

The Mythopoeic Society
Online Midwinter Seminar #1
The Inklings and Horror: Fantasy's Dark Corners
February 4-5, 2022

Code of Conduct

As a virtual event, the Online Midwinter Seminar (OMS) does not have most of the traditional features of a scholarly or fannish convention: no consuite, no hotel rooms, no banquet, no Golfimbul tournament. We have paper presentations and discussions of ideas, and so we want those presentations and discussions to be stimulating, enjoyable, and memorable—in a good way.

With the goal of promoting and protecting discussions so that they can be memorable in a good way, we request that members of the OMS follow these guidelines:

We are first and foremost a *fellowship* of scholars and fans. Enter into interactions with others in the spirit of fellowship. Please respect your fellow attendees and treat them as you would wish to be treated.

Most of the people interested in the events sponsored by the Mythopoeic Society are trained in rhetoric to some degree, so remember your training: an *ad hominem* attack is a logical fallacy, and so it doesn't persuade others of anything significant, although it probably hurts their feelings. Don't let your rigorous critique of another's ideas slide over into personal attack. Protect the personhood of your interlocutors even when shredding their cherished notions, and demonstrate in your discourse your underlying respect for the person with whom you are engaged in discussion.

Should an occasion arise in a session you attend where disrespectful speech is occurring, and the session host has not intervened to tone down or redirect such speech, call on the host to step in on your behalf.

The Stewards of the Mythopoeic Society have adopted the following statement; be assured, we do not want to have to implement it:

"Mythopoeic Society Conference Chairs reserve the right to bar entry to or eject from the event individuals they perceive will be detrimental to the atmosphere of the conference."

Thank you for your attention to this essential matter. Let's have a great seminar!