

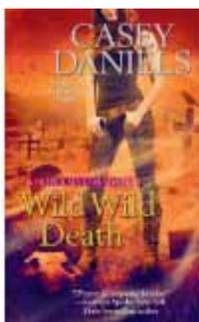
The Department of English and the Popular Culture Working Group  
present

# Alternate Worlds

with panelists

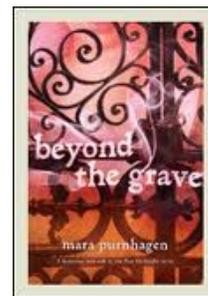
Casey Daniels (*Wild, Wild Death*),  
Mara Purnhagen (*Beyond the Grave*),  
and Marc Sumerak (*All-Ghouls School*)

Monday, February 27, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.  
Guilford Parlor  
Free and open to the public



Casey Daniels once applied for a job as a tour guide in a historic cemetery. She didn't get the job, but she did get the idea for her popular Pepper Martin mystery series. Pepper works in a Cleveland cemetery and solves mysteries for the ghosts there. The eighth book in the series, *Wild, Wild Death*, was released in January, and book #9, *Supernatural Born Killers*, will be out in September. As Kylie Logan, Casey also writes the Button Box mystery series. The first book of that series, *Button Holed*, was released in September of 2011 and the second book, *Hot Button*, will be out in June. Casey began her career writing historical romances. She's also written contemporary romances, young adult horror and a children's book. She is a resident of the Cleveland area.

Mara Purnhagen is the author of the young adult novels, *Tagged* (March 2010), *Past Midnight* (September 2010), *One Hundred Candles* (February 2011), and *Beyond the Grave* (August 2011) all published by Harlequin Teen and two novellas, *Raising the Dead* (January 2011), and *Haunting the Night* (August 2011). *Past Midnight* has been nominated for Young Adult Library Association's (YALSA) 2011 Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers, the 2010 Cybil Award for best Fantasy/Science Fiction novel for young adults and the 2010 YABC Readers Choice Award. *One Hundred Candles* has been nominated for YALSA's 2012 Reader's Choice Awards.



Marc Sumerak has worked professionally in the comic book industry for over a decade, helping to chart the course for a number of today's most popular characters, including Iron Man, Thor, Captain America, the Avengers, the Hulk, Spider-Man, the Fantastic Four, the X-Men, and many more. Sumerak spent four years on the Marvel Comics Editorial staff before transitioning to writing full time. In 2005, Sumerak helmed the relaunch of Marvel's *Power Pack* franchise. His work as co-writer on *Franklin Richards: Son of a Genius* earned an Eisner Award nomination (2006) and two Harvey Award nominations (2006 & 2008). Sumerak's first creator owned project, *All-Ghouls School*, was released in August 2011 by IDW Publishing.



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