

# **Society for the Academic Study of Social Imagery - SASSI**

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **THE IMAGE OF REDEMPTION in Literature, Media, and Society**

Double Tree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park, Greeley, Colorado  
March 9-10, 2018

Each year, the SASSI conference (formerly the SISSI conference, held for 25 years in Colorado Springs) addresses the influence of images in literature, media, and society with a new and different thematic focus (e.g. The Image of Violence, The Image of Technology, The Image of the Outsider).

The theme for 2018 explores the image of REDEMPTION - in culture, literature, philosophy, history, politics, economics, film, television, art, music, social theory, and business. All variations on redemption are included – absolution, reclamation, repossession, freedom, debt repayment or forgiveness, salvation, atonement, reparation, etc. All eras and cultures are appropriate. All aspects of redemption and all contrasts with redemption (forfeiture, abandonment, etc.) are relevant. All methodologies are welcome. Possible topics include:

- \* Redemption in literature, art: short stories, novels, statues, paintings, exhibits.
- \* Redemption in popular culture: movies, television, songs, comics/graphic novels.
- \* Redemption and class, culture, ethnicity; the issues of race, power, social control.
- \* Religion and redemption: saints, martyrs, prophets, saviors, justification.
- \* Myths and legends of redemption: Greek mythology, DC's Red Death Redemption.
- \* Redemption and society: social movements, political life, psychological models.
- \* Marketing redemption: eco-products, loyalty products, redemption promotions.
- \* Other imaginative variations - eclectic and innovative approaches are encouraged.

Conference *Proceedings* will be published. Attendees receive a hard copy, and a digital copy with ISSN will be hosted in Scholarship & Creative Works @ Digital UNC. Fees are, for presenters, \$100 early bird (pre-Feb. 1) and \$125 after. Additional \$50 for inclusion in proceedings. Non-presenters: \$50. Graduate students are welcome and organized panels are encouraged.

Please submit a one-page abstract, or a one-page panel proposal with brief individual abstracts, by December 8, 2017 to [SASSI@unco.edu](mailto:SASSI@unco.edu). Submission of materials assumes that, if accepted, the submitter will attend the conference. Questions? For further information contact conference host Thomas Endres at [SASSI@unco.edu](mailto:SASSI@unco.edu).

Greeley is approximately one hour north of Denver, one hour south of Cheyenne, WY, and one hour east of Estes Park, CO. The conference will be held in Greeley's new convention center, the Double Tree by Hilton Greeley at Lincoln Park. See [www.unco.edu/SASSI](http://www.unco.edu/SASSI) for details.

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