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GETTING STARTED IN COMICS STUDIES

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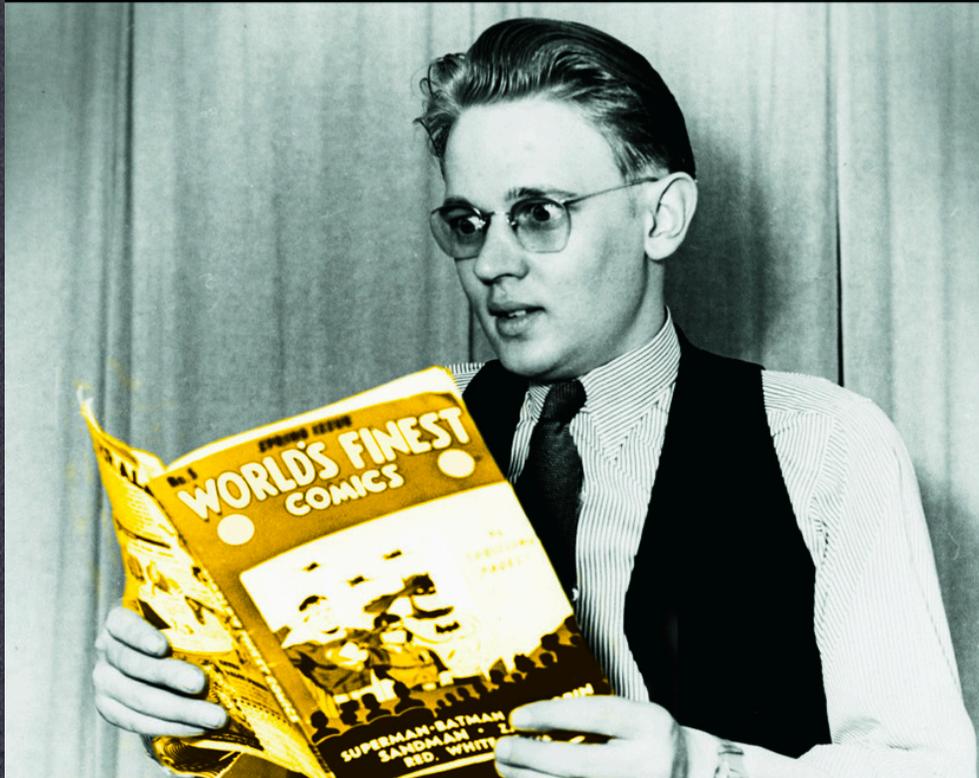
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How to Become a Comics Scholar

1. Read Comics
2. Write about Comics
3. ???
4. Profit!

Critical Approaches to Comics

Theories and Methods



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More Critical Approaches to Comics

