are also shown and it can get crazy from there. <i>Julie Bowman</i>

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12:30pm - 1:30pm	Reading - C Robert Cargill <i>GoH, reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Guest of honor C. Robert Cargill will read from his novel "Dreams and Shadows" and the sequel "Queen of the Dark Things." <i>C. Robert Cargill</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Grimm Fan Panel <i>current, fan, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Zombie-Nick, Krampus, and a royal assassination--things were busy in the NBC series' third season. How is Grimm's world shaping up and where do you think it's heading? <i>Alice Leber Cook, Ann Laabs, Cetius d'Raven, Kris Halseth, Linda White</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Computer Games: Review and Preview <i>current, gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 We'll discuss what's new and what's in development in the world of computer games. <i>Karl Tingelstad, Katie Tremaine, Michael Black, Michele Webber, Ross Conklin</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Production Design with Frank Paur <i>Gargoyles, GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Guest of Honor Frank Paur talks about the intricacies of Production design. He will provide insight into what it takes to define a series and why they do what they do in

	production. <i>Frank Paur</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Gargoyles Radio Play <i>audio,Gargoyles,GoH,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Fans and professionals perform a live Gargoyles radio play! <i>Greg Weisman,Jennifer Anderson,Marina Sirtis</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	City Building <i>GoH,theme,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 From cloud citadels to urban wastelands, any city has infrastructure needs: water, sewage, transportation. How will those be met? A discussion of good and bad city design in urban fantasy. <i>Christoforo Pasqualette,Emma Bull,Kathryn Sullivan,Shaun Duke,Tania Richter</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Signing - Joan Marie Verba and Doug Hulick <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Doug Hulick,Joan Marie Verba</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Criticism and Empathy Online <i>Skepchicks,social</i> DoubleTree Bloomington When people abuse anonymity to give hurtful, damaging criticism, is this merely a failure of empathy, or is there something more there? How do you criticize people without triggering a flame war? Should you even TRY to avoid flame wars? <i>Jason Thibeault,Kameron Hurley,Miri Mogilevsky,Ted Meissner,Wesley Chu</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Signing - Christopher Jones 2 <i>signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Christopher Jones</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Strong Female Characters - It's a Trap! <i>GoH,social,writing</i> DoubleTree Edina Different people have different ideas for what a strong female character should be. As a writer, how do you navigate those expectations? How do you create a strong female character without pointing out that she's "strong" and "female" - she just is? <i>Dana Baird,Elizabeth Bear,Lynne M. Thomas,Scott Lynch,Will Shetterly</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Giant Chess <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SW See what it's like to play with three foot wood. Appropriate for all ages, and any number of players per team is permitted. We'll coach on all levels of skill, so come wrestle some pieces against your friends. <i>Lina DiGioia</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Would Shakespeare Write Sci-Fi? <i>books</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 If Shakespeare lived today, would he write sci-fi? We see the influence of Shakespeare on

	creators like Joss Whedon. Would the Bard love sci-fi as a vehicle for his works? <i>Hilary Moon Murphy, Mark Goldberg</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	One on One with Sarah Clemens <i>one-on-one, GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 <i>Ruth Thompson (mod), Sarah Clemens</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Fluffball Puppets <i>activity, DIY, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Good enough to accompany any Gelfling on their adventure. <i>Brad Baerg, Kimberly Baerg</i>

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2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reading - Philip Andrew Bennett Low <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 <i>Phillip Andrew Bennett Low</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	The Writing of Science <i>GoH, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Exploring ways a writer can make science come to life on the page. It isn't just about making science correct, it is about making science interesting. <i>Amy Berg, G. David Nordley, Katie Tremaine</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Tea Geek Science Fiction Tea Tasting <i>demonstration, DIY</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Captain Picard had his Earl Grey, Sherlock loved his Lapsang Souchong. The Doctor never turned down a cup of English Breakfast unless the Cybermen were in hot pursuit. Learn the history of these unique tea blends from a certified Tea Geek.
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Raptor Center DoubleTree Atrium 4 <i>Danielle McKay</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Song of Ice and Fire and SCIENCE <i>books, Skepchicks, STEM, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 How do you get a planet with such bizarre seasons? What's the biological explanation for giant wolves, mammoths, and dragons? How does genetics work on Westerosi? We'll discuss all this and more. (Some spoilers possible.) <i>Dr Rubidium, Emily Finke, Nicole Gugliucci, Rebecca Watson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Gargoyles Biology and Culture <i>Gargoyles, GoH, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 A "what if" panel about the biology and culture of the Gargoyles universe? Creators and performers speculate about anything and everything going on outside the frames of the TV series.

