

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

FEATURING

**THE 1998
T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE**

BY CHARLES ALTIERI

**25-27 SEPTEMBER 1998
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI**

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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

2:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting The Inn at the Park

6:30 p.m. Registration Empire Room, Park Plaza
232 N. Kingshighway
William Charron, Treasurer

7:00 p.m. Welcome Linda Wyman, President

Eliot Aloud Allowed--and Encouraged!
Attendees are urged to bring their Eliot texts
and to read aloud favorite passages

Presentations:

Shyamal Bagchee, Vice-President, Chair

Patricia Sloane
New York City Technical College of CUNY
"Eliot's Use of Literary Allusion in the Epigraph to 'Burbank with a
Baedeker: Bleistein with a Cigar'"

Michael Stevens, *Cornerstone College*
"Eliot's Attempt at a Political *Via Media*, as Revealed
in His Journal *The Criterion*"

Interlude

Jayme Stayer, *Owens Community College*
"Allusive Practice as Political Theory: Eliot's *The Waste Land* and
Stravinsky's *Oedipus Rex*"

Cassandra Laity, *Drew University*
"Eliot and the Erotics of Decadent
Hellenism in *The Waste Land: A Facsimile*"

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 Empire Room, Park Plaza

9:00 a.m. Greetings Linda Wyman

Presentations:

David Chinitz,
Loyola University, Chicago, Chair

Gail McDonald,
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
"Through a Window: Eliot's Female Readers"

Miriam M. Chirico, *Emory University*
"Dramatizing Multiple Temporalities:
Rhythm and Ritual in *The Family Reunion*"

Lorne Mook, *University of Cincinnati*
"The River and the Sea: The Creation of Affect in 'The Dry Salvages'"

Interlude

11:00 a.m. Nineteenth Annual T.S. Eliot Memorial Lecture

Sanford Schwartz, Supervisor of Elections, Chair

Charles Altieri, *University of California, Berkeley*
"Eliot as Theorist of the Emotions"

12:00 noon Lunch Tenderloin Room, Park Plaza

Reservations and payment for Lunch, Reception, and Dinner are required
in advance of the annual meeting.

Reception "The Eliot Home"
4446 Westminister Place
Time to be announced

7:00 p.m. Dinner "The Eliot Home"
4446 Westminister Place

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 First Unitarian Church
5007 Waterman Boulevard

9:30 a.m. Sermon Rev. Earl K. Holt, III

Forum

Linda Wyman, Chair

Nancy Goldfarb, *Western Kentucky University*
"Baptism Averted: Bodily Waters in *The Waste Land*"

Matthew Childs, *University of South Carolina*
"Deconstruction Deconstructed in Eliot's
Four Quartets"

Laurence Kriegshauser, O.S.B., *Saint Louis Abbey*
"The Theology of *Four Quartets*"

A 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.

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

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