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2024 Call for Papers

The proposal submission deadline has passed and the Sunday Morning Papers Session committee has selected the speakers.

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The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry is delighted to announce our annual Call for Papers. Selected applicants will have the opportunity to give a talk at the Sunday Morning Papers session of CSICon 2024. The conference will be held at the Horseshoe Casino in Las Vegas from October 24 - 27.

You can find conference information on the CSICon website, as well as on the CSICon Facebook page.

The tradition of the Sunday Morning Papers session recognizes new voices and new ideas, and showcases them on the CSICon stage. If you have had success in communicating scientific skepticism, combating pseudoscience, or furthering the mission of CSI in a significant way, we encourage you to submit a proposal.

If your proposal survives the initial selection process, you will be asked to submit a draft of your presentation slides, as well as a recording made with Zoom (or similar technology) of you doing a dry-run of your talk within the allotted time.

Following the final selection process (which may include an interview over Zoom) an invitation to participate in the Sunday Morning Papers Session will be extended to about 6 applicants. Those who accept the invitation will each be allocated approximately 15 minutes on the CSICon stage for their talk.

Selection Process Schedule

- Deadline for proposal submission: **May 3, 2024**
- Initial selection completed; request for further documentation: **May 17, 2024**
- Deadline for draft presentation and dry-run recording submission: **June 14, 2024**
- Final selection completed; invitations issued: **July 7, 2024**
- Deadline for accepting invitation (you must register for the conference prior to accepting the invitation): **July 12, 2024**

Relevant Topics

Appropriate topics for the CSICon Sunday Morning Papers session are those which support the mission of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and which reflect the type of material typically published in *Skeptical Inquirer*. Note that the CSICon Wikipedia page has a section on the Sunday Morning Papers sessions, including a list of past topics.
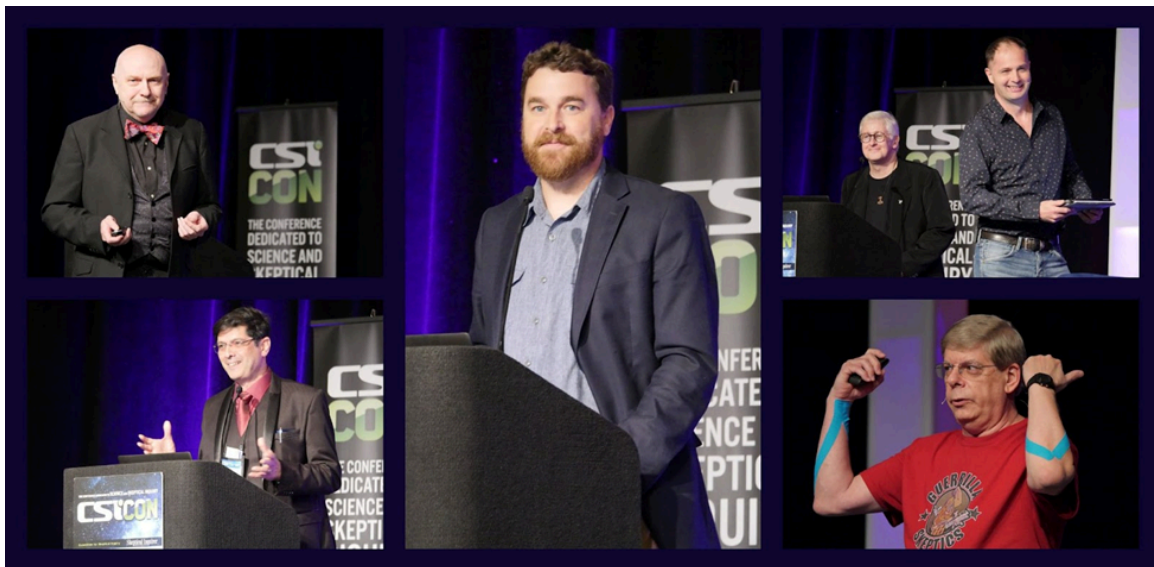
There are two *Skeptical Inquirer* articles available online concerning previous CSICon Sunday Morning Papers sessions which may be helpful to review prior to submitting a proposal:

- "So, You Want to Speak at CSICon?" This article describes a successful experience applying for the CSICon 2019 Sunday Morning Papers session. Note that some of the details of the 2019 application process have been changed, including removal of the requirement to also submit a publishable article.
- "The CSICon 2022 Sunday Papers: Learn About All Six Right Here" This article documents all six of the 2022 Sunday Morning Papers session talks, and includes an introduction penned by each speaker, as well as links to video recreations of all six talks.

Also, examples of past talks recorded by conference attendees can be found here:
- Susan Gerbic's playlist of past Sunday Morning Papers
- Rob Palmer at CSICon 2022: The Great Australian Psychic Prediction Project

Note that proposals regarding topics of an academic nature should be submitted for the one-day LiliCon conference (to be held on Thursday in conjunction with CSICon) instead of for the Sunday Morning Papers session.

Submission Instructions

Please email your Sunday Morning Papers proposal in MS Word or pdf format to **CSIConPapers@gmail.com**. Please use the subject **Paper Proposal** and include the following information:

- Full name
- Position/Affiliation (optional)
- Email address
- Phone number
- Name of additional speaker (if any)
- Presentation title
- Abstract: Provide a concise summary of your proposed presentation in at least 150 words; you may use bullet points. A description of how the topic is relevant to the CSI mission must be included.
- References: Provide any relevant references related to your presentation, along with the associated weblinks if available.

If you have questions regarding anything – such as the suitability of your proposal topic, the proposal submission instructions, the selection timeline, or conference details & expenses – feel free to contact us at **CSIConPapers@gmail.com**.

Expenses

All Sunday Morning Papers speakers are responsible to pay for their own CSICon attendance. The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry greatly appreciates your willingness to participate in the conference, however we cannot fund any part of your travel, lodging, or conference registration.

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