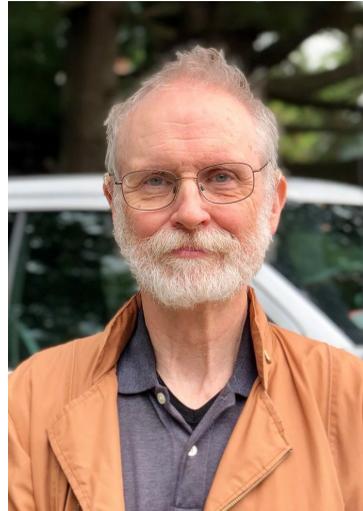


The trustees of the Dorothy L. Sayers estate offered Jill the opportunity to complete Sayers's last Lord Peter Wimsey novel-in-progress, *Thrones, Dominations*, after the success of *Knowledge of Angels*. As part of her work on this book, Jill made a research visit to the Wade Center in April 1996 in order to consult a draft version of the novel in the Wade's manuscript collection. She went on to write three more mysteries featuring Lord Peter and Harriet Vane: *A Presumption of Death* (2002), *The Attenbury Emeralds* (2010), and *The Late Scholar* (2013). Jill was president of the Dorothy L. Sayers Society at the time of her death. In an October 2010 *Guardian* article she wrote, "Lord Peter ... is, in terms of sheer enjoyment, the best company who has ever lived in my inner world."

KENDRA LANGDON JUSKUS

Richard C. West (1944-2020)

Richard West, longtime Tolkien scholar and friend of the Wade Center, passed away from COVID-19 on November 29, 2020, in Madison, Wisconsin. Richard began the University of Wisconsin-Madison Tolkien Society while a student there in September 1966, and became part of the first wave of early Tolkien scholarship. He would remain an active Tolkien scholar the rest of his life, authoring *Tolkien Criticism: An Annotated Checklist* (1970), publishing and editing the Tolkien journal and fanzine *Orcrist* (1966-1977, 2017), becoming a founding member of The Madison Science Fiction Group and helping to found the feminist science fiction convention WisCon, as well as contributing articles and chapters to a wide variety of Tolkien and fantasy publications.



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Richard West in 2019.
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He served on the board of editors for *Extrapolations* and was the recipient of the 1976 Mythopoeic Scholarship Award for Inklings Studies. Richard was also an active member of the Madison C.S. Lewis Society. His interest

in Lewis's brother led him to write an article for volume 14 of *VII* on "Warren Lewis: Historian of the Inklings and of Seventeenth-Century France."

Richard also contributed articles to a number of Tolkien books including the following:

- *Tolkien's Legendarium: Essays on The History of Middle-earth*. Greenwood Press, 2000.
- *Tolkien the Medievalist*. Routledge, 2003.
- *Tolkien and the Invention of Myth: A Reader*. University Press of Kentucky, 2004.
- *The Lord of the Rings, 1954-2004: Scholarship in Honor of Richard E. Blackwelder*. Marquette University Press, 2006.
- *Picturing Tolkien: Essays on Peter Jackson's The Lord of the Rings Film Trilogy*. McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2011.
- *A Wilderness of Dragons: Essays in Honor of Verlyn Flieger*. The Gabbro Head Press, 2018.

Friends and colleagues knew Richard to be a kind, gentle, humble, and devoted person. He was a gracious visitor each time he came to the Wade Center, always ready to offer a smile and chat. He will be missed. Richard was retired as serials and technical services librarian from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Harriet Perri Corrick.

LAURA SCHMIDT

Online Remembrance: **Walter Hooper** **(1931-2020)**

Word reached us of Walter Hooper's death just as *VII* was about to go to the printer. As a result, we have chosen to provide a special online section of remembrances in order to honor this unique friend of the Wade Center as well as to mark the invaluable role he filled in terms of Lewis scholarship as Literary Advisor to the estate of C.S. Lewis.

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In Memoriam
Walter Hooper (1931–2020)

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