	<i>Craig A. Finseth (mod),Greg Guler,Greg Weisman</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	The Hobbit: That Wasn't in the Book! <i>books,current,movies</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Join us to discuss the latest in The Hobbit series, The Desolation of Smaug. How does it compare to past Tolkien screen adaptations? Where does it stray from the book, for better or worse? What do we expect from the upcoming third movie in the series? <i>Alexander Maki,David Lenander,Scott Pearson,William Dewey,Zach Nyhus</i>
2:00pm - 8:00pm	Signing - Marina Sirtis 3 <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Marina Sirtis</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Gender in Urban Fantasy <i>GoH,social,theme</i> DoubleTree Edina This genre tends to have more female protagonists and writers. Is it marketing, or something else? <i>Emma Bull,Laura Zats,Melissa Olson,Michael R. Underwood,Paul Cornell</i>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	Assassins Guild Tournament DoubleTree Garden Court SW Join us in the Garden Court for a Tournament of Champions! Prove your skill, test your might and Rise to the Top! Ladder style double elimination, space is limited; sign up early! Ages 14 & Up.
2:00pm - 3:00pm	One on One with C. Robert Cargill <i>one-on-one,GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 <i>C. Robert Cargill,Tim Wick (mod)</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Intellectual Property Rights <i>business,GoH,writing</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 We'll discuss the basics of intellectual property rights, such as Creative Commons, getting and requiring permission, and being a creator in a complicated rights world. <i>Bob Alberti,J Boone Dryden,James Zak,Sarah Barsness,Scott Lynch</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Craft SnackBar <i>activity,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Partake of several self-directed craft stations, including Fuse Beads, t-shirt bags and more. Notice: Please do not eat the crafts.

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3:30pm - 4:30pm	MasterArtist <i>art,GoH,performance</i> Crowne Plaza A-E-I-O Amateur Artists will be given a subject to create a piece of art within a specific time using a defined meeting. When time is up, the judges will confer, select the best offerings, and determine the MasterArtist
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	<i>Daniel Mohr,Ruth Thompson,Sarah Clemens</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Reading - Joseph Scrimshaw <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Comedian and writer Joseph Scrimshaw reads excerpts from his 2012 geek memoir Comedy of Doom, his blog, and other things that have recently fallen out of his head. <i>Joseph Scrimshaw</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Fear Mythos: The Effects of Internet Horror Stories on Popular Culture <i>horror,myth</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Panelists will discuss different media in which popular internet icons such as Slenderman and The Rake manifest themselves to terrify audiences! <i>Kirsten Wade,Mara Kapp,Shawn van Briesen</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Rain of the Ghosts <i>GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Guest of Honor Greg Wiseman will do some short readings and talk about his novel "Rain of the Ghosts" and the sequel, "Spirits of Ash and Foam," which comes out one week after the convention! <i>Greg Weisman</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Agents of SHIELD Fan Panel <i>comics,fan,Joss,TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Agent Coulson is alive - or is he? What are your hopes for season 2? How did season 1 stack up to the stable of Marvel movies currently overseen by Joss Whedon? <i>Daren Johnson,David Schwartz,Derek Mahr,Lee Harris,Scott Pearson</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Mythology in Sci-Fi, Fantasy, and Urban Fantasy <i>myth,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 We have all heard of Zeus and Thor, this panel is about mythology in the modern world or the past, from Marvel's Thor movie to Percy Jackson and the Olympians, to other less known areas of the mythological world. <i>Christine Norris,JD Horn,Paul Weimer,Sean M. Murphy,Tim Lieder</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Signing - Scott Lynch <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Scott Lynch</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Build a Better Iron Man <i>comics,movies,STEM,superhero</i> DoubleTree Bloomington The Official Handbook to the Marvel Universe described *everything* you need to build your own Iron Man armor and Mjolnir. How scientific were they? <i>Bill Stiteler (mod),Jim Kakalios,Matt Lowry,Michelle Cadieux,Ryan Consell</i>
3:30pm - 5:00pm	Signing - Greg Guler 3 <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Greg Guler</i>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	One on One with Emma Bull <i>one-on-one,GoH</i> DoubleTree Edina <i>Emma Bull,Jody Wurl (mod)</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Our Fair City <i>audio,performance,podcast</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Join the cast of award-winning Chicago-based audio drama Our Fair City for a unique live performance! Live music and Foley sound effects accompany this subversive, dynamic, and exciting original production. <i>Betsey Palmer,Clayton Faits,David Rheinstrom,Jeffrey Gardner</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Anime Series: Year in Review <i>Anime,current</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 A yearly showcase of the past year's best anime series, presented by a group of anime fans who've watched and enjoyed them. Those looking to enter the anime fandom as well as those who've been otaku for years are welcome to attend. <i>Boris Smelov,Heather Deakman,Jessi Silver,Jo Thrace,Lyda Morehouse</i>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	Create a Real DNA Necklace <i>activity,Sandbox,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 How do you extract DNA out of living things? What does your DNA look like? Find out and make a special necklace using your unique DNA! <i>Mary Myers,PZ Myers,Skatje Myers</i>

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5:00pm - 6:00pm	Reading - Aimee Kuzenski <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Aimee Kuzenski will read from her work. <i>Aimee Kuzenski</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	SF Writing Groups: The 2014 Scene <i>current,Krushenkos,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 This annual (since 1986) get together of the Minnesota Imaginative Fiction Writers' Alliance helps science fiction/fantasy writing groups link with writers who are looking for a critique group. <i>Eric M. Heideman (mod),Lyda Morehouse,Tyler Tork</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Our Fair City Recording <i>audio,podcast</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Join members of the audio drama Our Fair City to record crowd scenes and dialogue for the next season of the show. Shriek in terror! Start a riot! Applaud wildly! Die, in a variety of horrible ways! <i>Betsey Palmer,Clayton Faits,David Rheinstrom,Jeffrey Gardner</i>
	Mental Illness Myths <i>myth,Skepchicks,social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4

