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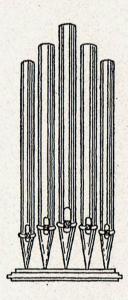
## T.S. ELIOT SOCIETY

featuring

# THE 2003 T.S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE

by

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26-28 SEPTEMBER 2003 ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

#### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

For conference locations, see distributed maps.

	For conference
FRIDAY,	SEPTEMBER 26
3:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Registration St. Louis Woman's Club William Charron, Treasurer
7:00 p.m.	Opening Session St. Louis Woman's Club
	Welcome Shyamal Bagchee, President
	Annual Meeting in UK Announcement Chris Buttram, UK Meeting Chair
	Presentations David Chinitz, Society Historian, Chair
	Elisabeth Däumer, Eastern Michigan University "Blood and Witness: The Reception of Murder in the Cathedral in Germany"
	Chris Joyce, <i>University of Surrey</i> "From Lilac to Larkspur: Spiritual Appeasement in Eliot's Poetry"
	Frances Dickey, University of Missouri, Columbia "The Confidential Clerk in the Gray Flannel Suit"
SATURDA	AY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:00 a.m.	Second Session St. Louis Woman's Club
	Greetings Benjamin Lockerd, Jr., Vice President
	Presentations
	Chris Buttram, Winona State University, Chair
	Ronald Schuchard, Emory University "Eliot and Ted Hughes: The Hughes Archive at Emory"
	Randall Woods, Northwestern University  "Kant, the Art for Art's Sake Movement, and the Aesthetics of Eliot"
	Carole Seymour-Jones, Independent Scholar "On Writing Painted Shadow: The Life of Vivienne Eliot"
11:00 a.m.	Twenty-fourth Annual T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture
	Leon Surette, University of Western Ontario "Eliot, Stevens, and 'Pale Ramon'"

#### SATURDAY, continued 12:30 p.m. Lunch (advance registrants only) . . . . . . . . St. Louis Woman's Club 2:30 p.m. Special Seminar on The Waste Land . . . . . St. Louis Woman's Club Benjamin Lockerd, Jr, Chair Anthony J. Cuda, Emory University Will Gray, Bob Jones University Melissa Lingle-Martin, Indiana University Katie Parker, Bucknell University Charles Sumner, University of California at Berkeley William C. Van Esveld, Cornell University 6:00 p.m. Musical Homage to T. S. Eliot . . . . . . First Unitarian Church Kingshighway & Waterman Blvd. "T. S. Eliot Impressions" Dennis Bergin, Composer/Organist David Huisman, Sumana Sen-Bagchee, Linda Wyman, readers 7:30 p.m. Dinner (advance registrants only) . . . . . . . . Fathman Residence 4967 Pershing Place **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28** First Unitarian Church Greetings David Huisman, Secretary Eliot Aloud Allowed—and Encouraged! Readings by attendees Linda Wyman, Past President 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break 11:00 a.m. Presentations Linda Wyman, Lincoln University, Chair Man-Sik Lee, Kyungwon College, Korea "T. S. Eliot and Jacques Derrida" Anju Dhadda, University of Rajasthan "Cubical Time, Quantized Experience in The Waste Land" Nurten Birlik, Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara "The Solipsist's Search for Coherence in the Modern

Wilderness: 'The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock'"

#### A Note on T.S. Eliot's Life

Thomas Stearns Eliot was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 26, 1888, of a family distinguished for its contributions to the city and its institutions. In later years, Eliot often spoke appreciatively of St. Louis. Returning in 1953, he expressed his gratitude before an audience at Washington University, founded a century earlier by his grandfather William Greenleaf Eliot, as was the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. In a booklet commemorating this occasion, the poet acknowledged that "St. Louis affected me more deeply than any other environment." This influence is evident in his poetry from *Prufrock* through *The Dry Salvages*. Eliot died in London, England, his adopted country, on January 4, 1965. A 1948 Nobel Laureate, he is deemed the most significant poet of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

#### T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecturers 1980-2003

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The T.S. Eliot Society is an international organization of scholars and others interested in the mind and work of Eliot. It was founded in 1980 by the Hungarian-American man of letters, Leslie L. Konnyu, for the purpose of providing fellowship and enrichment of understanding, and as a focus for commemorating Eliot in the city of his birth, St. Louis. Its annual program includes a Memorial Lecture by a critic or scholar.

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