CALL FOR ABSTRACTS:

The Dr. Henry Armitage Memorial Scholarship Symposium seeks new Weird Fiction, and Lovecraft-related research for the NecronomiCon Providence convention in Providence, RI, 17-20 August, 2017

The Lovecraft Arts and Sciences Council (the organizer of NecronomiCon Providence) is seeking submissions of academic works that explore all aspects weird fiction and art, from pop-culture to literature, including the writings and life of globally renowned weird fiction writer, H.P. Lovecraft. Topics of value include the influence of history, architecture, science, and popular culture on the weird fiction genre, as well as the impact that weird and Lovecraftian fiction has had on culture.

In past years, the Armitage Symposium has aimed to foster explorations of Lovecraft’s elaborate cosmic mythology, and how this mythology was influenced by, and has come to influence, numerous other authors and artists before and since. However, all submissions that contribute to a greater, critical, and nuanced understanding weird fiction and art (and related science fiction, fantasy, horror, etc.) are very welcome.

We are particularly interested in soliciting novel work from young or new academics, but all quality work will be equally considered. Selected talks will be presented together as part of the Armitage Symposium, a mini-conference within the overall convention framework of NecronomiCon Providence, August 17-20, 2017. Presenters should be prepared to deliver a fifteen to twenty-minute oral presentation summarizing their thesis, and are invited to submit a brief MS for possible inclusion in a proceedings publication. For consideration, interested scholars, whether faculty, graduate, undergraduate, or independent, should send a 250-300 word abstract in .doc or .pdf format to symposium chair Professor Dennis Quinn at dquinn@cpp.edu by May 22, 2017.

For more information on the Armitage Symposium, or the overall convention and the themes to be explored, please visit our website: necronomicon-providence.com.

NB: In addition to these talks, NecronomiCon Providence will also feature numerous traditional panels and presentations given by many of the top names in the global weird renaissance.