

# Get to Know the GHCLA Board Members!



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### **What book is on your bedside table?**

Right now, it is *The Truth and Other Stories*, by Stanislaw Lem. I am a lifelong fan of science fiction from behind the Iron Curtain and Lem's work in particular, and the past few years, MIT has been very busy releasing stories and books from him which have never before been translated from Polish. It's been so exciting to suddenly have more to read from a favorite author, long since dead!

### **What movie have you watched dozens of times?**

*The Third Man*, a 1949 film noir directed by Carol Reed which is one of my favorite films. It has some of the most stunning camera work I've ever seen, terrific performances by Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles, a soundtrack done entirely in one instrument (the zither!), and is one of those rare films that can be dark, romantic, intense, and biting funny in turns or even all at once.

### **What is your favorite hobby?**

I revolve through hobbies like they are on a metaphysical lazy susan, but the wheel has been lingering on painting miniatures for a bit. I started painting them in the interest of playing wargames, but now I've realized I like the process of painting much more than the games, so I've begun to expand into dioramas and other, more ambitious concepts.

### **What is your favorite Portland-area spot?**

You mean besides the Garden Home Community Library, right? I'm a longtime member of the Hollywood Theatre and I suspect I will remain so as long as I am in the area. It is my favorite cultural institution in the city. They do everything, from brand new films, to trashy movie bingo, to rare Shaw Brothers kung-fu classics, to silent films accompanied by live music on the Mighty Wurlitzer. Plus, they have the best popcorn in town =>