

2025 PPP Moot Schedule

Plain Text Version

Please note that all times listed below are in Central Time Zone (CT) or CST, UTC-6

We will have two Zoom links throughout the weekend: Zoom Strand A and Zoom Strand B. You'll be able to find these links in your email shortly before the weekend starts, as well as in our Key Links channel in our Discord server. For talks with a single presentation in that timeslot, we'll be using Zoom Strand A. Hangouts, games, and activities for online folks will be in our Discord server voice channels, which will be open all weekend long.

Throughout the weekend, we will have a quiet room adjacent to the other event spaces for our in-person folks to use if they need some introverted time or to just take a break from the event without going back to their rooms if they wish. On the schedule, you will see this called the House of Healing (also known as the Camelia Room). On Saturday, Tea with Tolkien will be periodically at her table talking about her upcoming book: "Into the Heart of Middle-earth" (and will also have some goodies as well)! Throughout the weekend, Yifan Jia will be at her artist's table as well showing off, discussing and selling her artwork. In addition to all of this, folks might find some crafts to enjoy, space to bring their laptops and decompress, as well as find games to play.

As a reminder, if we have any last minute schedule changes, we will alert you on the Discord and throughout the Moot.

Thursday, December 18

4:00p–6:00p | Registration | In-person only (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have dinner or hangout if they would like)

Location: Outside of Lily Room/Room A

Make sure to pick up your badge and ID!

4:00p–6:00p | Online Attendees Welcome and Hangout with Jenni Aldred (Digital Moot Lead)

Location: The Parlor Voice Channel in the Moot Discord server

6:00p–7:00p | Dinner (not provided) | In-person (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have dinner or hangout if they would like)

Location: N/A

We've provided restaurant recommendations, as well as nearby supermarkets in our email packets and on the website. Our hotel has a lovely restaurant and cafe as well!

7:00p–9:00p | Pub Trivia | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A***

Join us for Pub Trivia, hosted of course, by our wonderful Man of the West himself: Alan Sisto. We allow teams of up to four people, with only in-person attendees allowed on in-person teams and online attendees allowed on online teams. Alan will be reading out the questions, but we will also be providing a slideshow as well for folks to be able to see the question as well. In-person teams or individuals will have a physical paper to turn in; online teams or individuals will have a digital document to turn in.

9:00p–10:30p | Game Night | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Discord Voice Channels***

Before the weekend truly gets underway, join us for a game night! We'll have board games available, puzzles, and more! We've also got a game night for our online attendees. In our Discord server, you'll find voice channels available for a variety of different activities, games, etc.

10:00p–12:00a | Tolkien and Nerdy Chats | Hybrid***Location: Around the hotel | Discord Fireside and Parlor voice channels***

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Friday, December 19

Morning

7:00a–8:00a | Early Morning Registration | In-person***Location: Outside of Lily Room/Room A***

Make sure to pick up your badge and ID!

7:00a–8:00a | Early Morning Welcome to Online Attendees | Online***Location: The Parlour Voice Channel in Discord Server***

Come hang out and spend time with other online attendees; Katie will be popping in to welcome everyone to the PPP Moot.

8:00a–9:00a | Breakfast (provided) | In-person***Location: Rose Room A&B***

Breakfast is provided! Come join us for breakfast in the adjoining rooms to our event rooms. We'll have: assorted chilled juices, seasonal fresh fruit, assorted danishes, sweet rolls, muffins, accompanied with: butter and preserves, fresh scrambled eggs, sausage links, breakfast potatoes, fluffy buttermilk, biscuits with gravy and buttermilk pancakes with warm maple syrup; served with house blend coffee and tea

9:00a–10:00a | Presenter Tech Checks | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A***

If you're a presenter, you'll want to come check your tech quick before your presentation. If you're in-person, you'll come check with our tech folks on-site; if you're online, you'll check with our online tech folks in our main Zoom Meeting Strand.

