

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mythcon 41: War in Heaven (5/15/10; 7/9/10–7/12/10)

The 41st Annual Mythopoeic Conference (Mythcon XLI)

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Crowne Plaza Suites, Dallas, Texas

July 9–12, 2010

Guests of Honor

Tim Powers, Author

Tim Powers is a science-fiction and fantasy author. He has received numerous awards and nominations for his works, including the World Fantasy Award for his novels *Last Call* (1992) and *Declare* (2000). He has been nominated for four [Mythopoeic Fantasy Awards](#), most recently for *Three Days to Never* (2006).

Janet Brennan Croft, Scholar

Janet Brennan Croft is the editor of *Mythlore*, one of the premier periodicals on the Inklings and fantasy literature. She has published many articles and three books on J.R.R. Tolkien, including *War in the Works of Tolkien* (2005), which won the [Mythopoeic Scholarship Award](#) in Inklings Studies.

Theme: War in Heaven

From the great epic poems of ancient Greece and ancient India to the Book of Revelation and the Poetic Edda; from John Milton and William Blake to J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, and Charles Williams; from Philip Pullman to Neil Gaiman and beyond, theomachy (conflict amongst and against the gods) has been a perennial theme in mythology and mythopoeic literature. Moreover, the year 2010 marks our theme with special significance as the 80th anniversary of the publication of Charles Williams's novel *War in Heaven*.

Papers dealing with the conference theme 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. Participants are encouraged to submit papers chosen for presentation at the conference to *Mythlore*, the refereed journal of the Mythopoeic Society. Paper abstracts of no more than 300 words, along with contact information, should be sent to the Papers Coordinator

at the address below (e-mail preferred) by May 15, 2010. Please include your A/V requirements and the projected time needed for your presentation.

All paper presenters must register for the full conference; please see the Mythcon 41 web page, <http://www.mythsoc.org/mythcon/41/>, for information and rates.

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