



## Visiting Writer Bios

### MFA Writing for Children & Young Adults

### July 2010 Residency

#### **Gregory Maguire**

Gregory Maguire is the author of a number of novels for children, five adult novels, and several short stories, picture books, essays and reviews. His children's novels include *The Hamlet Chronicles*, a seven book series including, *Seven Spiders Spinning*, *Six Haunted Hairdos*, *Five Alien Elves*, *Four Stupid Cupids*, *Three Rotten Eggs*, *A Couple of April Fools* and *One Final Firecracker*. Gregory Maguire has won awards for many of his books including *What-the-Dickens* a New York Times Bestseller 2007. His adult novels include *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* and *Lost*. Mr. Maguire is the co-director and founding board member of Children's Literature of New England, Inc, a nonprofit that focuses attention on the significance of literature in the lives of children.

#### **Holly Black**

Holly Black is a best selling author of fantasy novels for children and young adults. Her first book *Tithe: A Modern Faerie Tale* (2002) was included in the ALA Best Books for Young Adults. She followed this up with *Valiant*, which was a finalist for the Mythopoeic Fantasy Award for Young Readers and the recipient of the Andre Norton Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature. Her children's series the *Spiderwick Chronicles* have been called "vintage Victorian fantasy" by the New York Post. In 2008 the series was adapted into a film.