5:00pm - 6:00pm	Myths about mental illness pervade our society, including our health care system. We'll examine research, clinical practice, and experiences on everything from psychiatric drugs and the "dangerous" mentally ill to how these myths dehumanize and harm. <i>Desiree Schell (mod), Julia Burke, Megan Press, Miri Mogilevsky, Olivia James</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	How to Structure a Novel <i>writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 What are the required elements? How do you use your geeky experiences to fashion your characters, plot, and themes? <i>David Annandale, Elizabeth Bear, Kelly McCullough, Lee Harris, Will Shetterly</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Sleepy Hollow Fan Panel <i>current, fan, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Headless horsemen, apocalypses, witches, and prophecies, all in the little town of Sleepy Hollow! Fox TV's new show is the latest incarnation of the Sleepy Hollow story; let's talk about the good, the bad and all the in between. <i>Cetius d'Raven, David Schwartz, Kiah Nelson, Linda White, Sigrid Ellis</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Signing - C. Robert Cargill <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>C. Robert Cargill</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Worst of Harry Potter <i>books, British, movies, theme</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Following last year's "Worst of Bond" panel, we return with an all-out assault on another beloved franchise: Harry Potter, both the books and the films! <i>Bill Stiteler, Jeremy Stomberg, Joseph Scrimshaw, Sara Scrimshaw, Sharon Stiteler (mod)</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Is There Life After "Dark and Gritty"? <i>GoH, hot dish</i> DoubleTree Edina How did we get from Adam West to the Dark Knight? Can we reboot a series and make it more optimistic? <i>Michael Damian Thomas, Michael R. Underwood, Sarah Prentice, Scott Lynch, Tabitha Anderson</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	Mission to the Unknown: Doctor Who's Missing Episodes <i>classic, Dr Who</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 The last year has had the biggest recovery of missing Doctor Who episodes from the 1960s in decades. Discuss what has been found, and what might still be out there. <i>Ben Ellis, Michael Shappe, Rob Callahan, Shawn van Briesen, Steven Manfred</i>
5:00pm - 6:00pm	One on One with Frank Paur <i>one-on-one, GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 <i>Frank Paur, Tim Uren (mod)</i>
	Molecular Gastronomy: Play with your Food! <i>activity, Sandbox, Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3

5:00pm - 6:00pm	Foams, spheres, airs, and powders--molecular gastronomy is all the rage in fancy restaurants these days. Come learn the science behind these preparations, try your hand at a few of them, and delight your tastebuds with familiar foods in unfamiliar form <i>Anne Sauer</i>
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6:00pm - 7:00pm	Royal Manticoran Navy Awards Ceremony <i>performance</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SW National command will be on hand to present honors to notable members of the organization. The awards are for such good deeds, charity work and fundraising, There are usually some interesting surprises!
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7:00pm - 8:00pm	Friends of Bill W - Sa DoubleTree Atrium 2
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Video Games Year in Review <i>current,gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Did the top anticipated games deliver? What's on your top-ten list? <i>Allyson Cygan,Michael Black,Michele Webber,Robert Wagner,Walter Sullivan</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Geeks Without God Live Podcast <i>podcast</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Watch us record our anniversary episode! <i>Dr Rubidium,Molly Glover,Nick Glover,Rebecca Watson,Tim Wick</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Cover Art for Your eBook <i>art,business,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 How to avoid the common mistakes of ebook cover art. Why it's important and how to get free or low cost cover art that will help sell your ebook. Important points about art contracts and negotiating. Talk to professional writers, artists, and publishers. <i>Adam Whitlatch,Blake Hausladen,J Steven Young,John Garner,Lee Harris</i>
7:00pm - 10:00pm	Main Stage Overflow - Sa DoubleTree Bloomington Can't get in to main stage performances? Come watch them on our giant projection screen!
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Mega Panel <i>comedy,hot dish</i> DoubleTree Edina The panel where we talk about anything and everything *except* the CONvergence Masquerade. If you are interested in everything *except* the masquerade, this is the panel for you! <i>Derek Mahr,Jeremy Stomberg,Melissa Kaercher,Romeo Azar</i>

7:00pm - 8:00pm	Bellydance Variety Show <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SW A showcase of bellydance performances, as well as other styles of dance and performance artistry such as acrobatics and juggling! <i>Lindsay Brewster</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Physics of the Whedonverse <i>Joss,movies,Skepchicks,STEM,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 How much of the physics in Whedon's work has parallels in reality? Scientists will discuss the physics behind everything from terraforming, stellar formation, space travel and alternate realities to magic, superpowers, and Buffy's fighting ability. <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod),Matt Lowry,Nicole Gugliucci,Ryan Consell</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	One on One with Greg Weisman <i>one-on-one,GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 <i>Greg Weisman,Hal Bichel (mod)</i>
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Paracord Bracelets <i>activity,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 It's the hottest in fashionable survival coture, the bracelet that doubles as several feet of rope! <i>Danielle Swartz,Jake Liefschultz,Nick Feeney</i>

