

# Confluence 2009

July 24, 25, & 26, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel, Pittsburgh Airport

Guest of Honor:  
**John Scalzi**

In 2006, John Scalzi was nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Novel, for *Old Man's War*, and won the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer. Then in 2007, he was nominated for the Hugo Award for Best Fan Writer. In 2008, he was nominated for both Best Novel (for *The Last Colony*) and Best Fan Writer.

Featured Filk Guest  
**More Difficulties**

A group consisting of T.J. Burnside-Clapp, Linda Melnick, and Jean Stevenson (all former members of Technical Difficulties and/or Musical Chairs) as well as T.J.'s daughter Jessie.

Confluence is a small, friendly conference focused on the literature and art of Science Fiction and Fantasy, with many award-winning authors and editors who enjoy meeting and talking with Confluence members. We hold panel discussions and talks that will broaden and deepen your appreciation of Science Fiction and Fantasy. Come experience our taste-testing consuite, growing art show, and book-crammed dealers room. Or watch our art demos by several very accomplished artists, and entertainment items that span the spectrum from poetry readings (we often call it "poexry") to filk concerts, our video room to the annual farce presented by the Parallax Second Players.

## Confluence

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***Confluence is a small but friendly conference dedicated to the literature and music of Science Fiction and Fantasy***

"I had a wonderful time at Confluence. A big Thank You to Randy Hoffman for inviting me and arranging a superb filk track that might serve as a full filkcon."

--Robert A. Cooke

"Confluence is one of my favorite cons; it's pretty much supplanting [another con] as my must-go general-SF convention of the year."

--L. David Wheeler

Past program participants included **William Tenn**, SFWA Author Emeritus for 1999 and icon of SF's Golden Age, and Nebula Award winner **James Morrow**. Also, **S. C. Butler**, **Ken Chiacchia**, **Lawrence C. Connolly**, **Juanita Coulson**, **Eric Leif Davin**, **Susan Dexter**, **Andy Eigel**, **Marty Coady Fabish**, **Stephen C. Fisher**, **Pete Grubbs**, **Gay Haldeman**, **David Hartwell**, **William H. Keith, Jr**, **Fruma Klass**, **Geoffrey Landis**, **Timothy E. Liebe**, **Paul Melko**, **Judi Miller**, **James Morrow**, **Kathy Morrow**, **Charles Oberndorf**, **Joshua B. Palmatier**, **Naomi Pardue**, **Tamora Pierce**, **Michelle Sagara**, **Prof. H. Paul Shuch, Ph.D. (a.k.a. Dr. SETI)**, **Murial Shuch**, **Silva**, **Bud Sparhawk**, **William Tenn**, **Diane Turnshek**, **Mary Turzillo**, **Dave Wells** and **Darren Zieger**.

To encourage this friendly atmosphere, we host gatherings of small groups of members and an author or editor, providing opportunities for informal chats. These gatherings, typically hosted over a cup of coffee or a glass of beer, are a great way for members to get acquainted with Confluence guests.

In addition to a wide range of SF and Fantasy panel topics, Confluence programming features presentations covering recent scientific discoveries and other things that we just find interesting. In previous years, we've had talks about comets, cosmology, planetary science, and genetic engineering. We've also had talks about Icelandic sagas and the history of the dreadnought.

For those of you who just like to watch or listen, we have numerous concerts and open filking sessions. Our video room theme this year is "Comics," featuring many comics characters adapted to the big screen. Our lineup of Saturday night events includes a poetry reading, the featured musical performance, and a play by Pittsburgh's own Parallax Second Players.

All paneled out? Our **dealers room** offers lots of books, t-shirts, jewelry, and many other fun things. If you are a dealer, contact us at the address below or at [dealers@spellcaster.org](mailto:dealers@spellcaster.org).

Transport yourself to other worlds through our **art show**. Confluence artists present work to please the eye and intrigue the mind. If you are an artist, we invite you to exhibit your works. We charge no hanging fee. Please contact us at the address below or at [artshow@spellcaster.org](mailto:artshow@spellcaster.org) for more information.

**Memberships** are \$35 until July 3, 2009 (\$20 for kids 6-12). After that they are \$45 (\$20 for kids). Confluence is held at the Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh Airport, 8402 University Blvd, Moon Township, Pennsylvania, 15108. Phone (412) 329-1400.

**Con dates: July 24-26, 2009.**

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Remember, that's the **Doubletree Hotel Pittsburgh Airport**. For reservations, call the hotel directly and mention Confluence. The room block expires on July 3rd, 2009.

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- <http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=PITARDT>

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Number of adult memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 (until July 3, 2009) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of child (ages 6-12) memberships: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 (until July 3, 2009) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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