

English 300: Merlin
1 December 1997

Guest speaker! On Monday, 1 December, Professor Uli Knoepflmacher of Princeton's Department of English will moderate our discussion of Alfred, Lord Tennyson and the Victorian Merlin. We will join him in a close reading of a passage from Tennyson's "Gareth and Lynette" (handout supplied). Professor Knoepflmacher specializes in Romantic and Victorian literature, as well as in children's literature, and is probably well-known to some of you through his teaching. He is the author of many widely consulted books and articles in his areas of expertise. His works include a study of George Eliot's early novels (1968); Laughter and Despair, which offers readings of Victorian novels (1971); a co-edited anthology of essays, The Endurance of Frankenstein (1979); a volume on Emily Brontë's Wuthering Heights (1989); and the provocative Forbidden Journeys : Fairy Tales and Fantasies by Victorian Women Writers (1992). Professor Knoepflmacher is currently working with Victorian children's literature and William Wordsworth's relation to later nineteenth-century writers. If we're lucky, he'll visit in full Merlinesque regalia.