Theories and Methods

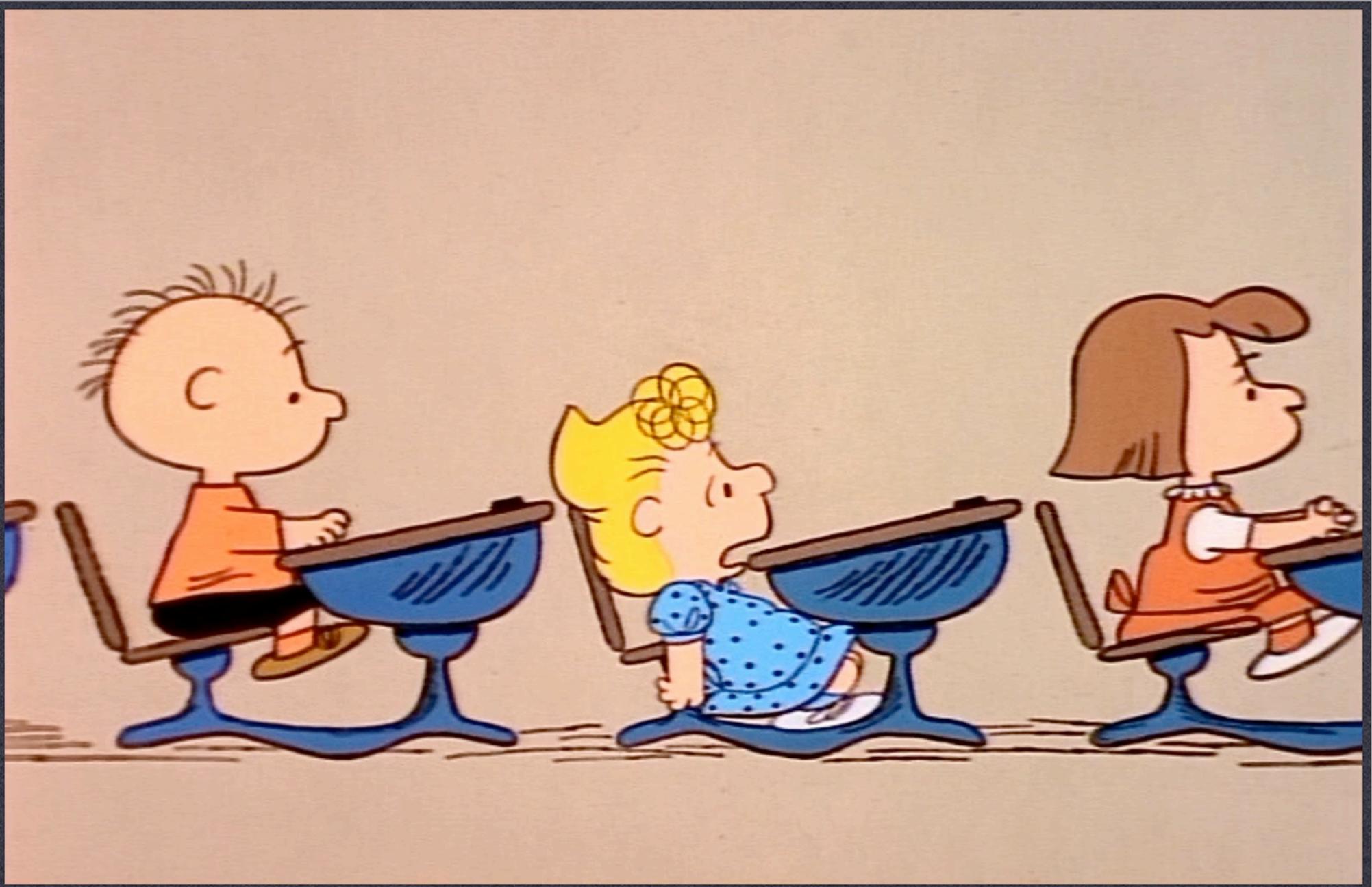


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ROUTLEDGE

COMICS SCHOLARS USE VARIOUS CRITICAL APPROACHES

DRAWN FROM A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES



GRADUATE STUDY

Graduate Programs for Comics Studies

- * University of Florida, Department of English, Comics and Visual Rhetoric Track
- * University of East Anglia, MA Comics Studies
- * Carleton University, MA in Communication, RoCCET Fellowship
- * University of Valencia, Masters of Comics & Education (Spanish)
- * Malmö University, PhD in Media and Communication, Comics Hub

Studying Comics in Another Program...

Fields of and Approaches to Comics Studies

- * Media Studies
- * Art / Art History
- * Literature / English
- * Cultural Studies
- * History
- * Communication
- * Journalism
- * Philosophy
- * Legal Studies
- * Women's & Gender Studies
- * Critical Race / Ethnic Studies
- * Anthropology
- * Linguistics & Cognitive Science
- * Economics / Business
- * Library / Info Science

