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The T. S. Eliot Society

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Thirty-eighth Annual Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri
22-24 September, 2017
PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Friday, September 22

All events take place in Duncker Hall
Washington University in St. Louis
Unless otherwise noted

Registration       8:00–2:00
Self-service       Foyer

Board Meeting 8:00–11:00
Coffee room

Peer Seminar 1: Eliot and Fiction 9:00–11:00
Led by Megan Quigley, Villanova U Room 121

No Auditors, Please
Eliot D’Silva, UC Berkeley
Gabriel Hankins, Clemson U
Zachary Hope, U of Chicago
Deborah Leiter, U of Wisc.-Platteville
Catharine Mros, Washington U
Anna Preus, Washington U
Anthony Shoplik, John Carroll U
Fabio Vericat, Harvard U
Steven Watts, U of Missouri

Scholars Seminar 9:00–11:00
Led by Benjamin Lockerd, Grand Valley State U North Ridgely Hall Room 310

No Auditors, Please
Elysia Balavage, UNC Greensboro
Hyonbin Choi, U Wisconsin-Madison
Michael Bedsole, UNC Greensboro
Stephen Mitchell, Faulkner U
David Withun, Faulkner U
Friday, September 22

**Exhibit of Eliot Materials**
10:00-1:00
from Washington U Libraries Special Collections
*Olin Library*

**Peer Seminar 2: Eliot and the Biological**
11:15-1:10
Led by Julia Daniel, Baylor U
*Room 121*

*No Auditors, Please*

LeeAnn Derdeyn, Southern Methodist U
Michael Polesny, Baruch C, CUNY
Michael Rogalski, Chicago
Junichi Saito, Kanagawa U
Annarose Steinke, U of Nebraska-Kearny
John Tamilio III, Salem State U
Clint Wilson, Rice U

**Roundtable on The Waste Land**
11:15-12:15
Led by John Whittier-Ferguson
*Hurst Lounge*

Natalie Amleshi, U of Pennsylvania
Sloppy Reading: Eliot’s Aesthetics of Mediation in *The Waste Land*

Lorenzo Peyrani, Turin
Pulse and Voice in *The Waste Land*

Roderick Overaa, U of Tampa
Dystopian Motifs in *The Waste Land* and *The Hollow Men*

**Lunch on your own**
12:15–1:50

**President’s Welcome**
1:50–2:00
Frances Dickey, U of Missouri
*Hurst Lounge*
Friday, September 22

All afternoon events held in Hurst Lounge, Duncker Hall

Session 1  2:00–3:30
Chaired by Michael Coyle, Colgate U

Anthony Cuda, UNC Greensboro
Dangerous Moments: Eliot and Plath

Elisabeth Däumer, Eastern Michigan U
“How do we use feeling?”: T. S. Eliot, Muriel Rukeyser, and the Cultural Work of Emotions

Suzanne Churchill, Davidson C
Eliot, Warsan Shire and the Poetics of Interpersonality

Session 2: The Complete Prose of T. S. Eliot, Volumes 5 and 6  3:45–4:45

Ronald Schuchard, Emory U, General Editor

Jayme Stayer, John Carroll U, Co-editor,
Volume 5: Tradition and Orthodoxy, 1934-1939

David E. Chinitz, Loyola U, Co-editor,
Volume 6: The War Years, 1940-1946

Award Presentation and Memorial Lecture  5:00–6:30
Chaired by Frances Dickey, U of Missouri

Thirty-Eighth Annual
T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

John Haffenden
Editor of the Letters of T. S. Eliot

“Literary Dowsing”: Valerie Eliot and the Editing of The Waste Land

Reception  6:30–7:30
Saturday, September 23
All events held at the St. Louis Woman’s Club,
4600 Lindell Blvd., unless otherwise noted

Session 3  9:00–10:30
Chaired by Cyrena Pondrom, U of Wisconsin
Edward Upton, Christ College, Valparaiso U
  Describing a Path of Conversion: Asceticism and the
  Recombination of Religious Concepts in Knowledge and Experience
Jewel Spears Brooker, Eckerd C
  The Hollow Men and the End of Philosophy
Craig Woelfel, Flagler C
  John “Muddleton Moral,” Ash-Wednesday, and the Dissociation
  of Belief

Coffee Break  10:30–10:45

Session 4  10:45–12:15
Chaired by John D. Morgenstern, Clemson U
Olga Ushakova, Tyumen State U
  Oriental, Nihilistic and Metaphysical Dimensions of the Russian
  Revolution in Eliot’s Writing
Gabriel Hankins, Clemson U
  Eliot’s Debt Work and Liberal Governance after Versailles
Matthew Seybold, Elmira C
  The Economic Consequences of T. S. Eliot

