

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



featuring

The 1994 T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

'The Fire and the Rose: Eliot and the Popular'

by

William Harmon

*September 23-25, 1994
Saint Louis, Missouri*

Program of Events

Friday, September 23

4:00p.m.

Ellot Society Directors' Meeting

Drury Inn

6:30-7:00p.m.

Registration and Voucher Pick-up

Drury Inn

Mildred Boaz, Secretary

Linda Wyman, Treasurer

7:00p.m.

Welcome

Vinnie Marie D'Ambrosio, President

Panel

Chaired by Lois Cuddy

Presentations:

Lee Oser, "The American Prufrock"

Robert Abboud, "T.S. Eliot's America: Eliot and the Classical Republican Tradition"

Christina Hauck, "Abortion and the Individual Talent"

8:30p.m.

Open Forum of Society Members

Discussion of the Society's current activities and future direction

Refreshments

Saturday, September 24

9:30a.m.

Greetings

Missouri Historical Society

Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio

Panel

Chaired by Sanford Schwartz

Presentations:

Elizabeth Daumer, "'Struck mad by the knowledge of his own beauty': Narcissus in the Early Poetry of T.S. Eliot."

A.D. Moody, "Nothingness and Being: Concerning Eliot's Fear"

10:30a.m.

Interlude (*hopefully musical*)

Refreshments

11:15a.m.

Fifteenth Annual T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

William Harmon, "The Fire and the Rose: Eliot and the Popular"

12:15-1:45p.m.

Lunch

option 1: the local restaurant

option 2: \$6 box lunch-see conference registration form

1:45p.m.

Missouri Historical Society

6:00p.m.

Dinner

Silk Road Restaurant, 510N. Euclid Ave, Central West End -see conference registration form

Sunday, September 25

9:30 a.m.

Address

Rev. Earl K. Holt III

First Unitarian Church

11:00a.m.

Forum

Tatsuo Murata, "Buddhism in the plays of T.S. Eliot"

First Unitarian Church

James Torrens, "Dante and the Clark Lectures: The Real Criterion"

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 commemorating this occasion, the poet acknowledged, "St. 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* was entitled "The Most Influential English Poet of His Time," and the long obituary in *Life* magazine concluded that "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 Onely
A.D. Moody
Leonard Unger
Shyamal Bagchee
Cleo McNelly Kearns
Denis Donoghue
Christopher Ricks
William Harmon

The Directors of the T.S. Eliot Society

Vinni Marie D'Ambrosio, President
Sanford Schwartz, Vice-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).

This conference is co-sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of St. Louis. Tara Tremer produced this program in Millikin's Writing Classroom.