JAN 27 - CITY ON THE EDGE OF FOREVER: EXPLORING THE FRONTIERS OF STAR TREK
Uncover the links between Gene Roddenberry’s Star Trek, the original series, and the political and social environment of our own world during the time of the series creation.
Christina Yamanaka, MSJC History Professor

FEB 10 - HOW SCIENCE INFLUENCES SCIENCE FICTION AND VICE VERSA
Does science fiction steer science, or is it the other way around? Discover how these two opposing forces have influenced each other and how both pave the way into the future.
Dr. Kevin Grazier, planetary scientist at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and science advisor for Battlestar Galactica, Eureka, and The Event.

MAR 10 - SCIENCE FICTION: THE PREDICTOR OF THE FUTURE, OR OF THE PRESENT?
Some think that science fiction can predict the future; but can it? Do science fiction stories express the fears about the future that are present today? Explore the ways in which science and technology interact with human culture, ethics and politics.
Dr. Robert Heath, UC Riverside Plant Physiology & Biophysics Professor Emeritus

APR 14 - SCIENCE FICTION: ANALYTICAL TOOL
What can science fiction tell us about society? Sociological Science Fiction offers the opportunity for exploration into social problems, cultural norms, values, and the ways in which human societies interact with technology.
Valerie Reed, MSJC Sociology Professor

MAY 12 - SCIENCE FICTION: INSIGHT INTO TEENAGE ANGST?
Science fiction is popular among youths. Can the stories and themes of young-adult science fiction provide insight into understanding adolescence and teenage angst?
Michelle Pagni Stewart, MSJC English Professor

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