

***THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY***



featuring

The 1993 T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

"Early Eliot"

by

Christopher Ricks

*September 24-26, 1993
Saint Louis, Missouri*

Program of Events

Friday, September 24

7:15-7:45 p.m.

Registration and Voucher Pick-up

Drury Inn at Union Station

Mildred Boaz, Secretary
Linda Wyman, Treasurer

7:45 p.m.

Welcome

Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, President

Panel

Chaired by Ann Brady

Sumana Sen-Bagchee, "The Poet and the Sleuth:
T. S. Eliot and Raymond Chandler"

Vimala C. Rao, "Murder and Mayhem in Eliot's
Plays"

8:45 p.m.

Open Forum of Society Members

Discussion of the Society's current activities and
future direction

Refreshments

Saturday, September 26

9:00 a.m.

Greetings

Drury Inn at Union Station

Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, President

Panel

Chaired by Sanford Schwartz

Joon-Soo Bong, "Reading Eliot's Notes on *The
Waste Land*"

Virginia Phelan, "Sweet Surrender to Julia's Silk:
Costume and Conceit in *The Cocktail Party*"

10:00 a.m.

Eliot Rags

Reprise of Trebor Jay Tichenor's the "T. S. Eliot
Rag" (1992) and early 20th-century St. Louis
ragtime (tentative)

Refreshments

10:30	Larry Melton, "Ragtime in the Age of Eliot"	
11:00 a.m.	Fourteenth Annual T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture	
	Christopher Ricks, "Early Eliot"	
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:30 p.m.	Local Expeditions	
6:30 p.m.	Reception and Dinner	4967 Pershing Place

Sunday, September 26

9:30 a.m.	Address	<i>First Unitarian Church</i>
	Rev. Earl K. Holt III	
11:00	Forum	<i>First Unitarian Church</i>
	Mildred Meyer Boaz and Guy Hargrove, "Wagner, Shakespeare, and Mrs. Porter: An Interart Study of Music and T. S. Eliot's <i>The Waste Land</i> "	
12:30	Eliot Society Director's Meeting	<i>First Unitarian Church</i>

Note: The book display arranged by Larry Melton may be viewed before and after all sessions held at Drury Inn at Union Station.

T.S. Eliot

T.S. 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 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 commemoration 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

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Sr. Marcella Holloway
Robert C. Roach
Charles Cuenther
Rev. Earl K. Holt III
Jewel Spears Brooker
W. Ronald Schuchard
Grover Smith
James Olney
A. D. Moody
Leonard Unger
Shyamal Bagchee
Cleo McNelly Kearns
Denis Donoghue
Christopher Ricks

The Directors of the T. S. Eliot Society

Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, President
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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 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.

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).

The 1993 conference is co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis.

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