10:00a–10:30a | Event Launch and Welcome with Alan | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A***

Join Alan as he welcomes everyone to the official start of the 2025 PPP Moot! We want to thank everyone who has registered, supported us, and we're looking forward to spending time with you throughout the weekend. Special thanks go to Oscha for sponsoring the event.

10:30a–11:30a | Keynote: Christopher Gilson | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A***

Christopher Gilson is an independent scholar of art languages. He has edited the journal Parma Eldalamberon 'the Book of Elven-tongues' since 1983 and published editions of J. R. R. Tolkien's writings about his invented languages in this journal starting with The Gnomish Grammar and Lexicon in 1995, the latest issue being The Feanorian Alphabet, Part 2, and Eldarin Pronouns in 2024. Gilson writes poetry and translates popular songs into Quenya.

Midday**12:00p–1:00p | Lunch (provided) | In-person (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have lunch or hangout if they would like)*****Location: Rose Room A&B***

We've got boxed lunches today available for folks, including ham sandwiches (layered slices of ham with swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato on a hoagie roll), roast beef sandwiches (shaved deli roast beef with cheddar cheese on a hoagie roll), and veggie wraps (grilled and chilled veggies in a kale pesto sauce on a spinach wrap). All of which are served with gourmet chips, pickle spear, whole fruit, fresh baked cookies, bottled water or soda, and mayo and

mustard on the side. Alternatives can be found in the restaurant recommendation list provided in our email packets and on the website that has restaurant recommendations, as well as nearby supermarkets. Our hotel has a lovely restaurant and cafe as well!

Talks / Strand Sessions

1:00p–1:30p | Annamaria Kovacs: “Sacred Kingship, Moses and Noah: The Role of Amandil and Elendil Revisited” | Hybrid
Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

1:00p–2:00p | Collaborative Parody Lyric Writing with Pete Clark | Online Participation Only (In-person folks welcome to listen in)
Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

1:30p–2:00p | Matthew Schadou: “Connections in Religion and Myth: An Exploration of Religious and Mythical Parallels in Tolkien's Works” | Hybrid
Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

2:00p–2:30p | Presentation Chat with Annamaria Kovacs & Matthew Schadou | Hybrid
Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

2:00p–2:30p | Miriam Ellis: “Hobbit Folklore: Token Of An Historic Culture” | Hybrid
Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

2:30p–2:45p | Break

2:45p–3:15p | Midday Activities: Pick-up Music with Kristi Lindgren | In-person (online folks welcome to come listen in!)
Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

2:45p–3:15p | Midday Activities: Tengwar with Corey & Chad | Hybrid
Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

3:15p–3:45p | Graeme Cheadle: “The Inner Consistency of Reality: Fantasy and Sub-creation in J.R.R. Tolkien’s Legendarium” | Hybrid
Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

3:15p–3:45p | John McHenry: “Creating Historical Depth in Middle-earth with a Green Stone” | Hybrid
Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

3:45p–4:15p | Louis Keiner: “Creating Historical Depth: From Ossian to the Red Book” | Hybrid
Location: Room B (Lily) & Zoom Strand B

3:45p–4:15p | Dori Acampora: “Get Lost! – How We Lose Ourselves In Fairie – A Psychological Perspective” | Hybrid

Location: Room A (Orchid) & Zoom Strand A

4:15p–4:45p | Presentation Chat with Graeme Cheadle & Dori Acampora | Hybrid

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

4:15p–4:45p | Presentation Chat with John McHenry & Louis Keiner | Hybrid

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

4:45p–5:00p | Break

Later

5:00p–6:00p | AMA Alan and Shawn | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Join Alan and Shawn as they bring attendees an event we normally reserve for our upper tier patrons: Questions After Nightfall. Bring your Tolkien-related, Middle-earth-related, PPP-related questions and listen as they answer them on the fly.

6:00p–6:15p | Why We Love Middle-earth Book Signing | In-person

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined

For in-person folks, we’re including time for you to get your *Why We Love Middle-earth* books signed by Alan and Shawn! We won’t have copies available for purchase on location, however. But if you would like them to sign your books, Moot merch, PPP merch, etc, stop by the registration tables right outside the combined rooms!

