

Call for Papers: Mythopoeic Society Conference XXXVII
University of Oklahoma, Norman OK
4-7 August 2006
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The Map and the Territory: Maps and Landscapes in Fantasy
(with a track on Native American Fantasy/Native Americans in Fantasy)

Author Guest of Honor: Lois McMaster Bujold
Scholar Guest of Honor: Amy Sturgis

What role do maps and landscapes play in fantasy? Is drawing the map necessarily an early part of the subcreative process? How do fantasists go about creating the worlds in which their stories take place? Sometimes it's said that the landscape is a character in the story—what does this mean? Sometimes maps play an important role in the story itself. Maps also provide an opportunity for "other minds and hands" to fill in the blanks left in an author's subcreated world. Native American characters frequently appear in fantastic fiction—how are they portrayed, and what role(s) do they play? Consider fantasies based on native myths and legends and/or fantasy written by Native American authors...what sources and philosophies do they bring to the field of fantasy?

Papers dealing with these conference themes are especially encouraged. We also welcome papers focusing on the work and interests of the Inklings (especially J. R. R. Tolkien, C. S. Lewis, and Charles Williams), of our Guests of Honor, and other fantasy authors and themes. Papers from a variety of critical perspectives and disciplines are welcome.

Each paper will be given a one-hour slot to allow time for questions, but individual papers should be timed for oral presentation in 40 minutes maximum. Two presenters who wish to present short, related papers may also share a one-hour slot. Participants are encouraged to submit papers chosen for presentation at the conference to *Mythlore*, the refereed journal of the Mythopoeic Society (<http://www.mythsoc.org/mythlore.html>). All papers should conform to the MLA Style Manual (2nd ed). **Paper abstracts (250 word maximum), along with contact information, should be sent to the Papers Coordinator at the following address (e-mail is preferable) by 15 April, 2006.** Please include your AV requests and the projected time needed for your presentation.

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