

CALL FOR PAPERS
THE SOCIETY FOR UTOPIAN STUDIES

37th Annual Meeting

October 4-7, 2012

**Delta Chelsea Hotel
33 Gerrard Street West
Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1Z4**

Papers are welcome on all aspects of the utopian tradition - from the earliest utopian visions to the utopian speculations and yearnings of the 21st century, including art, architecture, urban and rural planning, literary utopias, dystopian writings, utopian political activism, theories of utopian spaces and ontologies, music, new media, or intentional communities.

Please send a 100-250 word abstract by June 1, 2012 to lyman.sargent@umsl.edu (please put "sus submission" in the subject line). As you submit your abstract, please indicate if you have any scheduling restrictions, audiovisual needs (overhead projector; data projector, DVD player, audio, Macintosh computer, PC, or slide projector) and software (e.g. PowerPoint, Keynote, a specific web browser). Also say if you need an internet connection, special needs, or a need for a written letter of acceptance of your proposal. **Note: All specific audiovisual requests must be included in the original abstract submission.** Late requests cannot be fulfilled due to conference organizational deadlines.

For information about registration, travel or accommodations, please contact the Conference Coordinator, Peter Fitting at p.fitting@utoronto.ca

There will be two special sessions on Thursday the 4th before the start of regular programming, which begins at 1:30. The conference ends at 12:30 Sunday the 7th.

9:00-12:00 "Master class on Architecture and Utopia" Led by Dr. Nathaniel Coleman, Senior Lecturer in Architecture, University of Newcastle, author of *Utopias and Architecture* (2005) and editor of *Imagining and Making the World* (2011). Expressions of interest in participating are invited from younger scholars, including PhD candidates. The Class will consider the on-going problematic of architecture and Utopia, and aims to open up new areas of inquiry into the topic by encouraging debate around it. *Special registration necessary: For further information and registration contact nathaniel.coleman@newcastle.ac.uk.*

12:00-1:30 Seminar for graduate students and young faculty on paper presentation, publishing, and building a career. Led by Gregory Claeys, University of London, and Lyman Tower Sargent, University of Missouri-St. Louis.

On Friday the 5th there will be a reception at the Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation & Fantasy from 6:00-9:00 with tours of the collection.

Society for Utopian Studies Nicole LaRose Graduate Student Conference Travel Grants

There are two or more grants of \$500 each with at least one for domestic travel and one for international travel. Please send your paper proposal, budget proposal, and a recent c.v. to the conference program chair Lyman Tower Sargent (lyman.sargent@umsl.edu) by June 1, 2012. On the budget proposal, please list other resources you have available from your home institution, research grants, or other sources. Selection criteria include:

- 1) The quality of the paper proposal/abstract, with attention to its contribution to utopian studies
- 2) The soundness of the proposed budget
- 3) A demonstrated commitment to the society, as evidenced by repeat attendance and participation in the life of the society.