

Defiance Against Demise: Radical Community in Literature and Media

The 2026 Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society Conference

California State University, Fullerton

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For our Fall 2026 Conference, the Sigma Tau Delta chapter at California State University, Fullerton has chosen the theme of radical community. When our cabinet got together to think of a theme appropriate to our current time we were at first overwhelmed by the sense of doom brought about by the many current crises occurring in our world: environmental destruction, inequality, humanitarian disasters, wars, genocides, AI, and the list unfortunately continues on. In the face of all of this, we want to create a conference that will be part of finding life and hope in crisis. Our cabinet believes that one of the most foundational aspects of this practice is cultivating community, radically and against all odds. We want to hear from you about how you think this looks.

What crisis have you seen mitigated or survived by a community using or within literature? How has literature and media shaped a community in crisis? How have the characters of a novel or film you love found community? How have the communities of historical radical movements like the Civil Rights, Gender and Sexual Equality, Disability Rights, etc. been shaped by literature and media? What current crises in our literature and media do you think we need to build a community against to withstand? These are just some of the questions we encourage you to think about when making your presentation, and of course we invite you to think of your own. Your work may be creative, academic, or somewhere in between. We can't wait to see what you all have in store!

Submitting Abstract Guidelines

Deadline For Submitting Abstracts: October 25

- Please include name, institution and academic standing.
- Include a brief biography in the third person of up to 50 words.
- If your abstract is accepted, you will be asked to confirm your commitment to attend the conference.
 - Ten days before the conference, we will ask you to email a draft of your presentation to us.
 - Both confirmation that you are attending the conference in addition to the draft of your presentation will serve as an official confirmation for us.
 - PLEASE SUBMIT BOTH.
- To propose a panel, please fill out the section on the application form, including explanation including its title and topic as well as each presenter's name, institution and academic standing.
- Each presenter will be given 10 to 12 minutes to present at the conference and 3 minutes to answer questions.

[Application Form Link](#)