

2015 Conference Event Proposal - "Remembering the Life and Legacy of Alexander Doty"

Conference Event Proposal Title *	Remembering the life & legacy of Alexander Doty
Proposing Caucus(es)/SIG(s) *	Queer Caucus
Brief Summary (300 words or less) *	<p>Alexander M. Doty devoted his life to revolutionizing the way we think about sexuality and media. His combination of intellectual rigor and fearless vision has inspired and motivated countless scholars, activists, and filmmakers to become active participants and leaders in the field of queer media studies. This event will honor Alex as a highly respected scholar and founding member of the SCMS Queer Caucus, whose untimely passing will be mourned by many generations of scholars to come. In celebrating his life and work, the event will feature presentations from luminaries in queer media studies who will each address the particular ways in which Alex's work influenced them professionally and personally. The event will open with remarks from Christine Holmlund, who, with Doty, co-founded the SCMS Queer Caucus (originally known as the Lesbian & Gay Caucus). She will provide an account of her work with Doty to found the caucus, offering current members an invaluable context for this history. Her remarks will be followed by presentations from a series of scholars including Corey Creekmur, Mary Gray, Sean Griffin, and Kara Keeling. Each presenter will highlight the ways in which Doty's scholarship and mentorship played a key role in the development of their own work and the field of queer media studies more generally. Their presentations will include clips of films and television shows that inspired Doty's work and that have resonated with queer fans and scholars for decades. The event will be followed by a reception to allow those in attendance to share stories and reminisce about Doty's life and the impact of his work.</p>
Appeal/Benefits to Caucus/SIG and SCMS Members (300 words or less) *	<p>The event will offer a formal space for caucus and other SCMS members to honor Doty's instrumental role in the founding of the SCMS Queer Caucus, a network of scholars, which throughout its history, has offered a platform for members to find professional connections and guidance as well as vital sources for mentorship. It will also provide a space for celebrating and honoring his contributions to the field of queer media studies. Although Doty did not claim to have invented queer cultural reading as a scholarly practice, he certainly wowed many with the brilliance, daring, and sincerity of his interpretations, ones often deeply rooted in his personal, affective experiences of the cultural forms he was studying. In so doing, he succeeded in showing countless other students of film and television texts why it is so vital to engage in critical practices, why it is essential to be good at them, as well as what is at stake in many identity-based scholar-fandoms, like those often engaged in by LGBTQ subjects and scholars. This event will offer a broad range of scholars an opportunity to articulate the ways in which, he has, and will continue to</p>

inform and empower queer scholars and fans. Through this event, SCMS will pay tribute to Alexander Doty and his work, and will carry on the legacy he started with the Queer Caucus, bringing together scholars in the spirit of collegiality, intellectual curiosity, and solidarity.

Proposed Budget

Amount: *

Itemized Expenses &
Amounts:

TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST: \$4,600

Itemized Budget:

1. Posters Commemorating Doty's Life & Work: 2 posters @\$50 each (\$100)
 2. Flowers: \$200
 3. Album for guests and participants to sign as a gift to be presented to Doty's family: \$50
 4. Refreshments for the Reception catered by the Drake Hotel (prices based on estimated attendance of 50. Prices based on the Drake's catering menu):
 - a. 2 Bartenders (the Drake requires 1 bartender per 75 guests): @\$125 each (\$250 total)
 - b. Bar: \$20 per person = \$1,000
 - c. Reception appetizers ("The Chicago Experience") @60 per guest = \$3,000
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Proposed Location *

Conference Hotel

Where (if off-site
location)?

Hotel Ballroom

Event Coordinator(s)
(please provide names
along with email
addresses) *

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