

The 43rd Annual Mythopoeic Conference

**Across the Continents:
Myths and legends from Europe and Asia
meet and mingle**

August 3–6, 2012

Clark Kerr Campus, Berkeley, CA



Progress Report 2

Guests of Honor

☉ Scholar: Prof. G. Ronald Murphy, SJ

Father Murphy was born in Trenton, New Jersey, which, as he explains, is the first American city ever occupied by a German Army—the Hessians, in 1776. Whether or not that constitutes probable cause, he has always nurtured great interest in and affection for everything German. Also fascinated with the origins of things, Murphy produced a definitive study of the *Heliand*, considered the earliest German epic in 1989, followed by a translation and commentary, *The Heliand, The Saxon Gospel* in 1992.

In 2000 Father Murphy published *The Owl, the Raven & the Dove: The Religious Meaning of the Grimms' Magic Fairy Tales*, examining the magic confluence of the Germanic and the Christian in the work of the Brothers Grimm, which won the Mythopoeic Scholarship Award in 2002. In 2006, he published the successful results of a quest as *Gemstone of Paradise: The Holy Grail in Wolfram's Parzival*, the 2007 Mythopoeic Scholarship winner. Father Murphy truly enjoys literature and language and sharing the great works of German literature. In his opinion, the whole world turns around God, people, stories, and realization.



☉ Author: Malinda Lo

Malinda Lo was born in China and moved to the United States as a child. Her first novel, *Ash*—a retelling of the Cinderella fairy tale—was a finalist for the 2010 Mythopoeic Fantasy Award, as well as for the William C. Morris YA Debut Award, the Andre Norton Award for YA Science Fiction and Fantasy, and the Lambda Literary Award for Children's/Young Adult; it was also listed as a Kirkus 2009 Best Book for Children and Teens. Her second novel, *Huntress*, is a companion novel to *Ash* and received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*.

A two-book young adult science fiction series (inspired in part by a long-time interest in *The X-Files*), beginning with *Adaptation*, will be published in fall 2012. Formerly, Lo was an entertainment reporter, and was awarded the 2006 Sarah Pettit Memorial Award for Excellence in LGBT Journalism by the National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association for her work at *AfterEllen*. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and has master's degrees from Harvard and Stanford Universities. She lives in Northern California with her partner and their dog. Her web site, www.malindalo.com, contains a variety of Lo's articles, essays, and fiction excerpts.



Conference Registration

Membership:

| | Mythopoeic Society | | |
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| | students | members | non-members |
| until July 15, 2012 | \$65 | \$80 | \$95 |
| at the door | \$65 | \$95 | \$105 |

Children under age 12 are free.

One day memberships

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| (Saturday and/or Sunday) | \$30 | \$40 | \$55 |
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One day memberships can be purchased at the door only

Purchase online at www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/43/registration

Room and Board Package

All Room and Board packages, Meal Tickets and Parking Passes must be purchased by July 9th.

Full information: www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/43/room/

Room and Board package includes lodging Friday, Saturday and Sunday; meals from Friday dinner through Monday breakfast, including the Sunday banquet.

Double: \$310 (price per person, two people in bedroom)

Single: \$385 (price per person, one person in bedroom)

Housing will be in newly remodelled suites at the Clark Kerr Campus, UC Berkeley. Most Suites have a living room, 2-3 bedrooms, and 1 or more bathrooms. Each bedroom can have either one person (a **single**) or two people (**double rate ×2**). If two people wish to have a suite all to themselves, then you will need to pay for two single rooms. Please let us know who you want to room with; otherwise we will assign room and/or suitemates. Don't worry, we won't mix the sexes in random assignments. But if you do have any restrictions or ideals—morning person, night owl, quiet, noisy, social, or whatever—please let us know, and we'll try to match you up.) Please indicate if you would like to be placed in a quiet area or close to evening entertainment locations.

