

# WELCOME TO MY WORLDS

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## CONFLUENCE-Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel, July 17-19, 2018



Wendelin Gray and me at our Book Signing



After-Hours with Fortress Publishing

This year's Confluence was one of the most enjoyable I've attended. Though my book sales in the Dealers Room were somewhat flat as opposed to last year, the programming, music, and, most importantly, the people made the event quite memorable.

My presentation at 4pm on Friday (the first one of the con) was basically saved by author J.D. Barker. J.D. always brings his own equipment to events in case of any problems. Sure enough, the room hadn't been set up yet and the hotel didn't have the projector and screen for my Powerpoint presentation on "Speculative Fiction and Rock and Roll." J.D. kindly offered his equipment (he had a publishing presentation right after mine), helped get everything set up, and everything went pretty smoothly from that point.

I was on 2 panels later Friday evening. The first echoed my presentation - *It's a Monster Mash - Rock and Roll SF* - with S.J. Tucker (moderator and musical GOH), Catherynne M. Valente (literary GOH), Lawrence M. Connolly (great Pittsburgh author!), and musician Marilyn Brahen. That was a good one, very enjoyable, and it was an honor to be on the panel with such great musical and literary artists!



Me, S.J. Tucker, Catherynne M. Valente, Marilyn Brahen, and Lawrence Connolly



Kevin Hayes and his Third Eye

I moderated the next panel on self publishing with members Karen Yun-Lutz, Jay Smith, and Ian Randal Strock. It went pretty well with a lot of great information shared by the very experienced and knowledgeable panel.



Frenchy and the Punk



Masquerade Contest Contestants and Judges

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Thanks to [Karen Yun-Lutz](#) for the great Confluence photographs (except for the "After Hours" and "Third Eye," which are mine).

Saturday was my and fellow author and friend Wendelin Gray's combined book signing and book launch party for our newly released novels, *Magus Star Rising* and *Sohyeon After Midnight*. We provided pizza, mead, cookies, and tea, and did some readings and a short presentation. Oh, yes, and we sold a few books!

My last panel of the con, with Brian Koscienski of [Fortress Publishing](#) moderating me, J.L. Gribble, and A.M. Rycroft, was *Blurring the Lines Across Genres*, where we talked cross-genre, mashups, etc. Again, fun and informative with a lot of good questions from the audience.



Tom Sweterlitsch, J.D. Tucker, and Fred Durbin



Michael Arnzen, J.D. Barker, and Joshua Bellin

## AUTHOR NEWS!

A writer friend got back the rights to three of her Young Adult novels published by a small press that recently folded.

Cheryl Elaine Williams has put the novels in Kindle Unlimited for a **FREE** read for KU members. Here are the links, for those who might be in-

**STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN** - Click [HERE](#)  
**STRANGERS IN THE PROVINCE OF JOY** - Click [HERE](#)  
**EDEN ON THE FRONTIER** - Click [HERE](#)

You can email Cheryl at [cherylewilliams205@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylewilliams205@yahoo.com) and tell her if your books are in KU too.



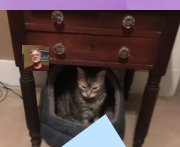
Here I am on the last day of the con in the Dealers' Room, not trying to look smug or cocky.

I was just exhausted!

Thanks to [Wendelin Gray](#) for this photo!

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I want to be on a panel about Food and Sleep. I'm very experienced in those areas.