Society Luncheon  12:30–1:45
Included in registration  Ball room

Special Presentation  1:45–2:00
Nancy Hargrove, Mississippi State U
  Eliot and Comics  Ball room
Saturday, September 23

Session 5 2:10–3:40

Chair: Vincent Sherry, Washington U
Ria Banerjee, Guttman Community C
  Eliot and the Moot: Notes towards a Modern Christian Society
Patrick Query, West Point
  Eliot and the Anarchist
Joshua Richards, Williams Baptist C
  Eliot’s Spiritualized Agrarianism in the 1930s

Walking tour of Central West End 4:30–5:30
Meet in lobby of Parkway Hotel

Dinner on your own

Prufrock and Other Observations Centennial Party 7:30–11:00

Refreshments, Impersonations, Recitations, Immersions
Home of Tony and Melanie Fathman
4967 Pershing Place

Sunday, September 24

First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman Blvd.

Session 6 9:00–10:00

Chaired by Anthony Cuda, UNC Greensboro
Sarah Kennedy, Downing College, Cambridge U
  The Violet Hour: Eliot, Color, and the Psychology of Vision
Jennifer Janechek, U of Iowa
  Psychoacoustics and Language Reform in Four Quartets

Sunday service at the Unitarian Church begins at 10:00 a.m.
for those who wish to attend
Sunday, September 24

Session 7  10:15–11:45

Chaired by Jayme Stayer, John Carroll U
Kevin Rulo, Catholic U
“making the small great”: The Satire of Fresca
Zachary Hope, U of Chicago
“Not in the scheme of generation”: Eliot’s *Little Gidding* and Forms of Literature in Times of War
Nancy K. Gish, U of Southern Maine
Eliot, Dido, and the Virgil Society

Announcement of Fathman Award

Eliot Aloud  12:00–12:30

Chaired by Julia Daniel, Baylor U
Conference participants are invited to read aloud from Eliot’s work

About the T. S. Eliot Society

The T. S. Eliot Society is an international organization of scholars and others interested in Eliot’s life and work. It was founded in 1980 to provide fellowship and enrichment of understanding, and as a focus for commemorating the poet in the city of his birth, St. Louis.

The Society publishes a newsletter, *Time Present*, three times yearly, and sponsors sessions at the MLA, SAMLA, MMLA, ALA, and the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. For more information, visit the Society’s website at tseliot.sites.luc.edu or our facebook page at www.facebook.com/tseliotsociety, or inquire directly at tseliotsociety@gmail.com. Incorporated as a non-profit organization, the Society is supported by the annual dues of its members.

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  Melanie and Tony Fathman
  Department of English, Washington University
  Clemson University Press
  Department of English, University of Missouri, Columbia
John Haffenden

The 38th Annual Memorial Lecture is given by John Haffenden, general editor of T. S. Eliot’s Letters, Honorary Member of our Society, Fellow of the British Academy, and Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. Professor Haffenden is a Principal Investigator in the T. S. Eliot Editorial Research Project and a Senior Research Fellow of the Institute of English Studies, University of London. A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, he completed his doctorate at St. Peter’s College, Oxford, under the supervision of Richard Ellmann. During his distinguished career teaching at the University of Sheffield, he wrote or edited sixteen books on John Berryman, W. H. Auden, William Empson, and others. His edition of Empson’s Argufying (1987) was chosen by Sir Isaiah Berlin as one of the Books of the Year in the Sunday Times. His edition of The Complete Poems of William Empson (2000) was chosen by Sir Frank Kermode as one of the International Books of the Year in the TLS and by David Sexton as a Book of the Year in the London Evening Standard. Finally, his biography William Empson: Among the Mandarins (2005), won the American Publishers Association Award for Biography and Autobiography. Eliot scholars are grateful to Professor Haffenden for seven volumes of Eliot’s letters, with more to come.

T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecturers
1980-2015

Lyndall Gordon
Jed Esty
Sarah Cole
Jahan Ramazani
Daniel Albright
Jean-Michel Rabaté
Michael Levenson
Ronald Bush
Grace Schulman
George T. Wright
William Blissett
Robert Crawford
Craig Raine
Leon Surette
Marjorie Perloff
Geoffrey Hill
Carl Phillips
Helen Vendler
Charles Altieri
James Longenbach
Marianne Thomählen
Louis Menand
William Harmon
Christopher Ricks
Denis Donoghue Cleo
Leonard Unger
A. D. Moody
James Olney
Grover Smith
Ronald Schuchard
Jewel Spears Brooker
Rev. Earl K. Holt III
Charles Guenther
Robert C. Roach
Sr. Marcella Holloway
Shyamal Bagchee

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