Extra Room Nights

Rooms at Clark Kerr before or after Mythcon can be reserved for Thursday (August 2) or Monday (August 7) nights. No meals are included.

Single occupancy: \$77 per night

Double occupancy: \$55 per night

Meal Plans, Meal Tickets, and Sunday Banquet

Advance Purchase Required

Banquet tickets are included in the room and board package. For attendees commuting or staying off-site, meal plans, individual meal tickets, and banquet tickets are available. Rates are:

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| Banquet ticket only: | \$ 50 |
| Meal plan (for commuters): | \$120 |
| (includes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, Sunday lunch and banquet) | |
| Individual meal tickets | |
| Breakfast: | \$11.10 |
| Lunch: | \$13.28 |
| Dinner: | \$15.18 |

A very limited number of single meal tickets will be available for purchase at the conference. We encourage all attendees staying off-campus to buy the meal package. Shared meals are a large part of Mythcon, and attendees of past Mythcons will confirm that Clark Kerr serves some of the best meals we've had. There are no restaurants less than ½ mile from campus.

Parking

Parking is available in the Southwest parking lot. You can purchase a parking pass (available online in advance only!) for the entire weekend (Friday through Monday) for \$42, or a one day pass for \$14. During the conference, parking can be obtained in this lot for \$1/hour or \$14/day at the cash only kiosk.

Warning: the machine is cranky and the pass expires each morning.

Internet Access at Clark Kerr

Wired Internet Connections are available in all the dorm rooms. You need to register your computer, see the link below. **Wireless Internet** is available in Building 2 (our main sleeping rooms area), Building 14 (our conference space) and Building 10 (the dining hall and our Monday conference space).

Again, you will need to register your device. Please contact Lisa Harrigan at mythsoc@sbcglobal.net to receive the login name and password.

Internet registration info: www.rescomp.berkeley.edu/services/#conference

Payment and Contact Information

Conference Registration, Room/Board and Meal packages, banquet tickets, and individual meal tickets can be ordered online through the Mythcon 43 web site addresses listed in the above sections. Payment here can be made through Paypal. If you wish to pay by check, make checks payable to **The Mythopoeic Society** and send to:

Mythcon 43
c/o The Mythopoeic Society
P.O. Box 28427
San Jose, CA 95159

If you have any questions about registration, email Lisa Deutsch Harrigan at mythsoc@sbcglobal.net

Cash, Checks, and Credit Cards will be accepted at the door.

Travel Information

Clark Kerr Campus Vital Statistics

The Clark Kerr Campus, our conference site, is located at 2601 Warring St., Berkeley CA 94720, between Dwight Way and Derby St. in southeast Berkeley. Web site:

conferenceservices.berkeley.edu/summerconf_guestinfo_checkinout.html

Registration: on Friday, conference and housing registration will be in the administration building, directly in front of you as you face the campus at the main entrance. On Saturday and Sunday, conference registration and information will be in the lobby of the Krutch Theatre (Building 14), the main programming building for Mythcon.

Telephone messages may be left for you during Mythcon at (510) 642-6290. Mail messages can be addressed to: Name, c/o Mythcon, Clark Kerr Campus, 2601 Warring Street, Berkeley, CA 94720-2288. Messages will be posted on the bulletin board in the administration building.

Clark Kerr campus is a non-smoking campus. Smoking is not permitted inside any campus buildings, including residence halls or suites.

Weather

Berkeley faces the Golden Gate and is exposed to the ocean, so its weather is variable and often cool. Balmy summer days in the 70s are common, but cool, windy, overcast days in the 50s with even a little rain are possible. Do not dress too lightly, and bring fairly warm clothing for cooler weather.

Air Travel

We recommend that air travelers fly into the Oakland International Airport, the closest and most convenient commercial airport, ten miles away from the Clark Kerr Campus. San Francisco International Airport, 23 miles away, is a good substitute if convenient flights to Oakland are not available.

