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**TROPE TALK: How to Use - and Not Use - Tropes**

**HANDOUT**

1. WHAT IS A TROPE?

2. IS A CLICHE A TROPE? IS A TROPE A CLICHE?

3. TYPES OF TROPES

4. “I’M VERY CREATIVE, AND I DON’T WANT TO CHEAT. I’M GOING TO WRITE MY STORY WITHOUT ANY TROPES.”

5. ARE ALL TROPES GOOD? (and a few words about subject matter)

6. BACK TO TROPES

7. HOW CAN I USE TROPES WELL?

QUESTIONS?

(Questions about querying or publishing welcomed, if time.)