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8:30pm - 9:30pm	What's New In Science Fiction and Fantasy Audio Theater <i>audio,current</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 More and more big audiobook publishers are producing multi-cast theatrical renditions of favorite books. Ender's Game is a good example. So, the question is: have the big boys learned something from us little guys? <i>Brian Price,Clayton Faits,Jeffrey Gardner,Jerry Stearns</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	What Next for Fan-Run Conventions? <i>CONvergence</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 With commercial and professionally run conventions expanding and with more options than ever, how should fan-run events adapt and change? What place is there for these events in the geek landscape? <i>Kenneth Konkol,Michael Lee,Rob Callahan,Ryan Alexander,Tish Cassidy</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Urban Space in Urban Fantasy <i>GoH,theme,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 How do different cities influence the stories told within them? Does having a story set in London make it a story impossible to tell in New Orleans? What makes some locations more popular than others? Which cities are overlooked and why? <i>Adam Stemple,Emma Bull,Emmy Jackson,JD Horn</i>
	Getting Away with Murder <i>books,movies,Skepchicks,STEM,TV</i>

8:30pm - 9:30pm	DoubleTree Atrium 7 How accurate is the forensic science in TV shows, movies, and books? How do criminal databases actually work? What is the Prosecutor's Fallacy? Can you get DNA evidence from crab lice? Scientists discuss the real science behind forensic investigations. <i>Amanda Leinbaugh,Bug Girl,Desiree Schell (mod),Dr Rubidium,Emily Finke</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Signing - Greg Weisman 2 <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Greg Weisman</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Organizing Online to Make a Better World: Do We Need to Tear the Old One Down? <i>Skepchicks,social,web</i> DoubleTree Edina Criticism and even rage blazing across social media has proven remarkably effective in getting complaints heard, but what are the downsides? How do we maintain communities when anger and volume get things done? <i>Beth Voigt,Debbie Goddard,Jason Thibeault,Miri Mogilevsky,Stephanie Zvan</i>
8:30pm - 11:00pm	Matrix Tag Continued <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court NW Players choose the roles of Agent Smith, Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, or play an Agent or Zionist. Any number of people can play, joining in and leaving at any time. <i>Shannon Green</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Obsessed Comedy Podcast: Cats Edition <i>podcast</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Comedian/writer Joseph Scrimshaw's podcast about liking things A LOT. Join Scrimshaw and guests Rebecca Watson and Tim Wick for a lively discussion of a very important geek obsession: CATS. <i>Joseph Scrimshaw,Rebecca Watson,Tim Wick</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Pathfinder ex Machina: Disney Edition <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 A panel of experienced adventurers put their heads together to determine the best suited race, core/base class and abilities for all your favorite - and least favorite - Disney characters. <i>Dawn Krosnowski,Hal Bichel (mod),Molly Glover,Nick Glover,Philip Henry</i>
8:30pm - 9:30pm	Draw Phineas & Ferb with Greg Guler <i>activity,art,GoH,Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Get firsthand instruction on drawing some of our favorite characters, straight from the horse's mouth... or the designer's fingers. <i>Greg Guler</i>

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9:00pm -	Art Auction <i>art</i>
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12:00am	DoubleTree Atrium 4 Come bid on the most sought after art from this year's art show or just watch the fun!
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10:00pm - 11:00pm	Thorne Smith's Urban Fantasy <i>books,classic,theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Thorne Smith's novels are currently difficult to find in bookstores, yet his influence on popular culture was huge. His fantasy novels of the 1920s-30s featured sex, humor, too much drinking, and might appeal to CONvergence attendees in the 21st century. <i>David Lenander,Jennie Goloboy,Mary McKinley</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Why Do We Believe in Ghosts? <i>hot dish,Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Why do people, even some skeptics, still believe in ghosts? What accounts for the popularity of ghost stories and ghost-hunting in real life, on TV, in movies? We'll discuss the psychological and sociocultural reasons and differences in ghost beliefs. <i>Joel Arnold,Matt Lowry,Renate Fiora,Ruth Berman,Shawn van Briesen</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Loki Can Rule Me Any Day <i>comics,movies</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Loki is very popular, even though he wasn't the main character (or even necessarily a "good guy"). An exploration of side characters who have become fan favorites. Wolverine, Agent Coulson, Jayne, Connie Mk II - What makes us like them so much? <i>Anne Lyle,Damarra Atkins,Kamuran Paradis,Lyda Morehouse,Todd Murray</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Pub That Never Closes <i>books,comics,movies</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 The World's End. Callahan's. Munden's. These stories eventually wind up in a bar. Comedy, tragedy, action, skullduggery, and just what IS this I'm drinking? The daily grind of a bar back when literally ANYTHING can walk through the door. <i>Beth Voigt,Dave Walbridge,Garrick Dietze,Rory Ni Coileain,William Donohue</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Psuper Pserious Pseudoscience CONspiracy! <i>comedy,hot dish,STEM</i> DoubleTree Bloomington Last year, we told you the truth about what THEY didn't want you know. This year, your favorite experts are back to share with you our deep and powerful secrets of healing. This is the 100% improvised panel that Big Pharma doesn't want you to see! <i>Jeremy Stomberg,Molly Glover,Nick Glover,Tim Wick</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Blue Mug <i>GoH</i> DoubleTree Edina Ever wonder about the sexual habits of Gargoyles? Ever wonder who was sleeping with whom among the Young Justice Team or the cast of Spectacular Spider-Man? Join us for for a late night peek at your favorite animated series. This panel will get blue! <i>Christopher Jones,Greg Weisman</i>
	Drinking with Geeks <i>comedy,GoH,hot dish</i>

