

Call for Papers
2011 Southeast Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature
April 7-9, 2011
Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA

Conference Theme: Faith and the Supernatural

“I want you to believe. . . . To believe in things that you cannot.”

-- Van Helsing in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

“I'm going to live as like a Narnian as I can even if there isn't any Narnia.”

--Puddleglum in C.S. Lewis's *The Silver Chair*

“Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain.”

--Arthur Weasley in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*

Throughout history, we have used stories about the supernatural to better understand faith – to better understand what to believe in and what it means to believe. The 2011 Southeast Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature invites the submission of papers that explore the various intersections of faith and the supernatural in literature. Potential areas of exploration might include:

- Religious issues in literary genres that include the supernatural: the epic, medieval romance, the Gothic, magical realism, etc.
- Issues of faith in paranormal fiction (stories about vampires, werewolves, Olympians, or other paranormal characters)
- Angels, miracles, spiritual visions, etc. in literature
- Faith and/or religion in the genre of fantasy
- Christian responses to literature featuring magical or supernatural elements
- Challenges to teaching the supernatural in literature from a Christian perspective
- Faith and the supernatural in texts from popular culture, including film and television

Proposals from undergraduates, proposals on literature not written in English, and proposals for projects exploring other aspects of Christianity and literature are also welcome. Presenters should be members in good standing with the Conference on Christianity and Literature.

Please send either 400-500 word abstracts of individual papers or complete papers to Susannah Clements (sclements@regent.edu) **by January 15, 2011**. Upon acceptance, submission of complete papers suitable for 15-20 minute presentation will be required by March 7, 2011.