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### Call for Papers

Annual Meeting  
of

## THE T. S. ELIOT SOCIETY

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual meeting  
commemorates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the publication of  
*The Waste Land*

St. Louis  
September 26-28, 1997

Proposals (approximately 250 words) for 20-minute papers or presentations on *The Waste Land* should be postmarked no later than June 15<sup>th</sup> and sent to:

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Participants will be notified by mid-July. Registration forms, programs, and further details regarding the annual meeting will be given in the Summer issue of the *T. S. Eliot Society Newsletter*, which will appear by early August.

The Society has a small fund to help defray the cost of travel for graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s whose papers are accepted for presentation at the conference.

### Eliot Session Slated for ALA Meeting

President Sanford Schwartz has announced that the T. S. Eliot Society will sponsor two sessions at the American Literature Association meeting on May 23-25 in Baltimore.

In a session on T. S. