Fri PM Program Changes – Trust the Online Schedule First

Fri 1:00 PM: Rigor and Ranking: Reviewing, Congressional - Eli K.P. William dropped off
Fri 1:00 PM: Crafting an Elevator Pitch Diplomat Ballroom - Mike Underwood dropped off. Pat LoBrutto added.
Fri 1:00 PM: Reverse-Harem Reform School Omegaverse Romance, Kress (Virtual), N.E. Davenport dropped off.
Fri 1:00 PM: Nobody Looks Like Themselves Anymore, Thomas (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Chinele Onwualu & Sarah Guan & Thomas Whitmore added.
Fri 1:00 PM: Lost (or Gained) in Translation, Rebecca Kuang dropped off
Fri 1:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Grant Carrington, cancelled.
Fri 1:00 PM: The Softer Side of Science Fiction, Blue Room - Malka Older, Sarah Pinsker dropped off.
Fri 2:30 PM: Sublight Diplomacy, Forum Room - Arkady Martine, Walter Jon Williams dropped off. Added Derek Kunsken, Leonardo Espinoza Benavides
Fri 2:30 PM: The Best Video Games of the Last Ten Years, Older (Virtual) - Heath Miller dropped off. Mike Underwood + Marie Vibbert (m) added
Fri 2:30 PM: Readings -- Jose Pablo Iriarte & T.C. Weber - Andrea Hairston dropped off. T.C. Weber added. Note change of title
Fri 2:30 PM: Signing with Rebecca Kuang - Session cancelled
Fri 4:00 PM: Writing to Spec, Calvert Room - Alex Acks dropped off. Juliette Wade, Howard A. Jones added.
Fri 4:00 PM: Reading - Ahmad Siddiqi, Capitol - Ahmad Siddiqi added. New item
Fri 4:00 PM: Taking Care of Volunteers, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Vivian Abraham dropped off. Also changed Moderator to Bill Sutton
Fri 4:00 PM: The Rise of Online Markets, Forum Room - Jed Hartman dropped off. Added Scott Andrews (m) Fri 4:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with John Wiswell, Harris (Virtual), Rescheduled to virtual.
Fri 5:30 PM: Bad Kidneys and Other NFTs, Blue Room - Morgan Hazlewood & Christine Sandquist, Sarah Gulde added.
Fri 5:30 PM: The Work of Sheree Thomas, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual), Farah Mendlesohn dropped off.
Fri 5:30 PM: Author Reading--Malka Older, Harris (Virtual) - Rescheduled
Fri 5:30 PM: When Plot Twists Go Bad, Kress (Virtual) - Sarah Gulde dropped off
Fri 7:00 PM: Teaching and Analyzing Genre Fiction, Calvert Room - Andrea Hairston dropped off
Fri 7:00 PM: Broad Universe Rapid Fire Reading, Cabinet Room - Karen Anderson dropped off. Elizabeth Crowens added.
Fri 7:00 PM: The Science of Graphene - cancelled
Fri 7:00 PM: Welcome to Clone Club - Orphan Black, Forum Room - Eddie Louise & Keith R. A. DeCandido added.
Fri 7:00 PM: Author Reading--Akua Lezli Hope& C. Rose Clarke, Harris (Virtual) - Akua Lezli Hope added. Note change of title
Fri 7:00 PM: Sip With the Stars (Friday), Hotel Lobby - Cancelled
Fri 7:00 PM: Global Feminist Science Fiction, Kress (Virtual) - Rivers Solomon dropped off
Fri 7:00 PM: Kaffeeklatsch with Ellen Kushner - cancelled
Fri 8:30 PM: The Work of Nalo Hopkinson, Blue Room - Debi Chowdhury dropped off. Shaun Duke added.
Fri 8:30 PM: Incorporating Genre Fiction in the Classroom, Calvert Room - John McDaid, Dana Little
Fri 10:00 PM: Seiun Award, Congressional On-Site Viewing (Virtual) - Dr. Takayuki Tatsumi and Ms Mari Kotani added.
Fri 10:00 PM: Concert: Carla Ulbrich and Joe Giacoio, Thomas (Virtual) – Rescheduled

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Omni Gardens Open to All
Looking for a place to eat, or just somewhere you can take off your mask for a while? The Omni Shoreham’s 12-acre grounds offer ample space for everyone, and plenty of seating is scattered across the terrace and gardens. Just step outside through the glass doors located at the far end of Robert’s Restaurant. Enjoy the usually nice weather.

Smithsonian Suggestions
I visited the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum earlier this week and want to give people a heads up. The building is currently hosting an exhibition called “FUTURES”. There’s plenty there to interest and delight SF fans, but in particular, it includes a small exhibit about Octavia Butler and Afrofuturism. Recommended. -- Karen Schaffer

SFWA Table Signings
Friday, December 17
10:00 Derek Künsken
11:00 Dan Moren, G. David Nordley
12:00 Patrick Tomlinson, Juliette Wade
1:00 Steven H Silver, Marie Vibbert
2:00 Tom Doyle, Suzanne Palmer
3:00 John Appel, Michael Capobianco
4:00 Lindsay Ellis, Jennifer Povey
5:00 Marie Brennan, Alyc Helms

Nano Nano
Nando’s Peri-Peri (2631 Connecticut Ave., (202) 204-1251) Only 2 blocks away from the hotel, Nando’s is a local chain specializing in grilled Afrobeats and Portuguese chicken. There was there was no wait Thursday evening. If you’re eating in, you’ll use an app to order. The 1/4 chicken was tasty and the right amount of heat (second mildest with mango and lime). Sides include roasted cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, and rice. The Portuguese custard tart was a nice way to end the meal. Reasonable portions made for a great value. -- Marisa Ong https://www.nandosperiperi.com/menu

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Please take precautions around Covid-19. Wear your mask so it covers your mouth and nose. Keep it on except when in your room or outdoors. Stay at least 6 feet from others, even in party rooms. Only eat or drink outside, in your hotel room, or in the Ambassador Ballroom.

Newsletter Seeks News
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Gamer Concert
The concert by the Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra was a special treat. It showcased a wide range of musical styles in games, everything from pre-Baroque classical to Latin jazz. Games ranged from Microsoft Encarta MindMaze to Dragon Age: Inquisition. There even was music from a pinball game, the Black Knight, complete with evil laughs. The full-size orchestra and chorus did a fantastic job. The sound was lush but not overly ornate with solos and even a recorder trio. The main conductor, Jamin Morden, introduced the songs with a bit of history. The videographers were exceptional; shooting close-ups and back views projected onto two screens in the front.

Local Weather Thinks Its Spring
The weather today is supposed to hit 60 degrees today with no rain. Go outside and enjoy this unseasonably nice weather. Walk to Dupont or Adams Morgan for lunch. And, for everyone who was worried about winter weather, DC continues to surprise us all.

Volunteer Raffle
 Winners!
Names: Elizabeth Morgan, Mia McCarty, Amy Kaplan, and Ali Cataltepe.
Raffle tickets: 5139278, 5139291, 5139300, 5139333, 5139334, 5139353, 5139373, 5139390, 5139401, 5139402, 5139404, 5139423, 5139425, 5139429, 5139430, 5139431, 5139435, 5139442, 5139450, 5139455, 5139462.

Philz Coffee Review
If you’re an early riser like me, you want good coffee first thing in the morning. Philz Coffee (1827 Adams Mill Rd philzcoffee.com) is a 15-minute walk (0.6 mi (1 km)) walk over the Duke Ellington Bridge on the outskirts of Adams Morgan neighborhood. They are a West Coast chain with outposts in Chicago and DC. They also have specialty drinks, teas, and pastries. Open 6 am - 5:30 pm (6 pm on weekends)

“Our baristas grind your beans and make each cup to your taste, poured over slow, with lots of care and attention.”