

The Sopranos: A Wake

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Convener: David Lavery, Chair in Film & TV at Brunel University in London and editor of *This Thing of Ours: Investigating The Sopranos* [Columbia UP, 2002] and *Reading The Sopranos: Hit TV from HBO* [I. B. Tauris,

2006]); **co-conveners: Paul Levinson** (Fordham) and **Douglas L. Howard** (Suffolk County Community College).

May 22-25, 2008—The Department of Communication and Media Studies at Fordham University in New York will sponsor the first scholarly conference devoted to the HBO drama *The Sopranos*. The conference aspires to provide a definitive final assessment of one of the most important television series ever. The best papers from the conference will be published as a book.

David Chase has promised to attend, schedule permitting.



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Featured speakers include Janet McCabe, Kim Akass, Martha Nochimson, Gary Edgerton, George De Stefano, Jason Jacobs, Jimmie Reeves, Maurice Yacowar, and Franco Ricci

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*wake: A funeral celebration, common in Ireland, at which the participants stay awake all night keeping watch over the body of the dead person before burial. A wake traditionally involves a good deal of feasting and drinking.—*American Heritage New Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*, Third Edition