



Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE

2024 Workshop in Boston is only 25 days away!

Upcoming Dates

- **November 1**
Manuscripts
for The ALAN
Review due
- **November
25-26** ALAN
Workshop



This year's workshop features keynote authors Dhonielle Clayton and Aiden Thomas!

Register for the 2024 ALAN Workshop at <http://convention.ncte.org/registration>.

Want to know more about attending the ALAN workshop and our events at NCTE? Read our [Know Before You Go](#) document to learn more!



Workshop Announcements

This past month we announced the rest of our panels:

2024 ALAN WORKSHOP

MURDER, MYSTERY, AND THRILLS: THE MONSTERS WITHIN US

Desmond Hall Karen Bao Andrew Joseph White

Tuesday, November 26
9:00am

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2024 ALAN WORKSHOP

FUTURE'S EDGE: SCI-FI TAKES ON TRUTH

Andrea L. Rogers Frank Cole

Monday, November 25
4:20 pm

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Murder, Mystery, and Thrills: The Monsters Within Us
 Desmond Hall, Karen Bao, and Andrew Joseph White
 Tuesday, November 26 at 9:00 am

Future's Edge: Sci-Fi Takes on Truth
 Andrea L. Rogers and Frank Cole
 Monday, November 25 at 4:20 pm

2024 ALAN WORKSHOP

FROM THE HEADLINES: ISSUES RELEVANT TO TEENS TODAY

Seema Yasmin Ginger Reno Terry Flash Lochan Sharma

Date
Time

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2024 ALAN WORKSHOP

HEARTFELT ROMANCE: LOVE'S JOURNEY

Jordan K. Casomar Emily Locker

Monday, November 25
8:50 am

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From the Headlines: Issues Relevant to Teens Today
 Seema Yasmin, Ginger Reno, Terry Flash, and Lochan Sharma
 Tuesday, November 26 at 8:35 am

Heartfelt Romance: Love's Journey
 Jordan K. Casomar and Emily Locker
 Monday, November 25 at 8:50 am

**ACROSS HORIZONS:
STORIES OF PASSAGE**Doan Phuong
Nguyen

José Olivarez

Monday, November 25
8:30 am

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**IN CONVERSATION:
GRAPHIC SYNERGY**Raina
Telgemeier

Scott McCloud

Tuesday, November 26
10:40 am

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**Across Horizons: Stories of Passage**
Doan Phuong Nguyen and José Olivarez
Monday, November 25 at 8:30 am**In Conversation: Graphic Synergy**
Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud
Tuesday, November 26 at 10:40 am

Did you miss an announcement or want a reminder about who's attending? View the complete workshop schedule using the link below.

**Workshop
Schedule****ALAN
2024
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VIEW**

ALAN 2024 Know Before You Go Coming Soon!

NCTE SESSION: ALAN ROUNDTABLE*
Friday, November 22nd
9:30-10:45am
Room 253 A-CAND DON'T MISS
OUT ON THE ALAN
BOOTH IN THE NCTE
EXHIBIT HALL!***ALAN BREAKFAST****
Saturday, November 23rd 7:00-9:15am
Keynote: Ellen Oh
Room: TBD**NCTE SESSION: ALAN WRITING SEMINAR***
Saturday, November 23rd 5:45-7:00pm
Room 210 B
Featuring Gene Luen Yang & LeUyen Pham**ALAN AUTHOR MEET & GREET RECEPTION*****
Sunday, November 24th 5:00-6:30pm
Time & Room: TBD**ALAN WORKSHOP*****
Monday, November 25th 8:00am-5:30pm
Tuesday, November 26th 8:00am-1:45pm
Room: TBD
Featuring over 70 creators
Keynotes: Dhonielle Clayton (Monday)
& Aiden Thomas (Tuesday)

*Part of NCTE Conference
**TICKETED BREAKFAST
***Included with ALAN
Registration

Presenting at NCTE?

If you are presenting at NCTE, we would love to share your session with ALAN members. Please fill out this form to provide us with your session information: [ALAN Program Guide @ NCTE 2024](#).

Newer to the ALAN Workshop?

Additionally, if you are a newer ALAN Workshop attendee who would like to be connected with a more experienced conference attendee or you've been to ALAN a time or two (or more!) and would like to support a newcomer, please fill out this form: [ALAN Workshop Buddies, 2024](#).

Can't wait to see you in Boston at all our ALAN events!

Lesesne Award Winner Announced



Congratulations to Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, recipient of the 2024 Teri Lesesne Award which honors an individual for Mentorship and Leadership in Young Adult Literature!

Ebony Elizabeth Thomas, PhD is Chair of the Joint Program in English and Education at the University of Michigan's Marsal Family School of Education, as well as Associate Professor of Education. She is the author of *The Dark Fantastic: Race and the Imagination from Harry Potter to the Hunger Games* (NYU Press, 2019), which won the World Fantasy Award, the British Fantasy Award, and the Children's Literature Association Book Award, among other accolades. Her most recent books are *Harry Potter and the Other: Race, Justice, and Difference in the Wizarding World* (University Press of Mississippi, 2022) co-edited with Sarah Park Dahlen, and *Restorying Young Adult Literature: Expanding Students' Perspectives with Digital Texts* (NCTE, 2023) co-authored with James Joshua Coleman and Autumn A. Griffin.

Her expertise on race and representation in children's and young adult literature has been sought after nationally and internationally. She has been interviewed by PBS NewsHour, NPR, MSNBC, the BBC, the New York Times, the Philadelphia Inquirer, and the Chicago Tribune, to name a few. She is a former reviewer for Kirkus' children's book section, and has written book reviews for the Los Angeles Times and Slate. She is a past National Book Award for Young People's Literature judge, and served as a 2020-2022 member of the United States Board on Books for Young People. Her first novel for young readers, *Shifter and Dreamer*, was a finalist for the New Visions Award and will be published by Lee and Low in Spring 2026.

In addition to her extensive work on books and media for young readers, she has published widely on race, discourse, and interaction in classrooms and digital environments. She is a co-principal investigator on a major James S. McDonnell Foundation Teachers as Learners grant, the Digital Discourse Project (DDP), a longitudinal collaborative inquiry into how partnering teacher consultants in Philadelphia and Denver studied their own discourse practices with data and platforms as they facilitated online discussions during and after the COVID-19 era. A former Detroit Public Schools teacher and National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation

Postdoctoral Fellow, she served as co-editor of Research in the Teaching of English from 2018 to 2023.

Visit our website <https://alan-ya.org/awards/the-teri-leesne-award/> to learn more about the award. We cannot wait to honor Ebony at the ALAN Breakfast on Saturday, November 23rd.

Grant Award Winners Announced



Emily Cobb



Sharon Powers

Congratulations to our ALAN 2024 grant winners: Emily Cobb and Sharon Powers!

Emily is the recipient of the Smith-Carlsen Grant which supports the attendance of a graduate student working in English Education, Literacy Education and/or Young Adult Literature to attend the ALAN Workshop. Emily is currently a PhD student at Clemson University.

Sharon Powers is the recipient of the Cart-Campbell Grant which offers funding and complimentary registration for practicing librarians toward attendance at the ALAN Workshop. Sharon is a middle school librarian in Orlando, FL.

Congratulations to both recipients!

To learn more about ALAN Grants and Awards, please visit <https://alan-ya.org/awards/>.

ALAN Shop

Did you know that ALAN has a Shop where you can buy ALAN swag??? The 2024 ALAN workshop items just dropped--check them out and order your items to wear in November (or whenever it suits your fancy)!

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