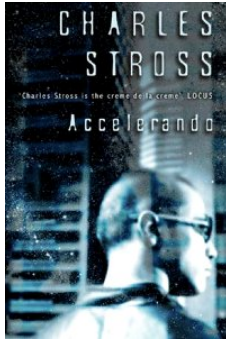
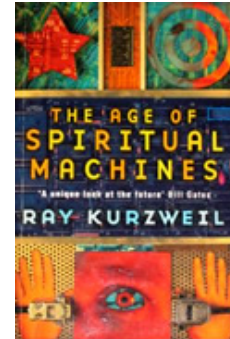


# Science, Technology, and Society: Examining the Future Through a Science-Fiction Lens



## English 507

Spring 2010  
Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:40pm  
Bailey Hall Room 202



### Course coordinators:

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Science and technology offer countless benefits to individuals and to societies, yet they also present challenges. This course explores the past, present, and possible future effects of science and technology on society through readings and discussions of nonfiction in conjunction with science-fiction stories and novels. We also occasionally view related film clips around these themes.

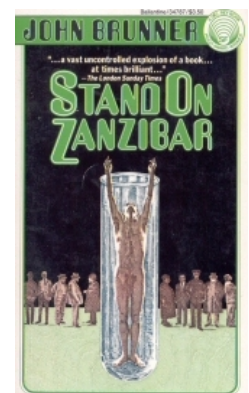
Classes are a mix of lecture and discussion. Students who lead discussions come to class with questions on the day's topic, plus share outside readings and observations with the class. Readings are mostly short works of fiction and nonfiction, plus a few longer works. Each week, students write a one-page paper about that week's readings. Other projects include a mid-term paper, an live presentation, and a research paper as a final project.

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