



Call for Papers

Pippi to Ripley 6

Gender, Sexuality and Popular Culture

April 21-22, 2023
Ithaca College
Ithaca, NY

Keynote:

Michelle Ann Abate, Ohio State University

**Funny Girls: The Forgotten History of Feisty Young Female
Characters in Classic American Comics**

Dr. Abate is the author of six books, including: *No Kids Allowed: Children's Literature for Adults* (2020); *Funny Girls: Guffaws, Guts, and Gender in Classic American Comics* (2019); *The Big Smallness: Niche Marketing, the American Culture Wars, and the New Children's Literature* (2016) and *Bloody Murder: The Homicide Tradition in Children's Literature* (2013). She is also the co-editor of four books of critical essays, including *Graphic Novels for Young Readers: A Collection of Critical Essays*, with Gwen Athene Tarbox (2017) and *Over the Rainbow: Queer Children's and Young Adult Literature*, with Kenneth B. Kidd (2010).

Since 2011, Pippi to Ripley has functioned as a unique academic conference bringing together scholars, graduate students, librarians, high school teachers and undergraduates presenting research side-by-side. As part of our commitment to inclusivity and access, we have created an affordable venue for first-time presenters and a safe, supportive place for established academics who want to stretch beyond their comfort zone and experiment with new media or formats. Conference administration is an experiential learning collaboration between faculty and students.

We invite papers focusing on gender and/or sexuality in popular culture from all countries and time periods; past topics included children's literature, comics, science fiction, fairytales, music, gaming, films, television, and youtube videos.

Send abstracts of 300 words or fewer to Katharine Kittredge:
kkittredge@ithaca.edu. **Deadline for proposals is January 15, 2023.**