



Report on SYFY Virtual Conference Held October 10, 2020

The keynote speaker, Dr. Lisa Nocks, opened the conference with the topic “The Science Fiction Android as Gedanken Experiment.” A roundtable open discussion with panelists dealt with the question: When looking at those times when science fiction has seemed to predict a change in technology or social behavior, are we witnessing a real effect, or only a coincidental alignment of circumstances?” i.e. Can 'Art,' in general, influence technology and society? The Sponsors for the conference were Southeastern Michigan Section, and its EMC Chapter, The Engineering Society of Detroit, which provided the 300 attendee capacity ZOOM site and the Society on the Social Implications of Technology. There were 202 registrations from eight countries.



Karen Burnham-Moderator



Dr. Lisa Nocks-Keynote Speaker



Dr. Geoffrey Landis-Panelist



Aliza Greenbelt-Panelist



Dr. Gary Wolfe-Panelist



Dr. Mary Turzillo-Panelist



Michael DeLuca-Panelist



Tobias Bucknell