

BASCon 2008 Panel Descriptions

Friday, November 7th

1:00 pm - 2:00 PM

Grey's Anatomy: Girls Behaving...Badly

Room: Monterey

Moderator: ladyjax

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Harry Potter: Still Want to See the Rest of the Movies?

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Nadine

The next movie is due out next year. Is the interest still there or are fans wanting something more?

Dark Fic

Room: Presidio

Moderator: K'Kathy

Once again, we'll have a safe place at BASCon to talk about what makes other fans shudder. Torture, blood, knifeplay, breathplay, rape, slavery, extreme violence, snuff, mind-fuks, to name but a few. Let's talk about what we like to write, read and why we like it. Bring your kinks, lins and recs to share.

2:00 - 3:00 pm

House - Open Discussion

Room: Monterey

Unmoderated

Pros

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Kris

It's an oldie but goodie.

Military Slash

Room: Presidio

Moderator: Unmoderated

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Eureka

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Kris

The third season of Eureka presented viewers with more than a few surprises. No wonder this season's tagline was: Small Town, Bigger Secrets. What will the next brace of episodes bring to light?

The End of SGA: Better for Fandom Than More Cannon?

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Nadine

It's almost over (at least on the screen) but is it really a bad thing that SGA is going off the air? Come discuss where the fandom might go next.

What's New on the Tube for 2008

Room: Presidio

Moderator: Debbie

Take some time to sit down and discuss this fall's new shows. What's going to make it? What's going to get the boot?

4:00 - 4:30 pm

Meet the ConCom

4:30 - 5: 30 pm

The Fannish - Mundane Intersection

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Nix

When fannish folk and mundanes get throne together, some funny stories can result. The reaction of the customs guy when you told him you were going to a media/science-fiction/writing convention. The looks on people's faces when they walk into your living room/office/cubicle and see the fannish merchandise. The reaction when you "come out" as a fan, or as a slasher! Share some of your stores about living among mundanes.

Wincest

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: K'Kathy

Shield mates in every sense of the word or slashers still smokin' crack? The Winchester brothers are warriors isolated from normal society - and at the end of Season 3 separated from each other. It doesn't seem like a big stretch for them to ignore the social taboo against incest and find physical comfort in each other. What factors, besides the pretty, make you believe in slash for this fandom?

It's All About the Team

Room: Presidio

Moderator: Corbeau

Exploring the role of team in fanfic - do you like it when the author wipes out the team (by death or geographic removal) to concentrate on the OTP, or does it take away too much?

Friday, November 7th (continued)

9:00 – 10:00 pm

DIY (Do It Yourself)

Room: Monterey

Femmeslash

Room: Saratoga

Moderator(s): Doug, ladyjax, and a cast of thousands (sort of)

Honestly, I'm not sure how to describe the femmeslash panel. Suffice to say, it's never boring.

DIY (Do It Yourself)

Room: Presidio

10:00 – 11:00 pm

NiteWrite

Room: Monterey

For those of us who have to make that NaNo word count or just need some space to write with like minded night owls.

DIY (Do It Yourself)

Room(s): Saratoga and Presidio

Saturday, November 8th

9:00 - 10:00 am

The Sentinel - Open Discussion

Room: Monterey

Unmoderated

The Dresden Files

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: K'Kathy

You may have read the popular book series or caught the show during the short time it was on air. The show took some big liberties - literally fleshing out Bob, no faithful mutt companion, a completely different Murphy. How faithful was the show to the spirit of the books? Did it capture the heavy-handed magic and quippy snarkiness of the printed page? Wear your duster, wield your staff, and bring on the discussion.

Life on Mars - Open Discussion

Room: Presidio

Unmoderated

10:00 - 11:00 am

The Future of Dr. Who and Torchwood

Room: Presidio

Moderator: Claire

Dr. Who is taking a year off (except for some specials) and Torchwood is slated for a five episode run in the new year. Let talk about where both shows have been and where they might go in the future.

SGA: Non-McShep

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Dee

Let's discuss other slash pairings within SGA and leave the McShep at the door. Find other fans who share your love, discover communities. Pip your fave pairing and maybe inspire someone to write it.

Where Does Smallville Go Without Lex Luthor?

Room: Presidio

Moderator: group effort

The title says it all.

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Oddball Fandoms

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Kris

Shows like Life and Pushing Daisies bring a different sort of sensibility to television. Call them quirky, they seem to appeal. Come discuss your favorites.