10:00pm - 11:00pm	DoubleTree Plaza 1 Geeks discuss and imbibe alcohol. <i>Amy Berg, Bill Stiteler, C. Robert Cargill, Jerry Belich, Joseph Scrimshaw (mod), Melissa Kaercher, Virginia Corbett</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Invisible Aces <i>GLBTQ, Skepchicks, social</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 Sexuality is (as we all know) a sexy topic...unless you're asexual. We'll explore what it means to be asexual, some of the myths surrounding asexuality, and the particular difficulties and oppressions that asexual individuals face. <i>Kethry Burke-Scovill, Laura Thurston, Nicole Forcine, Olivia James, Tex Thompson</i>
10:00pm - 11:00pm	Gargoyles out of Polymer Clay <i>activity, DIY, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Make your own so-ugly-it's-cute evil deterrent out of polymer clay. <i>Nikita Dragonrose</i>

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11:30pm - 12:30am	Fetishes: Gone Too Far? <i>social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 With the erotic side of SF/Fantasy getting wider and more explored than ever, what do you think crosses the line? Are there fetishes you think shouldn't be touched in any context, or do you think the blurring of lines is a positive cultural adjustment? <i>Caitlin Ericson, Damarra A, John Seavey, Kirsten Wade, Sean Eberle</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Did You Check Snopes? <i>social, web</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 In the day of the 24-hour-news cycle, checking your facts before retweeting is crucial. And no, Wikipedia is not a good source. <i>Derek Mahr, Emily Finke, Jen Manna, Kathryn Sullivan, Tyler Tork</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Jaws In Depth <i>movies</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 You're going to need a bigger panel. Film fans dissect Steven Spielberg's epic the way Bruce dissected Amity Island. <i>Melissa Kaercher, Romeo Azar, Tim Wick, Windy Bowlsby</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	GLBTQ Urban Fantasy <i>GLBTQ, myth, theme</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 What GLBTQ urban fantasy should you be reading? How is this subgenre different from "mainstream" urban fantasy? Should there even BE a difference? <i>JD Horn, Kimberley Long-Ewing, Nicole Forcine, Rory Ni Coileain</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Science of Sex <i>hot dish, STEM</i> DoubleTree Bloomington It's a necessary biological function. What else can we say about it? <i>Anne Lyle, Benny S, Bug Girl, Heina Dadabhoy, Meghan Williams MA LMFT (mod)</i>

11:30pm - 12:30am	Late Night Music Circle - Sa <i>music</i> DoubleTree Edina A late night gathering of musicians where you can sing, play or just listen.
11:30pm - 12:30am	Hypothetical Who <i>Dr Who,TV</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Several Dr. Who experts will speculate on how the Who universe would have been different had certain production decisions been different. <i>Felicity Kusinitz,Joseph Scrimshaw,Lynne M. Thomas,Michael Lee,Paul Cornell</i>
11:30pm - 12:30am	Which Supers Should Hook Up? <i>slash,superhero</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 If Thor and Storm got together, they would have cute little thunderbabies. <i>Christopher Jones,Kenneth Konkol,Lathan Murrell,Lyda Morehouse,Samma Johnson (mod)</i>

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9:30am - 10:30am	Skepchick and FreethoughtBlogs Author Reading <i>reading,Skepchicks</i> DoubleTree 2201 Join the bloggers of Skepchick and Freethought Blogs as they share their favorite original writings. Topics may include science, social justice, atheism, skepticism, art, online community, blogging and random geekery. <i>Brianne Bilyeu (mod)</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	If We're So Smart, Why Can't We Recite the Bible Word for Word? <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Reflections on abilities throughout history. <i>Anna Waltz,Regan Wolfrom,Sarah Prentice</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Cities of the Future <i>Skepchicks,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 What is the ultimate urban fantasy when we envision the cities of the future? What would an ideal city look like to accommodate the demographic, economic, and environment of the future, particularly the effects of climate change? <i>Desiree Schell (mod),Jamie Bernstein,Ryan Consell,Shawn Otto,William Donohue</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Pacific Rim Fan Panel <i>current,fan,movies</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Guillermo Del Toro's movie about giant robots fighting giant monsters made big waves in sci-fi circles, and a sequel is being written. Come talk about what made this film great, what didn't work, and why there should be more films like Pacific Rim. <i>Dave Margosian,Jo Thrace,Lyda Morehouse,Mara Kapp,Mark McPherson</i>
9:30am - 10:30am	Art of the Snapshot <i>art,demonstration,DIY</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 More pictures are being taken by more devices than ever before. We will present some examples of good candid snapshots, why we took that particular shot, and how we edited