6:00p–8:00p | Dinner (not provided) | In-person (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have dinner or hangout if they would like)

Location: N/A

We’ve provided restaurant recommendations, as well as nearby supermarkets in our email packets and on the website. Our hotel has a lovely restaurant and cafe as well!

8:00p–10:00p | Karaoke | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Returning from our previous Moot is our Karaoke Night entertainment. You’ll be able to enter the queue on the karaoke list, choose from a variety of songs, and let us hear the dulcet tones of your favorite song! Feel free to join in or simply come listen to your fellow attendees and perhaps even some of the Moot Team do some karaoke! Please note, that if you’re our online attendees, you may absolutely listen in, but we do not have a way for online attendees to join in!

8:00p–12:00a | Game Night | Online***Location: Discord Voice Channels***

Looking for something other than karaoke? We've got a game night for our online attendees. In our Discord server, you'll find voice channels available for a variety of different activities, games, and more!

10:00p–12:00a | Tolkien and Nerdy Chats | Hybrid***Location: Around the hotel | Discord Fireside and Parlor voice channels***

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Saturday, December 20

Morning

7:00a–8:00a | Early Morning Registration | In-person***Location: Outside of Lily Room/Room A***

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8:00a–9:00a | Breakfast (provided) | In-person***Location: Rose Room A&B***

Breakfast is provided! Come join us for breakfast in the adjoining rooms to our event rooms. We'll have: assorted chilled juices, seasonal fresh fruit, assorted danishes, sweet rolls, muffins, accompanied with: butter and preserves, fresh scrambled eggs, sausage links, breakfast potatoes, fluffy buttermilk, biscuits with gravy and buttermilk pancakes with warm maple syrup; served with house blend coffee and tea

9:00a–9:30a | Presenter Tech Checks | Hybrid***Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A***

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9:30a–10:30a | Keynote: Bret Devereaux | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Dr. Bret C. Devereaux is an ancient and military historian and is currently a Teaching Assistant Professor at North Carolina State University. He holds a PhD in ancient history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an MA in classical civilizations from Florida State University.

More than that, though, Bret is really "one of us": a phenomenal fantasy nerd, sci-fi fan, accomplished gamer, and teller of bad jokes. He's been a guest on The Prancing Pony Podcast on several occasions but still too few for our liking. Finally he is the author of one of our favorite sites on the internet: A Collection of Unmitigated Pedantry.

10:30a–10:45a | Break

Midday

10:45a–11:45a | Keynote: Shawn Marchese | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Shawn E. Marchese went down the hobbit hole in his teens and has been in love with Middle-earth ever since. From 2016 to 2022 he co-hosted The Prancing Pony Podcast every week, and he co-authored Why We Love Middle-earth with Alan Sisto. A native of New Orleans, he lives in Austin with his wife and two children, who still tolerate his dinner table retellings of stories from The Silmarillion.

10:30a–10:45a | Break

12:00p–1:00p | Lunch (provided) | In-person (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have lunch or hangout if they would like)

Location: Rose Room A&B

We've got boxed lunches today available for folks, including ham sandwiches (layered slices of ham with swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato on a hoagie roll), turkey BLT sandwiches (smoked turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato, swiss cheese on hoagie rolls), and veggie wraps (grilled and chilled veggies in a kale pesto sauce on a spinach wrap). All of which are served with gourmet chips, pickle spear, whole fruit, fresh baked cookies, bottled water or soda, and mayo and mustard on the side. Alternatives can be found in the restaurant recommendation list provided in our email packets and on the website that has restaurant recommendations, as well as nearby supermarkets. Our hotel has a lovely restaurant and cafe as well!

12:00p–1:00p | Jeff Lasala: Discussion on his upcoming "The Silmarillion Primer" book | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Grab your lunch and come join Jeff Lasala as he discusses his upcoming book “The Silmarillion Primer” he is publishing through Signum’s Collaboratory program.

