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Gwenyth E. Hood was born in White Plains, NY, but moved with her family to Brandon, Vermont at the age of seven. She developed a love of reading and writing at an early age, discovering some favorite authors—Rudyard Kipling, Shakespeare, and J. R. R. Tolkien—at roughly the same time, in early adolescence, mostly because her mother directed her toward those authors. In 1982, her first novel, *The Coming of the Demons*, was published by William Morrow. She is currently in the process of updating the published book to agree with books 2 and 3 which she finally finished a couple of years ago. Currently she is a professor at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia, where she teaches composition and literature. She is working on a book on Dante and has been the editor of *The Mythic Circle* all the years of this millennium and a few more. This is her last issue of *The Mythic Circle*.

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