

Modernism, academic study, etc

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Jonathan Laidlow — 27 Oct 1999, 09:19

Hello folks,

I've been away for a little while - work is hell - the thesis drags ever closer to completion, but this morning I took twenty minutes to skim through the latest Urth digests.

I agree with Damian - a fascinating discussion of Modernism - far more interesting than the ugly flame war I started on the subject some months ago. I still maintain, and urge you to read, Clute and Nicholls' piece on Wolfe in the SF Encyclopedia and its related texts. It is a very interesting piece on the subject of Wolfe and modernist SF. Given a little time, and if my CD-Rom was in the office I'd quote a few passages from it. Maybe tomorrow.

On the subject of academic study of Wolfe -well it is happening. My website bibliography of academic studies of Wolfe requires updating - it doesn't have any of Robert Borski's pieces in NYRSF yet as I haven't tracked them down. It also hasn't got Gerlach's new piece on Long Sun in Extrapolation yet. A recent book on British SF films features a piece by Peter Wright. Not on Wolfe, but the notes on contributors assert that he is working on a study of Wolfe.

I've also several times talked the talk about putting together some kind of academic journal on Wolfe. While my academic position is currently tenuous, once I'm in a secure job I plan to try to put together at least one set of scholarly essays on Wolfe. Nigel Price and I have also frequently discussed doing a one day symposium on Wolfe in the UK and I'm currently in the very early stages of planning that. More information as it becomes available!

As for the journal - Potto and I have discussed putting an electronic preview issue on my website which would reprint his now out-of- print Nova Express piece and perhaps a few other choice morsels.

Suggestions and offers of help greatly appreciated.

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