

# ConQuest 40

*Kansas City's Premier Science Fiction and Fantasy Convention—"A Convention for Everyone"*

## May 22-24, 2009

Guests of Honor:

**John Scalzi**  
(Author)

**Oberon Zell**  
(Artist/Wizard)

**Ed DeGruy**  
(Fan)

**Jerry Gelb**  
(Anime/Media)

**and Toastmaster Ellen Datlow**

*Special Anime Guests:*

Steve Blum (*Cowboy Bebop, Witch Hunter Robin*) • Tom Kane (*Star Wars: Clone Wars*)

*Other Guests Include:*

Martha Barter • Jim Burk • Bradley Denton • Bobbie DuFault • Janice Gelb  
Jan S. Gephardt • Nancy & Ross Hathaway • James P. Hogan • Marziah Karch  
Jon Klement • Lee Killough • Rachael Mayo • Chris McKitterick  
Selina Rosen • Allison Stein • Keith Stokes • Lynn Stranathan  
Star Straf • H.G. Stratmann • Nathaniel Williams

### Membership Rates for ConQuest 40

\$45 Until 4/30/09; \$55 5/1/09 on and at the Door

Children's memberships: under 6 free; Children 6-12 1/2 the adult rate (age as of 5/22/09)

Send checks (along with useful information like name, address, etc.) to

ConQuest 40, P.O. Box 36212, Kansas City, MO 64171

For all the latest information, check out our website, [www.conquestkc.org](http://www.conquestkc.org)

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# Big News! New Hotel! Food! Shopping!

ConQuest 40 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center,  
2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri, USA 64108;

Tel: +1 816 421 1234.

*Incredibly Low ConQuest Room Rate: \$83 / night + tax*

The Hyatt Regency Crown Center is located in the heart (well, technically, more like the liver) of downtown Kansas City, Missouri. The shops and restaurants of Crown Center (along with Union Station and the Freighthouse District) are easily accessible via the enclosed skywalk, and such attractions as the Liberty Memorial, Union Station, The Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the Crossroads Art District, Westport, the Plaza and the new Power and Light District are just minutes away. Not to mention the best barbecue in the known universe.

## Our Guests of Honor: An Introduction

### **John Scalzi, Author Guest of Honor**

John Scalzi is the author of *Old Man's War*, *The Ghost Brigades*, *The Android's Dream*, *The Last Colony* and his latest, *Zoe's Tale*. *Old Man's War*, his debut novel, was nominated for the Hugo Award in 2006. John was also nominated for—and won—the Campbell Award for Best New Science Fiction Author. *Old Man's War* was also a finalist for the 2006 *Locus* Award for Best First Novel. John was a 2007 Hugo nominee and is the 2008 Hugo winner for Best Fan Writer for his blog, "Whatever" ([www.scalzi.com/whatever/](http://www.scalzi.com/whatever/)).

### **Oberon Zell, Artist Guest of Honor**

Oberon Zell has accomplished many things in his long and colorful career. A modern Renaissance man, Oberon is a transpersonal psychologist, metaphysician, naturalist, theologian, shaman, author, artist, sculptor, lecturer, teacher and ordained Priest of the Earth-Mother, Gaia. Those who know him well consider him to be a true Wizard in the traditional sense. He is also an initiate in the Egyptian Church of the Eternal Source, a Priest in the Fellowship of Isis, and an initiate in several different Traditions of Witchcraft. He holds academic degrees in sociology, anthropology, clinical psychology, teaching, and theology. For more, visit his website ([www.oberonzell.com/](http://www.oberonzell.com/)).

### **Jerry Gelb, Special Media / Anime Guest**

Jerry Gelb is the voice of Master Kobari in the hit anime series *Witch Hunter Robin* from Cartoon Network's Adult Swim. He's also been featured in *Cowboy Bebop the Movie* as Detective Shadkins. His anime voice credits include *Digimon*, *Gundam*, and many others. His live-action roles include *Book of Days* (TV movie), *Roswell* (TV series) and more. For more, visit his website ([www.jerrygelb.com/](http://www.jerrygelb.com/)) and his IMDB.com filmography.

### **Ed deGruy, Fan Guest Of Honor**

Edward deGruy has been involved in fandom for over 20 years and Atlanta fandom since moving there in 1996. A member of Starfleet (the International *Star Trek* Fan Club) since 1993, he has helped take some of the geek misperceptions the mainstream had of Trek fans and turn them into admiration by charitable works for local area children's hospitals in the Birmingham, Alabama, area. As one of the early members and current president of the Outworlders, a fan group dedicated to Queer content in science fiction/fantasy/horror in Atlanta, he has helped promote and grow the local fan scene. Also a board member and investor in Con-voluted Inc. (a convention services company), he is helping start the first permanent BGLTI based sci-fi and fantasy convention in Atlanta, Outlantacon.

### **Ellen Datlow, Toastmaster**

As fiction editor of *Omni* magazine and Omni Online from 1981 through 1998, Ellen Datlow encouraged and helped develop an entire generation of fiction writers, and has published some of today's biggest names in the SF, fantasy and horror genres. From 2000 until the end of 2005, Datlow was the editor of the groundbreaking online publication *Sci Fiction* for the Sci Fi Channel's Scifi.com, the Web's leading Science Fiction website. *Sci Fiction* and its editor had an unparalleled record of critical success, earning ten major awards, including three Hugo Awards, four Nebula Awards and a World Fantasy Award. She is currently tied for winning the most World Fantasy Awards in the organization's history (eight), and has won many other awards, including two Bram Stoker Awards, The International Horror Guild Award, the *Locus* Award for Best Editor (in 2005, 2006 and 2007), and the Hugo Award for Best Editor in 2002 and 2005. For more information, visit Ellen's website ([www.datlow.com/](http://www.datlow.com/))