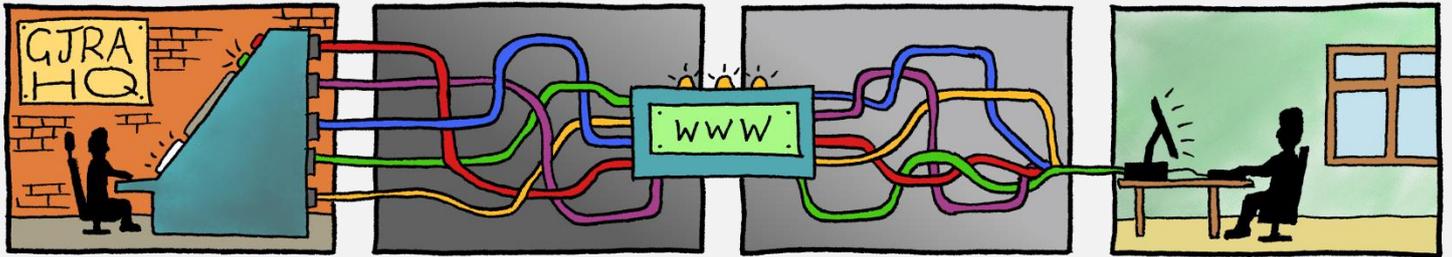


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A MONTHLY ROUND-UP ON ALL THINGS GRAPHIC JUSTICE

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FEATURED ONLINE RESOURCES AND ARTICLES

Tribute to Art Spiegelman: The comics auteur receives a fitting tribute and rundown of his work in [this Comics Alliance article post](#).

Comics and Making Meaning: Check out [this podcast](#) from the law and medicine network Graphic Medicine on meaning making in comics.

Nick Sousanis on the Rise of Comics in Academia: The *Unflattering* author discusses the rise of comics in academic research, and provides some handy links to on-going developments. [See here](#).

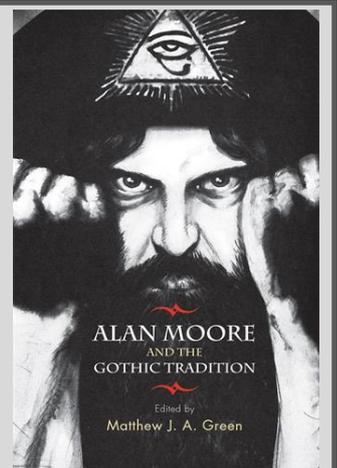
Marvel Diversity and Donald Trump: A nice little article from GJRA member Neal Curtis considering the ramifications of Marvel's recent financial support for the Trump campaign, in light of the relative improvements in representations of diversity in their comics. [Click here](#).

Comics and Bio-Banking: Here's a [podcast](#) from lawyer and bioethicist Leah Eisenberg on using comics to demystify bio-banks.



FEATURED PUBLICATION

The essays in [MJA Green's *Alan Moore and the Gothic Tradition*](#) "identify the Gothic tradition as perhaps the most significant cultural context for understanding Moore's work, providing unique insight into its wider social and political dimensions as well as addressing key theoretical issues... [Readers] will find fresh insights into Moore's use of horror and terror, homage and parody, plus allusion and adaptation. The international list of contributors includes leading researchers in the field and the studies presented here enhance the understanding of Moore's works while at the same time exploring the ways in which these serve to advance a broader appreciation of Gothic aesthetics."



RECOMMENDED READING

Continuing the Alan Moore theme, his reworking of the Lovecraftian mythos in collaborative work with Jacen Burrows in *Neonomicon* may be of interest to those working in psychoanalysis, law and the gothic, law and horror, or intertextuality.



KEY RESOURCE

The **Comic Book Legal Defense Fund** has been fighting for the free-speech rights of comics and graphic fiction since 1986.



From their **About** page: "Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the First Amendment rights of the comics medium.

Our work takes us into courtrooms, classrooms, conventions and libraries all over the United States where we provide legal aid, education, and advocacy to protect the First Amendment rights of the readers, creators, retailers, publishers, and librarians of comics, manga, and graphic novels."

NEWS!

The Phantom turns 80: Our purple hero celebrates his long life [here](#).

Graphic Anthropology: Comics as a critical resource and method for anthropological research. [See some details here](#).

This One Summer suffering Censorship: Award-winning graphic novel for young people is receiving criticism and bans. See details [here](#).



SLSA 2016 Call to be Extended for Graphic Justice Theme: Details will be circulated once the extended call is officially opened. In the meantime, see theme details [here](#).

OPEN CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

If you have something you would like to post on the [GJRA blog](#), we are always open to receive submissions. Here are some indicative examples of types of posts, although other ideas will always be considered:

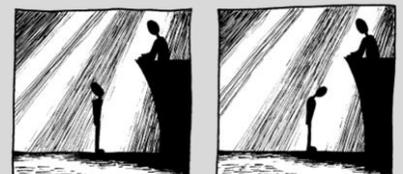
- *Reviews of comics:* Posts summarising and highlighting comics works with potential relevance or interest to the Alliance.
- *Reviews of academic publications:* Posts critically summarising academic or commentary texts of potential relevance or interest to the Alliance.
- *Analysis or commentary:* More in-depth posts (but not necessarily) critically examining or analysing particular issues or works within the scope of the Alliance.
- *General news:* Posts sharing general news items of potential interest to the Alliance, such as industry or publication news, calls for papers, or news of conferences and other events.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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