



Academic Mentorship Program

Comics Studies Society's Graduate Student Caucus

In conjunction with the roundtable "Best Practices in Comics Scholarly Publishing," organized by the CSS's Graduate Student Caucus, the GSC is initiating an Academic Mentorship Program. The Academic Mentorship Program creates opportunities for motivated graduate students, postdocs and contingent faculty to connect with established scholars in the field of comics studies.

The CSS GSC's Academic Mentorship Program seeks to empower junior comics studies scholars and graduate students by encouraging them to develop the diverse skills and strategies necessary to successfully complete their graduate degree and navigate the current job market. Academic mentors are successful senior scholars in tenured or tenure-track positions, who will support their mentee by giving academic advice, sharing resources, investing in their general academic success and helping them network.

CSS Graduate Student Caucus members will be paired with senior faculty members in advance of the 2018 CSS conference in Toronto and have the opportunity to share one piece of writing in progress. Academic Mentor and Mentee will then meet once over the course of the conference to discuss turning the project into a journal article or book chapter and receive feedback on their dissertation. Further mentorship will be encouraged over the course of the year in hopes of fostering the next generation of comics scholars, while offering tangible support to our junior colleagues.

If you are interested in either being an Academic Mentor or Mentee, please contact Biz at elizabeth.nijdam@gmail.com for more information and to sign up. For potential Academic Mentors, please include credentials and a short bio as well as particular strengths in mentorship abilities. For potential Academic Mentees, please include a short bio and a particular focus in mentorship goals. Deadline for applications is June 30th. Deadline for submitting writing excerpt is July 15th.