Bisexuality: Life isn't just Straight or Gay

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Debbie

It's a fun playground. When canonically straight characters end up in slashy situations you hear : "But I only love him/her. That doesn't make me gay." Why don't you hear "I only love him/her, I guess that makes me gay" (I think this should read Bi). How does TV compare to real life?

The Middleman - Keeping the World Safe from Threats Infra-, Extra-and Juxta-terrestrial

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Coniraya

The show's been praised for it's smart pop culture knowledge, characters that pass the Bechdel test and actually like each other. Critics and industry insiders love the sho so why haven't the ratings shown this? Why does total crap stay on the air while gems like this get not love. Come discuss this and the implications of Wendy/Lacy, Tyler/Noser, MM/Pip and other other combo conceivable.

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CSI/L&O?: Can the Procedurals Survive Their Latest Cast Changes?

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Moderator: INadine

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The Woman in the Room

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Hederahelix

A central tenet of slash has long been that fan fiction represents women viewers' attempts to rewrite narratives that marginalize women viewers and their desires, and yet, as recent shows have emerged with a larger caset of increasingly complex women characters, slash fandom has not, for the most part begun to shift to writing het fic or femmeslash in response to characters who push many of the same emotional slash buttons. Which newere series appeal to your fannish senses despite not offering up perfect m/m pairings?

Bones - Open Discussion

Room: Presidio

Moderator: Corbeau

2:00 - 3:00 pm

The More The Merrier

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Keeker

Is your "one true pairing" a three or moresome?

Be it three or more males/females or a mixture of male/female some relationships involve more than two people.

Who, How, When, Why does it work? Or not?

Prison Break - Open Discussion

Room: Saratoga

Unmoderated

Pride High

Room: Presidio

Meet Tommy Roddy, the creator and writer of Pride High, a teen-themed comic about a gay-straight alliance at a school for super-powered youth. Winner of the 2008 Prism Comics Queer Press Grant, he'll discuss the role slash fiction had in his coming out process and how the slash community inspired his story.

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Comic Slash

Room: Monterey

Moderator: Nix

General discussion of the slashy possibilities in comic books (for this panel, not anime or manga; they really are very different genres). What's your favorite OTP?

Superman/Batman? Iron Man/Captain America? Tim/Kon? Wondering who all these folks are and want to find out? Need a boost after recent canon events? Come wax poetic about your pairing of choice.

Apocafic Now!

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: ladyjax

Come and discuss the fic where the world goes out with a bang, a whimper and sometimes, nary a peep. Bring your favorite recs and links to share.

Bitch n' Knit

Room: Presidio

Unmoderated

Hang out and get your craft on!

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Heroes - Open Discussion

Room: Monterey

Unmoderated (or it might be depending on who is in the room...)

Can the show be saved from itself? Why have characters changed so much?

Dead Lesbian Office

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: ladyjax

Whether it's the truly dead (Tara on Buffy, Admiral Kain and Kendra on BSG) or the metaphorically dead (Kerry Weaver's doomed relationship on ER), lesbians just can't seem to catch a break sometimes. Can the situation change or are women in love too much for TV?

NCIS - Open Discussion

Room: Presidio

Unmoderated

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Surviving in a Small Fandom

Room: Monterey

Moderators: Nix and Dee

It's happened to most of us one time or another - you see a show/read a book/watch a movie and fall in love. You go to seek out fellow fans and find...a dozen people. OR maybe a hundred people (most of whom lurk) if you're really lucky. How do you keep the love going in a small community? Share the joys and sorrows of small fandoms, whatever your fandom may be.

Ugly Betty: Alexis, the Queen of Mode

Room: Saratoga

Moderator: Coniraya

Along with a liberal dose of fashion sense, Ugly Betty has offered us the transgendered character of Alexis, as played by Rebecca Romijn. She's fierce, she's fab and she's got secrets of her own. Come discuss a very complex character and what it might mean for other gendered characters on TV

Supernatural RPS

Room: Presidio

Moderator: K'Kathy

The only fandom where the high moral ground is RPS (Real Person Slash). Let's discuss all the varied and tasty convolutions folks write to avoid Wincest - RPS (J2, J3, and more), CW RPS combos, AU, historical and mpreg RPS (yes, you read that right), and more. Bring your faves to share and discuss and let's investigate this weird world of hot guy alphabet soup.