Airport Shuttles

Over two dozen shuttle companies offer service from the Oakland airport to the Clark Kerr campus; check the airport's web site for listings. Always phone in advance to make reservations, both coming and going. Most of these companies also offer service from the San Francisco airport, but the cost will be much higher. Some representative shuttle services are:

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| BayPorter Express | (510) 864-4000 / (415) 467-8783 |
| Bay Area Shuttle | (415) 873-7771 |
| East Bay Airporter | (925) 671-7846 / (650) 873-7771 |

Travel Information, cont.

Mass Transit

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) serves San Francisco and the East Bay. From the Oakland Airport, AirBART shuttle buses (fare: \$3) leave every ~15 minutes for the Coliseum BART station. Board a Richmond-bound train to the Berkeley station or a Pittsburg train to the Rockridge station. Before exiting, take a free transfer from the machine for 25 cents off the AC Transit bus fare.

AC Transit bus route 7 stops at both the Berkeley and Rockridge BART stations and serves the Clark Kerr Campus, which is located between them. The fare is \$2.10 without a BART transfer.

The San Francisco Airport BART station is in the International Terminal. Walk or take the free AirTrain from the other terminals. Depending on time of day (one or the other will be running), take a Richmond train to the Berkeley station or a Pittsburg/Bay Point train to the Rockridge station, and switch to AC Transit.

Travel Contact Info

Oakland International Airport: www.oaklandairport.com

San Francisco International Airport: www.flysfo.com

BART (510) 464-6000: www.bart.gov

AC Transit (800) 559-4636: www.actransit.org

511.org SF Bay (travel site): 511.org

Visit Berkeley: visitberkeley.com

Off-campus Accommodation

For conference attendees who prefer to stay off-site, here is some information on local hotels. Close to campus (less than $\frac{3}{4}$ mile), but rather expensive, boutique hotels:

- Hotel Durant, Durant Ave. at Bowditch St. (510) 845-8981, www.hoteldurant.com
- Claremont Hotel and Resort, Claremont Ave. at Tunnel Rd. (800) 551-7266, www.claremontresort.com
- Bancroft Hotel, 2680 Bancroft Way at College Ave. (510) 549-1000, www.bancrofthotel.com
- Rose Garden Inn, 2740 Telegraph Ave. at Stuart St. (510) 549-2145 www.rosegardeninn.com

Less expensive lodgings are located along University Ave., two miles or more from campus. Higher street numbers are closer to campus. Reputable hotels:

- Travelodge, 1820 University Ave. (510) 843-4262
- Holiday Inn Express, 1175 University Ave. (510) 548-1700
- La Quinta Inn, 920 University Ave. (510) 849-1121

There is no direct bus service to Clark Kerr from University Ave., but local buses serve the general location.

Directions to Clark Kerr Campus

Westbound Highway 24

1. Take Berkeley/Tunnel Road exit
2. Continue West on Tunnel Road, which becomes Ashby Avenue near the Claremont Hotel.
3. Follow Ashby Ave. west to College Ave.
4. Turn right (north) on College and continue several blocks to Dwight Way.
5. Turn right (east) on Dwight Way.
6. Turn right (south) at first stoplight onto Warring Street.
7. Clark Kerr Campus is on the left (east) side at 2601 Warring St.
8. Continue past main driveway to the next entrance for parking in the Southwest lot.

Eastbound Highway 24

1. Exit at 51st Street and Telegraph Avenue.
2. Turn right (east) on 51st St. for two blocks to Telegraph.
3. Turn left onto Telegraph Ave., travel ~1½ miles
4. Turn right onto Dwight Way
5. At second stoplight, turn right onto Warring Street
6. Follow steps 7 and 8 above.

Eastbound Highway 80

1. Exit right onto Ashby Avenue.
2. Turn left onto Telegraph Avenue to Dwight Way.
3. Follow directions 4-6 for Eastbound Highway 24.

