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About the Carl Brandon Society

Our Mission

The mission of the Carl Brandon Society is to increase racial and ethnic diversity in the production of and audience for speculative fiction.

Our Vision

We envision a world in which speculative fiction, about complex and diverse cultures from writers of all backgrounds, is used to understand the present and model possible futures; and where people of color are full citizens in the community of imagination and progress.

We Value

- ◆ Fantasizing for its own sake and as an agent of social innovation
- ◆ Literature as a groundspring for social change
- ◆ Creative innovation in the field of speculative fiction
- ◆ Inclusive definitions of both genre and audiences
- ◆ A culture of listening to people of all abilities, genders, and backgrounds, in all fields of endeavor
- ◆ National and international community-building around areas of interest

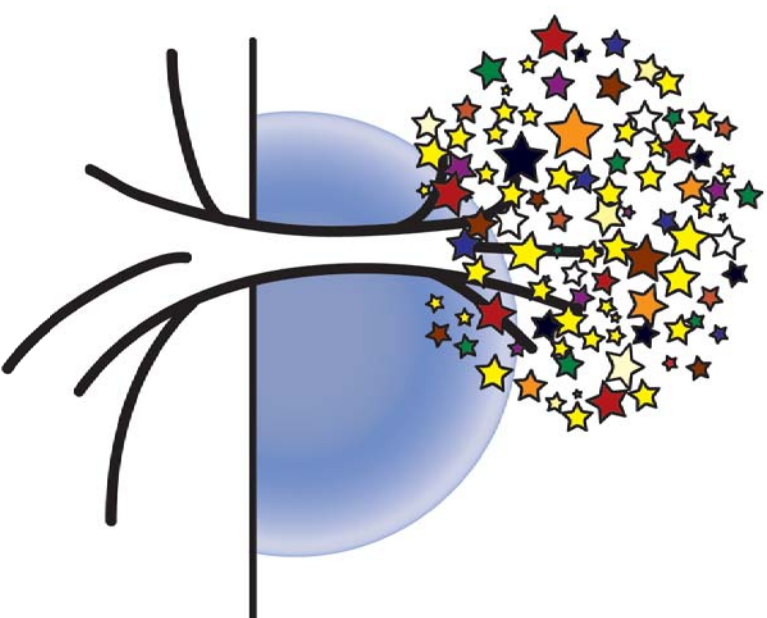
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About Our Name

We named ourselves after the fictional black fan writer Carl Brandon, a 1950s hoax invented by white writers Terry Carr and Peter Graham. In much the same way that Alice Sheldon played with the concepts of gender in her writing as James Tiptree, Jr., so did Carr and Graham underline the invisibility of people of color in SF using the name Carl Brandon. Women can now write under their own names, and people of color now write and publish our own stories. We've got further to go for now, which is why we're working to make fandom an equal home for people of color.



Why Racial Justice in Speculative Fiction?

“Well, then, how does one combat racism in science fiction? ... The best way is to build a certain social vigilance into the system... to establish—and repeatedly revamp—anti-racist institutions and traditions.”

-Samuel R. Delany, “Racism and Science Fiction”

Positive representation of people of color in all entertainment media is central to society's shared project of racial equality. The Carl Brandon Society emphasizes the representation of people of color in speculative fiction because it allows audiences to imagine alternative realities and changed futures—and to model a racially just world—in a way that “realistic” fiction cannot.

Far from objecting to fantasy and escapism, the Carl Brandon Society reserves some escape pods for people of color. We believe fiercely that readers whose daydream worlds are truly diverse will be less tolerant of injustices in their realities.



Our Programs

Annual Book Awards

The Carl Brandon Parallax Award is given to works of speculative fiction created by a person of color. The Carl Brandon Kindred Award is given to any work of speculative fiction dealing with issues of race and ethnicity. Each winner is given a \$1000 cash prize.

The Octavia E. Butler Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Octavia E. Butler Memorial Scholarship enables one writer of color to attend each of the US Clarion writing workshops every year. The Scholarship is meant to cement Octavia's legacy by providing the same experience/opportunity that Octavia had at Clarion to future generations of new writers of color.

Heritage Month Book Lists

Carl Brandon Society members select and distribute a list of 10 speculative fiction books by writers of that heritage for each of the major US heritage months.

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