THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
of the
T.S. ELIOT SOCIETY

featuring

THE 2007
T.S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE
by
GEORGE T. WRIGHT

28-30 SEPTEMBER 2007
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
PROGRAM OF EVENTS

All sessions and events will be held at the St. Louis Woman's Club unless otherwise indicated

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:30-12:00  
Board of Director’s Meeting  
Parkway Hotel

12:15-1:30  
Society Lunch

1:30-3:30  
Peer Seminar  
St. Louis Woman’s Club  
4600 Lindell Blvd

Seminar: Eliot, Culture, Imperialism

Seminar Leader: Jed Esty, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign

No Auditors

Participants:
- Genevieve Abravanel, Franklin & Marshall College
- Charles Andrews, Valparaiso University
- Aaron Bibb, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Mara de Gennaro, Bucknell University
- Nancy Gish, University of Southern Maine
- Srilakshmi Nayak, University of North Carolina-Charlotte
- Liesl Olson, University of Chicago
- Megan Quigley, Wesleyan University
- Kathy Skwarczek, University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign
- Aarthi Vadde, University of Wisconsin-Madison
1:45-3:15  Conference Session I

Chair:  Chris Buttram, Winona State University

Carol L. Yang, National Chengchi University
“The City of Dreadful Night: The Flâneur and Urban Spectacle”

Randy Woods, Northwestern University
“Eliot vs. J. C. Squire and the Georgians, 1915-1922”

Beth Ann Sween, Catholic University of Louvain
“The Roots that Clutch: Eliot, Pound, and the 1890s Poets”

3:00-5:00  Conference Session II

Chair:  Lee Oser, College of the Holy Cross

Thomas J. Brennan, SJ, St. Joseph’s University
“Tiresias and the Conundrum of Criticism”

Adrianna E. Frick, San Francisco State University
“Ovid’s Tiresias in The Waste Land”

Hazel Atkins, University of Ottawa
“Architecture and ‘Tradition and the Individual Talent’”

Dinner on your own
7:00-8:30  Conference Session III

Conference Session III will be held at the home of Anthony and Melanie Fathman, 4967 Pershing Place

Chair, Frances Dickey, University of Missouri-Columbia

Melanie Fathman
"News from Saint Louis"

David Huisman, Grand Valley State University
"News from Little Gidding"

Ronald Schuchard, Emory University
"News from London"

Timothy Materer, University of Missouri-Columbia
"‘This is utter nonsense’: Eliot on Howarth’s Family Theme in Notes on Some Figures Behind T. S. Eliot"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:15–10:45  Conference Session IV

Chair, Elisabeth Däumer, Eastern Michigan University

Shun’ichi Takayanagi, SJ, Sophia University
"‘Ash-Wednesday’ Remade: Masa’aki Tachihara’s ‘Holy Ash-Wednesday’"

Kinereth Meyer, Bar-Ilan University
"Between Prayer and Poetry: Eliot and Lancelot Andrewes"

Chad Parmenter, University of Missouri
"Rereading the Yeatsian in Four Quartets"

11:00-12:00  Twenty-Eighth Annual T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

Chair: William Harmon, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

George T. Wright, University of Minnesota
"Some Reflections on Eliot’s Changing Poetic Styles"
Lunch on your own

1:45-3:15                  Conference Session V

Chair: Jayme Stayer, SJ, Universidad Centroamericana

Anderson Araujo, University of Western Ontario
“Eliot and the Literature of Fascism”

Ben Lockerd, Grand Valley State University
“Maurras vs. Dawson: The Prime Influence on Eliot’s Cultural Thought”

Josh Mabie, University of Minnesota
“Seeking Dwelling in The Waste Land”

3:30–5:00                  Conference Session VI

Chair: David Chinitz, Loyola University-Chicago

Anthony Cuda, University of North Carolina-Greensboro
“Eliot’s Best-Kept Secrets”

Chad B. Cripe, Grand Valley State University
“God, Man, and Machine: The Balancing Nature of Eliot’s Ecologic Poetics”

James Matthew Wilson, East Carolina University
“From the Critical to the Dogmatic: Eliot’s Attraction to Neo-Scholasticism”

6:00-8:00                  Society Dinner

St. Louis Woman’s Club
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

All activities on Sunday will be held at the First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman Boulevard

9:30 a.m.            Services

11:15–12:45          Conference Session VII

Chair: Cyrena Pondrom, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Jamie N. Berlin, Eastern Michigan University
“To Remember the Cruelest Delight: Reading Dante in The Waste Land”

Russell Eliot Murphy, University of Arkansas
“Chaucer’s Dante in Eliot’s The Waste Land”

Loren Higbee, University of Notre Dame
“Petrarch and Eliot”

12:45–1:15            Concluding Session

Eliot Aloud: Readings of Eliot’s Works
Chair, Linda Wyman, Lincoln University

Awards Presentations: William Harmon, President
2007 MEMORIAL LECTURER

GEORGE T. WRIGHT


Professor Wright, born in Staten Island, NY, attended Columbia (B.A. and M.A.) and the University of California at Berkeley (Ph.D); he served in the U. S. Army in Europe in World War II.

T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecturers

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Marianne Thormählen  
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The T. S. Eliot Society

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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