	<p>the photos (if at all). Learn by example. <i>Bob Alberti, Jerry Keohen, Kenneth Konkol, Matt Kuchta</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Batman 101 <i>comics, superhero</i> DoubleTree Bloomington You've seen the movies. You've watched the cartoons. Now find out how to get into reading the Caped Crusader in his original form: comics! <i>Adam Lueck, Jonathan Palmer, Kevin Eldridge, Peter Blenski, Shawn van Briesen</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Geek Stereotypes <i>hot dish</i> DoubleTree Edina Which ones do people put on you - which ones do you put on yourself? Come out of the geek closet and let your geek flag fly! <i>Ben Ellis, Elise Matthesen, Holley McLellan, Kiah Nelson, Liz Reynolds</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Oregon Trail...WITH ZOMBIES! <i>classic, gaming, horror</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 Bloods, brains, and dysentery! Come join us as we cross the zombie wasteland of Organ Trail, the zombie-based parody of Oregon Trail. <i>Carrie Patel, Karl Tingelstad, Michael Black, Sam Wroge</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Your Child & Geekery <i>children, social, teen</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 How do you raise a healthy geek? <i>Brandy Danaki, Erica Schaub, Jenni Klumpp, Scott Pearson, Vetrnita Anderson</i></p>
9:30am - 10:30am	<p>Crayon's Corner <i>activity, children, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 KIDS!! Bring your parents to this Exciting Story and Activity Hour. Crayon (Caryn Lengeek) leads this wonderful CONvergence staple. <i>Caryn Lengkeek</i></p>

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11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Reading - Roy C. Booth <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Roy C. Booth will read from his work. <i>Roy C. Booth</i></p>
11:00am - 12:00pm	<p>Neverwhere <i>books, comics, theme, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Neil Gaiman's story of a hidden magical London co-existing with the city we know has been a TV-serial, novel, comic, radio play, and an attempted movie. What about this tale captivates us and merits so many mediums? <i>Cetius d'Raven (mod), Garrick Dietze, Hilary Moon Murphy, Jaqueline Stoner, Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
11:00am -	<p>Obama Era Space Program: Year Six <i>current, Krushenkos, social</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3</p>

12:00pm	This is our annual look at how space exploration, robotic and human, is faring under the cash-strapped Obama administration. <i>Eric M. Heideman (mod),G. David Nordley,Kenneth Konkol</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Writing Fanfic <i>fanfic, writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 What fanfiction do you write? From posting platforms to fandoms to writing styles and more, let's discuss fanfiction and what we love (and don't love) about writing it. <i>EP Beaumont,Kiah Nelson, Lee Blauersouth, Lyda Morehouse, Sari Hagen</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	GPS Charity Auction <i>GPS</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 All silent auction items that went to voice auction will be sold at this charity auction benefiting the Geek Partnership Society.
11:00am - 12:00pm	Signing - Tim Lieder / Christopher Jones <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Christopher Jones, Tim Lieder</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Bullying and the Bystander <i>Skepchicks, social, web</i> DoubleTree Bloomington What can you do to support people who are targets of online bullying and harassment? We'll discuss what works, what doesn't, and why, as well as how much of a difference a bystander can make. <i>Amanda Marcotte, Amy Roth, Miri Mogilevsky, Rebecca Watson, Will Robertson</i>
11:00am - 12:30pm	Signing - Marina Sirtis 4 <i>GoH, signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Marina Sirtis</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Profeminists in Shakespeare <i>books, GoH, Skepchicks, social, theme</i> DoubleTree Edina Shakespeare portrayed several intelligent, independent, and self-aware women--Juliet, Lady Macbeth, Katharine, Beatrice, Viola, Rosalind. We'll discuss the problematic and the remarkably (for the era) fleshed-out aspects of their representation. <i>Alexandra Howes, Ashley F. Miller, Elizabeth Bear, Greg Weisman, Joseph Erickson</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Giant Chess Day 2 <i>activity</i> DoubleTree Garden Court SW See what it's like to play with three foot wood. Appropriate for all ages, and any number of players per team is permitted. We'll coach on all levels of skill, so come wrestle some pieces against your friends. <i>Lina DiGioia</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Evaluating Scientific Claims <i>Skepchicks, STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 You've just heard or read about an amazing scientific claim. Where do you go to start

	vetting the claim or the study, especially if you're not a scientist? What are the signs that it might be hyped, misleading, or false? <i>Heina Dadabhoy, Shawn Otto, Siouxsie Wiles, Stephanie Zvan</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	One on One with Greg Guler <i>one-on-one, GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 <i>Greg Guler, Windy Bowlsby (mod)</i>
11:00am - 12:00pm	Steampunk Craft Hour <i>activity, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 The Red Ribbon Society hosts another hour of steampunk-themed crafts. Create a mechanical collage, color your own vintage paper dolls, assemble beads, or build a helium airship! <i>Kevin Borchers</i>

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12:30pm - 1:30pm	Reading - Rob Callahan <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Rob Callahan will be reading from his work. <i>Rob Callahan</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Prepare to Jump! Advanced Tactics for BSG: The Board Game <i>gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Let us provide you with strategies to maximize your game of Battlestar Galactica: the Board Game. Use our in-depth analysis of the base game and its expansions to give your humans a better shot at survival (or to make your Cylon that much deadlier!) <i>Carin Bratlie, Clarence Wethern, Laurie Richardson, Tim Uren, Zach Tewalthomas</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Gardening With Geeks <i>art, GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 Do you have a hosta variety named Captain Kirk or an iris named Millenium Falcon? Spreadsheets of data for each garden bed, a Darwinian garden where it is survival of the fittest, or are you a mad scientist cross pollinating plants? Come and chat. <i>Alicia LaMunion, Anna Waltz, Kathye Coyle, Mandy Little, Matt Kuchta, Sarah Clemens</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Masquerade Winners <i>CONvergence, costuming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Come see the costumes up close. See what the judges saw in workmanship judging. Chat with the winners and learn new techniques. Show and tell. <i>Deborah Mullen</i>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Gargoyles Fan Panel <i>animation, Gargoyles, GoH, TV</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 It's the 20th Anniversary of Gargoyles. Come share your favorite moments from the show. <i>Daniel Mohr (mod), Greg Weisman, Jennifer Anderson, Karine Charlebois, Maggie Schultz, Robert Wagner, Ryan Alexander</i>

