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# OU to host 2003 Dickens Symposium

Oakland University will host the Eighth Annual Dickens Symposium Friday, Oct. 10 through Sunday, Oct. 12. Events will be held throughout the weekend on the university's campus.

The Dickens Society is an international group of Dickens scholars who teach, research and publish work on the writings of Charles Dickens, the pre-eminent novelist of 19th century England.

The 2003 Dickens Symposium includes scholars from Canada, the U.S., France, England, and New Zealand. Professor David Parker, former curator of the Dickens House Museum in London, will present new work, as well as a number of other professors whose expertise is on Dickens' works.

Dickens, best known as the author of A Christmas Carol, wrote 14 novels, hundreds of journalistic essays, and four Christmas books. Dickens's drive for social reform involved him in the founding of Urania Cottage, a home for fallen women.

Events held in conjunction with the conference sessions include the opening of an exhibition of 19th century photographs of London, Friday, October 10, at Meadow Brook Art Gallery and the Dickens Society Dinner on Saturday, October 11, in Meadow Brook Hall's Christopher Wren dining room, followed by a performance of Great Expectations by Oakland University's Music, Theatre and Dance Department.

The cost to attend the symposium is \$35 for students and \$60 for others. For more information or to register contact Professor Natalie Cole at (248) 370-2539 or at [cole@oakland.edu](mailto:cole@oakland.edu).

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