

Spring Conference Presenters 2020

Note: More presenters will be added and changed. This is not the final list.



Bryan Young

Author

Bryan Young is an award-winning filmmaker, journalist, and author. He's written and produced documentary and narrative feature films and has published multiple novels and a non-fiction book. He's written for Huffington Post, Syfy, /Film, and others. He's also done work in the Star Wars and Robotech universes. You can reach him on twitter @Swankmotron or by visiting his website www.swankmotron.com.



Caryn Larrinaga

Author

Caryn Larrinaga is an award-winning mystery, horror, and urban fantasy author. Her debut supernatural mystery novel, *DONN'S HILL*, won the League of Utah Writers 2017 Silver Quill in the adult novel category and was a 2017 Dragon Award finalist. Her short fiction has been awarded multiple honors and featured in local and international anthologies. A self-described "horror evangelist" and paranormal junkie, Caryn also co-hosts the Scream Girl Squad movie review podcast. She lives near Salt Lake City, Utah, with

her husband and their clowder of cats. Visit www.carynlarrinaga.com for free short stories and audiobooks.



R.R. Smith

Author

R. R. Smith is a Horror author and enthusiast. As the Secretary of Horror for the Salt City Genre Writers, she believes in the power of a good ghost story and loves teaching writers how to harness the horrific in any genre. Her work can be found in various collections and anthologies, from Daughters of Darkness: An All-Women Horror Anthology to the Salt City Genre Writers anthology By Virtue Fall.



Tiana Smith

Author

Tiana Smith is a copywriter turned novelist who grew up in the Rocky Mountains. When she isn't writing, she's chasing after her ninja son, reading, or binging the Disney Channel. She has double degrees in Honors and English from Westminster College but wants to go back to school to be a lion tamer. She is the author of Match Me If You Can and How To Speak Boy, both from Swoon Reads/Macmillan.



Jodi Milner

Author

Jodi L. Milner - Award-winning author of YA fantasy and speculative short fiction. Her YA noble dark fantasy *Stonebearer's Betrayal* earned a Recommended Read at the 2019 Quills Conference. She has four books scheduled to release in 2020. She loves pretty fountain pens, solving Rubix cubes, and crocheting tiny sidekicks.



Linne Elizabeth

Author

Linne Elizabeth never sought a career as a writer. She wanted to be a doctor, but when she got a "D" in Chemistry, she had a lot to say about it. She's been writing ever since. Since 2009, she has been a successful freelance content writer, pumping out scripts for whiteboard animation videos and drafting glorious blog post for some very impressive businesses. When she's not earning money, she is developing plotlines for twisted short stories and wrestling with the edits of her first novel. None of her success would be possible without the support of her incredible husband and four kids. Most recently she has been entranced with short stories. You can read her short story, "Anything to Save Her" in the 2019 SCGW Anthology "A Little Wrong," and her second short story, "Never Say Goodbye" in the 2020 SCGW Anthology, "By Virtue Fall."



Arielle Hadfield

Author

Arielle Hadfield is the author of the young adult fantasy *The Secrets of Saunder*. Most often, she can be found blogging on her website ariellehadfield.com where she enjoys sharing thoughts about faith, family, and foster care.



Samantha Hastings

Author

Samantha Hastings has degrees from Brigham Young University, the University of Reading (Berkshire, England), and the University of North Texas. She met her husband in a turkey sandwich line. They live in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she spends most of her time reading, eating popcorn, and chasing her kids. Her debut novel is, *The Last Word. The Invention of Sophie Carter* (July 2020) and *A Royal Christmas Quandary* (October 2020).



Mackenzie Kincaid

Author

Mackenzie Kincaid is a writer and artist living in the American west with one black cat and a modest collection of bones. She is the author of "The Writer's Guide to Horses," and her short fiction has appeared in Beneath Ceaseless Skies, Zooscape, and several anthologies. She can be found on Twitter, Tumblr, and Instagram at @mackincaid, and blogs about writing and random research topics at mackenziekincaid.com.



Kenneth Hunter Gordon

Author

Kenneth Hunter Gordon answers to "Kenny" in real life. His poetry and short fiction have appeared in literary magazines for many years. A novel, "One Bronze Knuckle", came out in 2019 and won a Gold Quill from the League of Utah Writers. He has a BA in English from the U of Utah and lives in Sandy. Prior to that, he lived in Los Angeles where he played in a reggae band and almost met Tracey Ullman.

April 18, 2020

9:00am - 6:00pm

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