12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Once Upon a Time Fan Panel <i>current,fan,theme,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7 A spin-off, Peter Pan, Ariel, another curse reverse, and fantasy family dysfunction--what's happening in ABC's fairy kingdoms. Does "...In Wonderland" hold up as well as its parent has? <i>Alee Ellingsberg,Alice Leber Cook,Hilary Moon Murphy,Olivia James,Sigrid Ellis</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Signing - Joseph Scrimshaw <i>signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table Joseph Scrimshaw, author of "Comedy of Doom" will be available to sign his work. <i>Joseph Scrimshaw</i></p>
12:30pm - 3:00pm	<p>Art: Impossible <i>art,comedy</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington The artists return to the Thunderdome with new challenges to challenge their brain and their artistic integrity. Join us to find out how artists can achieve the IMPOSSIBLE! <i>Christopher Jones,Dawn Krosnowski,Jerry Belich,Louis Frank,Melissa Kaercher,Ruth Thompson,Tim Wick (mod)</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Writing Sequels: Deja vu or Level 2? <i>GoH,writing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina Sequels are usually considered the toughest books to tackle. Some series (Hunger Games) retread similar themes to give fans more of what made them love the first book. Others take the reader in new directions. What are the advantages and risks? <i>C. Robert Cargill,David Annandale,Kelly McCullough,Scott Lynch,Wesley Chu</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Studio Ghibli & Anime After Miyazaki <i>Anime,current,GoH,movies</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 Anime fans know Studio Ghibli and their films like "My Neighbor Totoro," "Princess Mononoke," and "Spirited Away." Why does this company produce such good work? How will Hayao Miyazaki's retirement affect things? <i>Amanda Lonsdorf,Ann Laabs,Dorianne McCreary,Frank Paur,Tex Thompson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Loving Problematic Media <i>gaming,movies,Skepchicks,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Social justice doesn't have to ruin your fun! We'll discuss ways to be a literate fan of problematic media, from reality TV to video games, recognizing (rather than rationalizing) its problems, and still finding ways to enjoy it without getting defensive. <i>Amanda Marcotte,Ashley F. Miller,Courtney Caldwell,Emily Finke,Rebecca Watson</i></p>
12:30pm - 1:30pm	<p>Secret Agent 101: Invisible Ink <i>activity,Sandbox,Skepchicks,STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Chemist Dr. Burks will guide you through two different invisible ink experiments, and you decide which method is more spy-tastic! <i>Dr Rubidium</i></p>

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2:00pm - 3:00pm	Reading - Adam Whitlatch <i>reading</i> DoubleTree 2201 Adam Whitlatch will be reading from his work <i>Adam Whitlatch</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Dragon Age Past and Future <i>fan,gaming</i> DoubleTree Atrium 2 Come talk about the past two games and what you hope to see in the Fall 2014 release of Dragon Age 3. <i>Alee Ellingsberg,Beth Kinderman,Dave Benhart,Katie Tremaine,Sari Hagen</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	When Does Turning Off a Computer Become Murder? <i>STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 3 We all know they're coming: computers intelligent enough to be considered people. When will it happen and how can we tell that it happened? <i>Craig A. Finseth,Kenneth Konkol</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Fantasy Art of Pre-Raphaelites <i>art,classic,GoH</i> DoubleTree Atrium 4 Artist Guest of Honor Sarah Clemens shares her research into classic art. How many fantastical elements were incorporated then compared to modern fantasy art? <i>Sarah Clemens</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Science of Group Differences <i>Skepchicks,social,STEM</i> DoubleTree Atrium 6 Men are from Sirius; women are from the Pleiades. Am I right? Let's talk about all that research on sex and racial differences and what it means in day-to-day life. Is there any significance beyond the statistical? <i>Betsy Lundsten,Desiree Schell (mod),Stephanie Zvan,Will Robertson</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	From Gaming to Writing <i>gaming,writing</i> DoubleTree Atrium 7 Many novels started life as roleplaying games. Are you a GM using a game to figure out the world for your novel? Or have you had such a great time running or playing in a game that you're working on making it into a book? What are the perils and pitfalls? <i>David Annandale,Elizabeth Bear,Emmy Jackson,Michael R. Underwood,Ozgur K. Sahin</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Signing - Melissa Olson / Roy C. Booth <i>signing</i> DoubleTree Autograph Table <i>Melissa Olson,Roy C. Booth</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Signing - Greg Weisman / Greg Guler <i>GoH,signing</i> DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Greg Guler,Greg Weisman</i>

