

**THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING**

of the

**T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY**

**“T. S. ELIOT AND NEW ENGLAND: HISTORICAL CONTEXTS”**

featuring

**THE 1999  
T. S. ELIOT MEMORIAL LECTURE**

by

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**24-26 SEPTEMBER 1999**

**GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS**

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## PROGRAM OF EVENTS

*For Gloucester locations, see Conference Information / Downtown Map.*

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

10:00 a.m. Board of Directors meeting ..... Ocean View Inn (OVI)  
171 Atlantic Road

2:00 p.m. Registration ..... Admiral's Board Room (OVI)  
William Charron, Treasurer

2:30 p.m. Welcome ..... Admiral's Board Room (OVI)  
Linda Wyman, President

Eliot Aloud Allowed-and Encouraged! Readings by attendees

#### **Presentations**

Jayme Stayer, *Owens Community College*, Chair

Joon-Soo Bong, *Yonsei University*  
"Textual Variants of *The Waste Land*: 'Final Authorial  
Intention' and the Poetics of Impersonality"

Richard Badenhansen, *Marshall University*  
"What You Get Married For?": Collaboration and Spousal  
Communication in Vivienne Eliot's 'Letters of the Moment' "

Grover Smith, *Duke University*  
"Charnel and Carnal in 'Whispers of Immortality':  
The New England Flavor"

5:00 p.m. Reception at "The Downs" ..... 18 Edgemoor Road  
Jerry Weist and Dana Hawkes, Hosts

6:30 p.m. Dinner (*advance registrants only*), Ocean's Edge Restaurant (OVI)

8:00 p.m. Announcements ..... Admiral's Board Room (OVI)

#### **Presentations**

Benjamin G. Lockerd, Jr., *Grand Valley State University*, Chair

K. Narayan Chandran, *University of Hyderabad*  
"The Hawthorne Aspect of the 'Coriolan' Poems"

Stefano Maria Casella, *University of Verona*  
"Portrait of the Artist as a Bird-Watcher: 'Cape Ann'"

Jewel Spears Brooker, *Eckerd College*  
"Dancing in Fire: Love and Movement in Eliot's Poetry"

9:30 p.m. Slide presentation ..... Admiral's Board Room (OVI)

David Huisman, *Grand Valley State University*  
"If You Came This Way": Landscapes of the Heart in *Four Quartets*"

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 a.m. Tour of Gloucester ..... board bus at 8:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Fitz Hugh Lane Gallery tour ..... Cape Ann Historical Museum  
Judith McCulloch, Director

Free time: Maritime and Fisheries Galleries  
"Stuart Davis in Gloucester" Exhibit

11:00 a.m. **Twentieth Annual T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecture**  
Folly Cove Auditorium ..... Cape Ann Historical Museum  
Linda Wyman, Chair

Helen Vendler, *Harvard University*  
"Historical Contexts: Available Discourses"

12:30 p.m. Lunch on the Wharf (*advance registrants only*), 17 Rogers Street

2:30 p.m. \*Panel: "T. S. Eliot's Gloucester" ..... Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall  
David Ellis, *Gloucester Lyceum*, Chair  
Shyamal Bagchee, *University of Alberta*  
Prudence Fish, *Gloucester*, Geography / Architecture Historian  
Joseph Garland, *Gloucester*, Historian  
Andrew Gray, *Gloucester*, Eastern Point Raconteur  
Nancy Hargrove, *Mississippi State University*

4:00 p.m. \*Reception and Eliot Exhibit ..... Sawyer Free Library  
David McArdle, Library Director, Host

Bus to Ocean View Inn ..... (dinner on your own)

8:00 p.m. "A Tribute to Eliot: Performance of Dance, Music, and Spoken Word"  
\* Tickets at the door ..... Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. Transportation to Seven Seas Wharf, Rogers Street

9:00 a.m. Dry Salvages boat tour (*advance registrants only*),  
with Continental breakfast included on board ..... Seven Seas Wharf

12:00 noon Return transportation to Ocean View Inn

\*Events sponsored by Gloucester Lyceum & Sawyer Free Library.

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## **A Note on T. S. Eliot's Life**

Thomas Stearns Eliot was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on September 26, 1888, of a family distinguished for its contributions both to that city and to New England, where his ancestor Andrew Eliot arrived from East Coker, Somerset, about 1670. Beginning in 1893, the Eliots summered in Gloucester, and in 1896 Henry Ware Eliot built "The Downs" on Eastern Point. At Cape Ann young Tom learned to sail and to love the sea; the deep impression left on him by Gloucester and the coast northward to Maine is shown notably in *Ash-Wednesday* and *The Dry Salvages*. Eliot died in London, England, his adopted country, on January 4, 1965; a 1948 Nobel Laureate, he is deemed the most significant poet of the 20th century.

### **T. S. Eliot Memorial Lecturers 1980-1999**

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

### **Present Directors of the T. S. Eliot Society**

Linda Wyman, President  
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The T. S. Eliot Society is an international organization 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 in Missouri as non-profit, 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.

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