

VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MICRO-FICTION



University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, USA

October 15-18 2014

<http://microfiction.uky.edu>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Department of Hispanic Studies and the University of Kentucky invite you to participate in the VIII International Conference on Micro-Fiction, which will take place at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, United States, October 15-18, 2014. Following the tradition of previous conferences, this academic congress will be dedicated to reflecting upon brief literary and artistic forms (short short story, micro-cinema, micro-theatre, minimal poetry, micro-essays) from theoretical frameworks of micro-fiction and interdisciplinary and trans-generic approaches.

~ The official languages of the conference are Spanish and English ~

The conference will focus on the following themes:

- Issues of genre
- Transdisciplinary theoretical approaches: cognitive sciences, philosophy, nanophilology
- Brief artistic forms throughout history
- Micro-fiction outside the Spanish-speaking world
- Distinctive features of micro-fiction:
miniaturization and magnification, fragmentary and fractal configurations, the unfinished (notebooks, notes, digressions, etc.), ellipsis, humor, intertextuality, among others
- Instrumental uses and pedagogical applications of micro-fiction
- Editorial markets and digital fiction; vitality and diffusion
- The role of the receptor
- Iconographic representations in the short short story

Confirmed authors and critics: Juan Armando Epple, Ottmar Ette, Julia Otxoa, David Roas, Guillermo Samperio, Ginés Sánchez Cutillas, Ana María Shua, and Lauro Zavala. The guest writers will perform a selected reading of their micro-fiction works in various sessions throughout the conference, one of which will be dedicated to writers from Kentucky. To conclude the conference, there will be a round table discussion by the guest writers and critics.

Important Dates

Submission of proposals: As requested, we have extended the deadline for submission of proposals for the VIII International Conference on Micro-fiction to May 31, 2014. Please submit your proposal through the following link: <http://microfiction.uky.edu>. In order to do so, it is necessary to register as a user on the website.

Notification of Acceptance: June 20, 2014

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2014

The final **program** will be released at the end of August 2014

Registration process: Upon registering on the website, go to "Send your abstract." In the "Abstract" field, please include a description of the topic (200-300 words), name, address and academic affiliation, and a brief bio-bibliographical profile of the presenter (maximum of 10 lines) for the moderator of the session. Proposals may be for individual papers or pre-organized panels comprised of a maximum of four presenters. In such case, please indicate in the proposal the name of the panel, name and email of the organizer and/or moderator, along with the aforementioned information. Each presentation will be a maximum of 20 minutes.

The Scientific Committee will select papers from the conference for publication.

The organizing committee proposes, through the collective efforts of this conference, the creation of a cartographic atlas of micro-fiction based on various parameters (geographical, temporal, etc.) that will be posted on Redmini (www.redmini.net), the official site of the International Network of Researchers of Micro-fiction.

Registration fees

Professors: \$ US 140.00

Graduate Students: \$ US 80.00

All information related to registration, hotel reservations, directions, arrival instructions, airport transport, optional excursions on Saturday, October 18, and other pertinent aspects will be available on the conference website. <http://microfiction.uky.edu>

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See you *shortly!*