

The Twelfth Annual Meeting  
of the  
T. S. Eliot Society

featuring

The 1991 T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

"Apocalypse and Wisdom"

by

Cleo McNelly Kearns

September 27-29, 1991

Saint Louis, Missouri

## PROGRAM

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:45-7:15 p.m. REGISTRATION

*Hampton Inn, Union Station (assembly room)*

Linda Wyman, Treasurer

7:30 p.m. OPENING SESSION

Grover Smith, President

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#### SOCIETY MEMBERS' PANEL

Chaired by W. Ronald Schuchard

A. J. Montesi, "The 'Daughters' of T. S. Eliot"

Benjamin G. Lockerd, Jr., "United by Strife: The Elements  
in *Four Quartets*"

Joseph C. Baillargeon, "Attics and Basements: In Search of  
the Real T. S. Eliot"

Discussion

Coffee

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:00 a.m. WELCOME

*Hampton Inn, Union Station (assembly room)*

Grover Smith

#### SOCIETY MEMBERS' PANEL

Chaired by Vinnie-Marie D'Ambrosio, Vice-president

William C. Charron, "Eliot's Destructive Dilemma"

Virginia B. Phelan, "Uncorking the Sibyl"

Discussion

Morning coffee

10:30 a.m. INTERVAL OF MUSIC

Eliot Unitarian Chapel Choir

Robert Howard, Music Director



- 10:45 a.m.      TWELFTH ANNUAL  
T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE  
Cleo McNelly Kearns, Princeton Theological Seminary  
"Apocalypse and Wisdom: The Problem of Tone in  
*The Waste Land and Four Quartets*"
- 12:00 noon      LUNCHEON      *Hampton Inn, Union Station*
- 2:00 p.m.      ELIOT SOCIETY DIRECTORS' MEETING  
*First Unitarian Church*
- 6:00 p.m.      DINNER      *4967 Pershing Place*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 9:30 a.m.      ADDRESS      *First Unitarian Church*  
Rev. Earl K. Holt III, Historian of the Society, "A New  
Life"
- 11:00 a.m.      FORUM  
Kenneth P. Kramer, "The Lotus/Rose: An East-West  
Ideogram"  
Discussion

NOTE: The book display arranged by Larry C. Melton may be viewed before and after all sessions held at the Hampton Inn, Union Station.

## T. S. ELIOT

T. S. Eliot was born in St. Louis on September 26, 1888, of a family distinguished for its contributions to the city and its institutions. In his later years, Eliot often spoke appreciatively of St. Louis. He returned in 1953 as a Nobel Laureate to express his gratitude to an audience assembled at Washington University, an institution founded a century earlier by his grandfather William Greenleaf Eliot. In a booklet commemorating this occasion, the poet acknowledged that "Saint Louis affected me more deeply than any other environment." Eliot died in London, England, on January 4, 1965, widely acclaimed as the most important poet of our century. The obituary in *The Times* (London) was entitled "The Most Influential English Poet of His Time," and the long obituary in *Life* magazine concluded with "Our age beyond any doubt has been, and will continue to be, the Age of Eliot."



## **T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURERS**

1980-1991

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## **THE T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY**

The T. S. Eliot Society is an international community of scholars and others interested in the mind and work of T. S. 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 commemoration of Eliot in the city of his birth, St. Louis. Its annual program includes a Memorial Lecture by a critic or scholar. A volume of recent lectures, *THE PLACING OF T. S. ELIOT*, edited by Jewel Spears Brooker, past President of the Society, is being published by the University of Missouri Press this year. A newsletter, *T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY NEWS & NOTES*, is issued trimesterly.

The Society, incorporated as a non-profit organization, is supported by the annual dues of its members. For information concerning membership, address: Linda Wyman, Treasurer, 613-5 Woodlander Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

The T. S. Eliot Society is in correspondence with the author societies participating in ALA (The American Literature Association).

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