Westbound Highway 80

1. Exit right onto University Avenue.
2. Follow University Ave. (east) ~ 2 miles to Oxford Street.
3. Turn right (south) onto Oxford St. (becomes Fulton ~ 5 blocks)
4. Turn left (east) onto Dwight Way
5. Turn right onto Warring Street
6. Follow directions 4-6 for Eastbound Highway 24.

Highway 580

1. Exit to Highway 24 East, Walnut Creek/Berkeley.
2. Take first right exit, 51st Street for 2 blocks to Telegraph Ave.
3. Turn left onto Telegraph Avenue to Dwight Way.
4. Follow directions 4-6 for Eastbound Highway 24.

Northbound Highway 13

1. Highway 13 ends in Berkeley and becomes Tunnel Road.
2. Follow directions 2-8 for Westbound Highway 24.

Program Schedule and Highlights

Registration opens at noon on Friday in the administration building; programming begins at 3 pm. Closing ceremonies on Monday end at 1 pm. Papers, panels and author readings are scheduled for each day. Other conference highlights include:

Friday

- Stewards' Reception (evening)
- Film program

Saturday

- The Mythcon Procession and Opening Ceremonies
- Guest of Honor speech by Professor G. Ronald Murphy, SJ
- (late evening) Bardic Circle: share poetry and songs
- (late evening) Films, con suite, other silliness

Sunday

- Society Auction of books, art work, sundry paraphernalia
- The Mythcon Banquet
- Presentation of the Mythopoeic Awards
- Guest of Honor Speech by Malinda Lo
- The Not-Ready-for-Mythcon Players
- (late evening) Films, Bardic Circle, con suite

Monday

- Mythopoeic Society members' meeting (all are welcome)
- Closing ceremonies and singing of the Mythcon songs

Full schedule and updates available on Mythcon 43 website:

www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/43/

Papers

Three dozen papers covering the conference theme, myth and fantasy studies, and the works of the Inklings have been accepted for presentation during Mythcon. A list of paper titles and presenters can be found on our web site:

www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/43/programming/

Costume Events

Costumes are welcome at Mythcon, especially for the Masquerade costume presentation, part of our schedule of evening entertainment. We also encourage attendees to wear costumes (including academic garb) and bring banners for their local discussion groups for Saturday morning Opening Procession.

Art and Entertainment

Formal and informal opportunities for music, dance and poetry will be included in Mythcon activities. The traditional Bardic Circle will gather on Saturday and Sunday evenings, after programming, to share poems, stories and songs.

Banquet

Our banquet is a festive start to Sunday evening activities, which will include the announcement of the 2012 Mythopoeic Award winners, followed by the keynote presentation from our Author Guest of Honor, Malinda Lo.

The banquet menu, reflecting the conference theme, is a **Pan-Asian Buffet**. Entrées include Sesame Noodle Salad, Lemongrass Steak, Adobo Pork, Steamed Tilapia with Ginger and Scallions, Tofu Pineapple Stirfry, Braised Baby Bok Choy, Jasmine Rice, Chow Mein, and Seasonal Fruit Salad.

Mythopoeic Awards

The Mythopoeic Society's annual awards for fantasy literature and scholarship will be presented during the Sunday banquet.

Film Program

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, Eastern and Western folklore will collide with pop culture as Mad Doctor Smith's Video Laboratory presents another eclectic program of features and shorts that probably never made it to your local multiplex.

The Not-Ready-for-Mythcon Players

Having survived last year's zombie attacks during the Albuquerque Mythcon, the Players are once again ill-prepared to entertain conference attendees with their bag of sheets and mythopoeic pop reference expertise.

Society Auction

The traditional Mythopoeic Society auction of books and memorabilia is happy to accept donations of interesting mathoms for the amusement and edification of, and purchase by, auction attendees. Bring items to Mythcon if you have something to donate for the auction.