2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Women in Genre Not Talking about Women in Genre <i>books,hot dish,movies,STEM</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina Panelists talk about everything EXCEPT what it's like to be a woman working in genre! Which is better, Star Wars or Star Trek? What YA series will be made into a TV show next? Audience questions will be drawn randomly and answered by the panelists. <i>Damarra Atkins,Danielle Indovino,Lynne M. Thomas,Martha Wells,Naomi Kritzer</i></p>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>A Timey-Wimey Tea Party <i>activity,Dr Who</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Garden Court SW The Victorian Lady Doctors invite you to join us for Tea. Come dressed as your favorite Doctor, Companion, Villain, or Dedicated Fan. Various teas and dainties will be on offer. Photography encouraged. Tomfoolery highly encouraged. <i>Natasha Jo Krentz</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>One on One with Scott Lynch <i>one-on-one,GoH</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 1 <i>Kelly McCullough (mod),Scott Lynch</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>"Brainstorm" - When Sentient Weather Attacks! <i>comics,current</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 2 Jeffrey's sons came up with the idea of sentient weather and helped him write the Twilight Zone-esque story of "Brainstorm", a comic book mini series that hits shelves mid-July. Learn all about their process from imagination to published page! <i>Ira Livingston,Jeffrey Morris,Kieran Morris,Rob Callahan (mod)</i></p>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	<p>Catapults <i>activity,Sandbox</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Plaza 3 Come fling small, squashy things at each other right after you've constructed a simple catapult! Please leave your own missiles at home <i>Renee Petersen</i></p>

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3:00pm - 4:30pm	<p>Signing - Greg Guler 4 <i>GoH,signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree CONvergence Central <i>Greg Guler</i></p>
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3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Reading - Melissa F. Olson <i>reading</i></p> <p>DoubleTree 2201 <i>Melissa Olson</i></p>
	<p>Cetaceans in Fact, Folklore, Fiction, and Film <i>horror,Krushenkos</i></p>

3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>DoubleTree Atrium 2</p> <p>Our 12th annual bio-horror panel on the scary side of nature. (Past entries have included apes, pathogens, and canines.) This time we look at order Cetacean, including whales, dolphins, and porpoises.</p> <p><i>Eric M. Heideman (mod),Eric Staggs,Matt Kessen,Melissa Kaercher,Michael Kingsley,Roy C. Booth</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Teen Experiences at CONvergence</p> <p><i>CONvergence,teen</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 3</p> <p>Whether you are a young person at the convention, are not sure what boundaries exist when interacting with a young person or have similar concerns, we can all take steps to keep CONvergence a safe and fun space for all ages. Teen panelists only.</p> <p><i>Grace Ulak,Kethry Burke-Scovill,Tabitha Anderson</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Avoiding Biased Creators</p> <p><i>books,hot dish,movies,social</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 4</p> <p>Many creators have biases, yet they don't always show in their work. How can we separate the creator's views from their works? Is it "OK" to like a book or film even though we don't agree with the social or political views of its creator?</p> <p><i>Betsy Lundsten,Dave Margosian,Jennifer Paulus,Regan Wolfrom,Sarah Prentice</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Urban Legends: Myths, Facts, and Half-Truths</p> <p><i>myth,Skepchicks</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 6</p> <p>From alligators in the sewer to clowns in the attic, urban legends walk the line between total absurdity and being just so outrageous that they might be true. Where do these stories come from, and why do they capture our imaginations so effectively?</p> <p><i>Anne Sauer,Bug Girl,Jason Thibeault,Naomi Kritzer,Shawn van Briesen</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Superheroes as Urban Fantasy</p> <p><i>comics,GoH,superhero,theme</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Atrium 7</p> <p>What's the difference between a mutant and a magician, when their effects are mostly the same?</p> <p><i>Emma Bull,Jon Dorman,Jonathan Palmer,Roy T Cook,Will Shetterly</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Signing - Dana Baird</p> <p><i>signing</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Autograph Table</p> <p><i>Dana Baird</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Works of Neil Gaiman</p> <p><i>books</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Bloomington</p> <p>Have you read something from this literary genius and thought to yourself "What the hell?". Sit down with other fans and discuss what you think he truly meant in a certain story. Figure out, collectively, what references he was making in his works.</p> <p><i>David Lenander,Garrick Dietze,Kat Brown,Mark Goldberg,Ty Blauersouth</i></p>
3:30pm - 4:30pm	<p>Can Steampunk Achieve TV and Movie Success?</p> <p><i>art,movies,TV</i></p> <p>DoubleTree Edina</p> <p>Steampunk has a broad base of literature, both written and graphic, but has not achieved success onscreen. Can special effects and mainstream awareness bring about more</p>

	<p>opportunities? <i>Christine Norris, Cynthia Booth, Emmy Jackson, Gordon Smuder, John Heimbuch</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Science "Fiction" Journalism <i>social, STEM</i> DoubleTree Plaza 1 When more and more news outlets are dropping their dedicated science staff, what happens to the quality of the news coverage? How much of what we read is just plain wrong, and what can we do about it? <i>Debbie Goddard, Rob Callahan, Shawn Otto, Stephanie Zvan</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>One on One with Matthew Ebel <i>one-on-one, GoH</i> DoubleTree Plaza 2 <i>Matthew Ebel</i></p>
<p>3:30pm - 4:30pm</p>	<p>Fairy Wing Jewelry <i>activity, DIY, Sandbox</i> DoubleTree Plaza 3 Our traditional Sunday jewelry panel with a fairy wing theme <i>Carol Strand, Tristine Miller</i></p>