

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

FEATURING

THE 1996 T.S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE

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# T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER

4:00 p.m.      **Board of Directors Meeting**  
*The Inn at the Park*

7:00 p.m.      **Registration**  
*Empire Room, Park Plaza*  
232 North Kingshighway  
William Charron, Treasurer

7:30 p.m.      **Welcome**  
Sanford Schwartz, President

#### **Presentations:**

Grover Smith, DUKE UNIVERSITY  
"The Ghost and the Girl: Eliot's  
'Suppressed Complex'"

Holly Norton,  
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY  
"The 'Murmur of Maternal  
Lamentation': Women and  
the Apocalypse in *The Waste Land*"

Colleen Lamos, RICE UNIVERSITY  
"T.S. Eliot and Literary  
Authority: Paternal Citations and  
Maternal Interests"

### SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

*Empire Room, Park Plaza*

9:45 a.m.      **Greetings**  
Sanford Schwartz

#### **Presentations:**

Linda Wyman, Chair

Michael Cole, COLGATE UNIVERSITY  
"Eliot on the Air: 'Culture'  
and the Genres of Mass  
Communication"

Robert West,  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL  
"Eliot as 'Dead Master': The Case of John Ashberry"



## 27-29 SEPTEMBER, 1996

- 10:45 a.m. **Interlude**  
Book Display, arranged by Larry Melton
- 11:15 a.m. **Seventeenth Annual T.S. Eliot  
Memorial Lecture**  
Marianne Thormählen  
UNIVERSITY OF LUND
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**  
*Tenderloin Room, Park Plaza  
Reservation and Payment Required in Advance*
- 2:30 p.m. **Depart Inn at the Park for Fathman's Farm**  
*Transportation Provided*
- 5:30 p.m. **Open Forum of Society Members**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**  
*Reservation and Payment Required in Advance*

### SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

*First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman Boulevard*

- 9:30 a.m. **Sermon**  
Rev. Earl K. Holt III
- 11:00 a.m. **Forum**  
William Charron, Chair  
Chris Buttram Trumbold,  
SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
"Faith, Ethics and Evangelism: Eliot's  
Unpublished Religious Prose"  
Kathleen Ricker,  
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY (CHICAGO)  
"Fair Fields and Waste Lands,  
1348-1942: William Langland, T.S. Eliot and  
the Rebuilding of Christian Community"

#### NOTE ABOUT T.S. ELIOT'S LIFE

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; he is still esteemed as the most significant poet of the 20th-Century.



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

**1980-1996**

Sr. Marcella Holloway  
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Charles Guenther  
Rev. Earl K. Holt III  
Jewel Spears Booker  
W. Ronald Schuchard  
Grover Smith  
James Olney  
A.D. Moody  
Leonard Unger  
Shyamal Bagchee  
Cleo McNelly Kearns  
Denis Donoghue  
Christopher Ricks  
William Harmon  
Louis Menand  
Marianne Thormählen

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

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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 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 commemorating 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. Skinder, #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.