Dealers' Room

Books both new and used, Mythopoeic Society publications and memberships, and other items will be for sale.

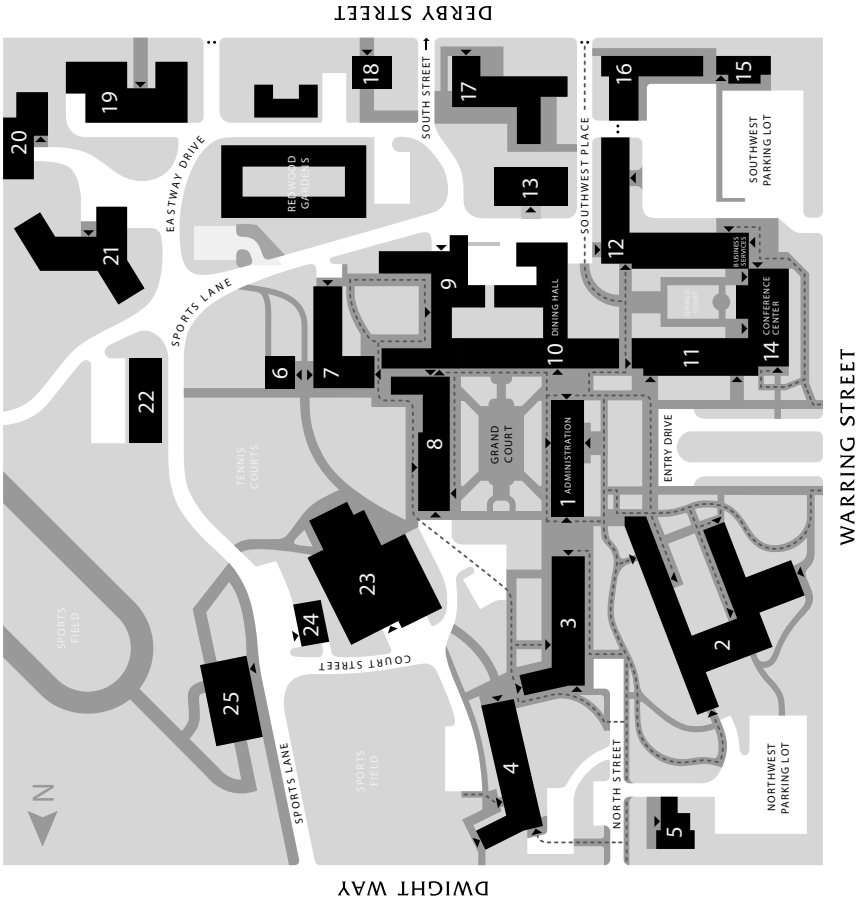
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Clark Kerr Campus Map



--- Accessible Pathways

▲ Building Entrances

- 1 Administration
- 2 Suites
- 3 Residence Hall
- 4 Residence Hall
- 5 Child Care
- 6 Faculty House
- 7 Residence Hall
- 8 Maslach Hall
- 9 Suites
- 10 Dining Hall
- 11 Suites
- 12 Residence Hall Business Services
- 13 Steam Plant
- 14 Conference Center
- 15 Child Care
- 16 Suites
- 17 Suites
- 18 Faculty House
- 19 Faculty Apartments
- 20 Faculty Apartments
- 21 Archives
- 22 Old Gym
- 23 Archives/Maintenance
- 24 Recreation Maintenance
- 25 Golden Bear Recreational Center

Note: parking is limited at UC Berkeley and heavily regulated. Daytime parking will be in the Southwest Parking Lot. To purchase a daily or full weekend parking pass, see page 4 of this Progress Report. These passes will only be available for purchase, in advance, through Mythcon 43.



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Deadlines and Notices

Conference dates: August 3–6, 2012

July 9: All Room & Board packages, Meal Tickets and Parking Passes must be purchased

July 15: Last day for advance registration

Web site: www.mythcon.org