1:00p–2:30p | Keynote Panel | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Join us for a moderated panel with our keynoters, Bret Devereaux, Christopher Gilson, and Shawn Marchese, as they’re interviewed about their current projects, their talks, and for a Q&A.

2:30p–2:45p | Break

Talks / Strand Sessions

2:45p–3:15p | Beregon, Anders Stenström: “*The Elves’ New Year: The Calendar of Imladris in Relation to that of the Shire*” | Hybrid

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

2:45p–3:15p | Chris Thompson: “*Motives Behind Middle Earth: Tolkien’s Stewardship of the Fields He Knew*” | Hybrid

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

3:15p–3:45p | Holli Hartman: “*Give Appendix C Some Love or, What Do All Those Cousins Mean?*” | Hybrid

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

3:15p–3:45p | Sarah Jamieson: “*Tolkien’s Words: Leaping to Conclusions*” | Hybrid

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

3:45p–4:15p | Presentation Chat with Anders Stenström & Holli Hartman

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

3:45p–4:15p | Presentation Chat with Chris Thompson & Sarah Jamieson

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

4:15p–4:30p | Break

4:30p–5:00p | Marilyn R. Pukkila: “*They are sailing, sailing, sailing’: Migration in Middle-earth*”

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

4:30p–5:00p | Elizabeth Perico: “*Tis Glorfindel and the Balrog!: How a happy little accident*”

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

5:00p–5:30p | Scott DeAmicis: “Pirates of Umbar? The Likely Historic Inspiration Behind Tolkien’s Sea-Raiders”

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

5:00p–5:30p | Erin Plagerman: “The Sanctity of Samwise”

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

5:30p–6:00p | Presentation Chat with Marilyn Pukkila & Scott DeAmicis

Location: Room A (Lily) & Zoom Strand A

5:30p–6:00p | Presentation Chat with Elizabeth Perico & Erin Plagerman

Location: Room B (Orchid) & Zoom Strand B

Evening

6:00p–8:00p | Dinner (provided) | In-person (Discord voice&video channels will be open for online attendees to have lunch or hangout if they would like)

Location: Rose Room A&B

We’ve got a catered Texas Barbeque Dinner for our last night for folks. It will include: a mixed field greens salad with dressing, barbeque brisket and barbeque chicken, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, and cole slaw. It’s also served with corn bread and butter. Alternatives can be found in the restaurant recommendation list provided in our email packets and on the website that has restaurant recommendations, as well as nearby supermarkets. Our hotel has a lovely restaurant and cafe as well!

8:00p–11:30p | Film Festival and Movie Night | Hybrid

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

For our final major event at the Moot, we have a special treat for folks: a film festival and movie night event, featuring documentaries created by members of The Prancing Pony Podcast community, as well as the two fan films. The breakdown of the itinerary for the night within this event is as follows:

- The Ranger of the North documentary will start first at 8:00p and will be followed by a 15 minute Q&A with the producers.
- The Muster at Marquette: Preserving 6,000 Fan Voices will follow right after at 8:45p and will be followed by a 15 minute Q&A with director, Andrew Coons.
- Following those will be a 19 minute break to stretch legs, get refreshments, drinks, take a trip to the bathroom if needed, etc.
- Movie Night starts at 9:30p with Born of Hope being shown first, followed by a 4 minute break, after which, we’ll wrap up with a showing of Hunt for Gollum.

Please note that all of these will be provided for both in-person and online attendees so that everyone will be able to attend and participate if they'd like.

11:30p–12:00a | Tolkien and Nerdy Chats | Hybrid

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Sunday, December 21

8:00a–9:00a | Breakfast (provided) | In-person

Location: Rose Room A&B

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11:00a–12:00p | Event Wrap-up with Alan

Location: Rooms A & B combined/Lily and Orchid Rooms Combined | Zoom Strand A

Join us as we wrap up the Moot with our Man of the West. We want to thank everyone again for their support, in every form that it's taken, for those who joined us this weekend, for Oscha for making this event possible and all that they've done to support us this weekend, and truly to our listeners and community for the continual support over the years in every endeavor Alan and The Prancing Pony Podcast has taken.