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Speculative Literature Foundation welcomes new Development Director.

Oak Park, Illinois (September 5, 2023) – The Speculative Literature Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Sue Bedry to the SLF team as she assumes the role of Development Director.

Bedry will primarily be in charge of obtaining funding for the SLF used to cover general operating costs and the grants and courses the SLF offers to writers. In addition to this, she'll be responsible for maintaining the SLF's financial relationships. She will be a crucial player in the organization's expansion as it emerges as a pillar for those in the speculative literature community.

Sue Bedry (she/her) earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian and French from the State University of New York at Albany and a Master of Letters degree in Russian and French literature from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. Originally from Rochester, NY, she now lives and works in the Tampa Bay area of Florida. She has worked in fundraising and development since 1999. She is also the administrator and co-founder, with SFF writer, editor and teacher Rick Wilber, of the Tampa Bay Times Newspaper in Education Science Fiction and Fantasy Writing Award. This award was founded in 2014 to encourage high school authors in the Tampa Bay area to explore the genres of science fiction and fantasy and to experiment with the short story format.

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Launched in January 2004 to promote literary quality in speculative fiction, the Speculative Literature Foundation addresses historical inequities in access to literary opportunities for marginalized writers. Our staff and board are committed to representing racial, gender, and class diversity at all levels of our organization. This commitment is at the heart of what the Speculative Literature Foundation stands for: equal access to create and advance science fiction, fantasy, and horror literature. We strive to enable writers at any stage of their career and of any age, any ethnicity, any gender expression, from any location and of any economic or social status, who want to learn about, or create within, the speculative arts.

The SLF is a 501(c)3 non-profit, entirely supported by community donations. If you'd like to be involved with our efforts, please consider joining us as a member for \$2/month, at speculativeliterature.org/membership.

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