

THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
T.S. ELIOT SOCIETY

*featuring*

*The 1995 T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture*

*"T.S. Eliot and Modernity"*

*by*

*Louis Menand*

*September 22-24, 1995*

*Saint Louis, Missouri*

## Program Events

### Friday, September 22

*The Inn at the Park*

4:00 p.m.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

6:30 p.m.

**Registration**

7:00 p.m.

**Welcome**

Sanford Schwartz, President

**Presentations:**

Nancy Hargrove

"Eliot and the Dance"

Peter Puchek

"History as Pagan Whirlwind:

The Tenuous Christianity of

Eliot's 'Gerontion'"

Jewel Brooker

"Crack-up: Eliot, Descartes, and

the Mind of Europe"

8:30 p.m.

**Open Forum of Society Members**

### Saturday, September 23

*The Woman's Club*

9:30 a.m.

**Greetings**

Sanford Schwartz

**Presentations:**

Linda Wyman, Chair

David Thompson

"Casting Lots: Eliot's 'Burbank'

and the Possibility of Identity"

Elizabeth Däumer

"Charlotte Eliot and *Ash Wednesday's*

Lady of Silences"

10:30 a.m.

**Interlude**

11:15 a.m.

**Sixteenth Annual T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture**

Louis Menand

"T.S. Eliot and Modernity"

12:30 p.m.

**Lunch**

Reservation and payment required in advance of  
the annual meeting

Various afternoon activities, including readings of Eliot's work.

6:30 p.m.

**Dinner**

4967 Pershing Place  
The home of Anthony  
and Melanie Fathman

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annual meeting.

**Sunday, September 24**

First Unitarian Church  
5007 Waterman Boulevard

9:30 a.m.

**Sermon**

Rev. Earl K. Holt III

11:00 a.m.

**Forum**

Mildred M. Boaz, Chair

David Partenheimer  
"The Waste Land and 'Desolation  
Row': The Apocalyptic Archetype"

David Huisman  
"Neither Bang nor Whimper: Notes  
towards the Detonation of Closure"

**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.

T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecturers  
1980-1995

Sr. Marcella Holloway  
Robert C. Roach  
Charles Guenther  
Rev. Earl K. Holt III  
Jewel Spears Booker  
W. Ronald Schuchard  
Grover Smith  
James Olney

A.D. Moody  
Leonard Unger  
Shyamal Bagchee  
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Denis Donoghue  
Christopher Ricks  
William Harmon  
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The T.S. Eliot Society is an international community of scholars and others interested in the mind and work of Eliot. It was found 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: William Charron, Treasurer, 709 S. Skinker, #401, St. Louis, MO, 63105.

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

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