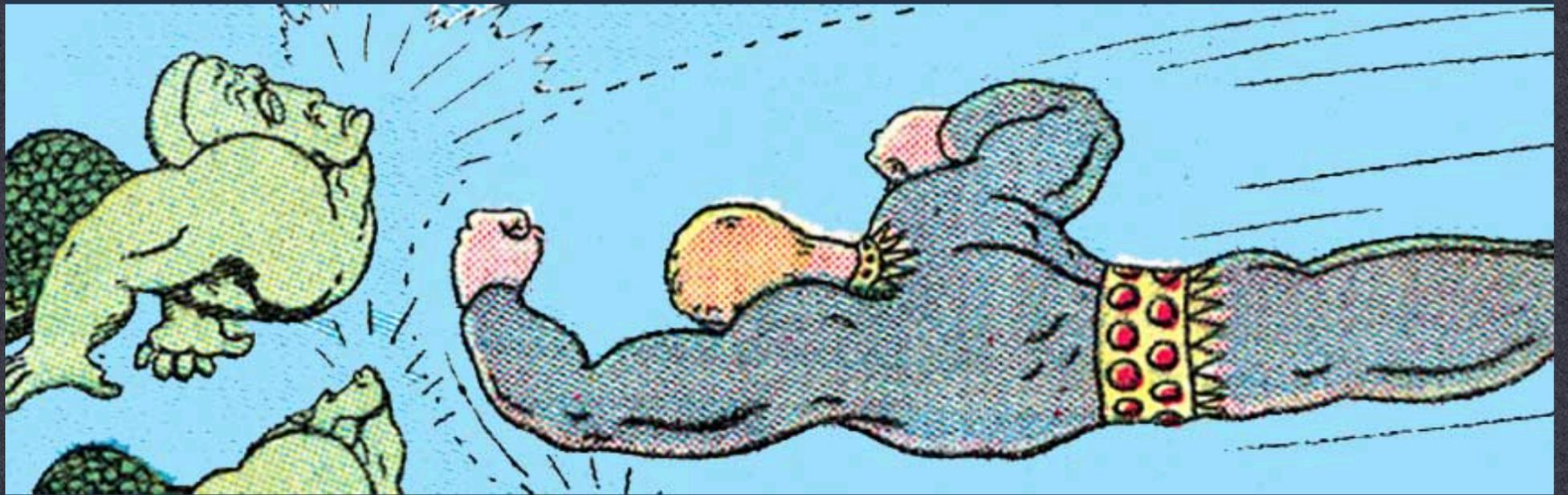
Comics-Friendly Graduate Programs

- * Western Ontario University
English or Media Studies
- * Memorial University of
Newfoundland - English
- * Indiana University
Library Science, Info Science
- * Idaho State Univ - English
- * Indiana Univ. of Pennsylvania
Literature and Linguistics
- * DePaul University
Comm and Media
- * Columbia - American Studies
- * Univ of Connecticut - English
- * The University of Texas at
Dallas - Humanities
- * Tilburg University
Communication
- * Univ of Southern California
Comparative Studies in
Literature and Culture
- * Univ of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
English, History
- * Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, Communication
and English

Other Graduate Resources

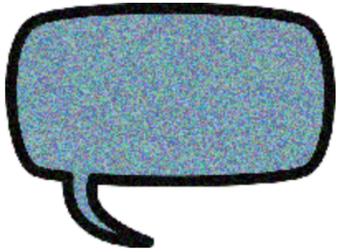
- ✱ Caroline and Erwin Swann Foundation for Caricature and Cartoon for MA or PhD students
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/swann/swann-fellow.html>
- ✱ Comics Studies Society Graduate Student Caucus
<http://gradcaucus.comicsociety.org/>

THE COMICS STUDIES SOCIETY



[HTTP://COMICSSOCIETY.ORG/](http://COMICSSOCIETY.ORG/)

Mission



The Comics Studies Society (CSS) is an interdisciplinary society open to all who share the goals of promoting the critical study of comics, improving comics teaching, and engaging in open and ongoing conversations about the comics world.

One Year Membership Fees:

- * Sliding scale based on income, \$70-\$200
- * \$246 for institutions
- * Comes with subscription to *Inks* journal

Academic Conferences

- * Comics Studies Society Annual Conference
- * Popular Culture Association, Comics and Comic Art Area
- * University of Florida Conference on Comics and Graphic Novels
- * The International Comic Arts Forum
- * Comics Forum, Leeds UK
- * International Graphic Novels and Comics Conference
- * International Bande Dessinée Society
- * Michigan State University Comics Forum
- * ... and many one-off events

Academic Conferences at Conventions

- * Popular Arts Conference at DragonCon (PAC)
- * Comics Arts Conference (CAC) at
SD Comic-Con International and at WonderCon
- * Fandom and Neomedia Studies (FANS)
Conference at A-Kon (anime/manga con in Dallas)

Academic Journals

- * Inks: The Journal of the Comics Studies Society
- * ImageText
- * Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics
- * International Journal of Comic Art
- * European Comic Art
- * Studies in Comics
- * The Comics Grid: Journal of Comics Scholarship
- * Studies in Comics
- * Comicalités: Studies of Graphic Culture
- * Signs: Studies in Graphical Narratives
- * Mechademia (Anime, Manga, & Fandom)
- * Image & Narrative
- * SANE (Sequential Art Narrative in Education) Journal
- * ... and consider media studies, pop culture, cultural studies, and similar journals

Online Resources

- * Comix Scholars Listserve:
comics.english.ufl.edu/comic-scholars-discussion-list
- * ComicsResearch.org
- * Nick Sousanis, Spin Weave and Cut, Comics Programs and Resources
spinweaveandcut.com/comics-programs
- * comics.english.ufl.edu/resources

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* <https://populararts.org/>

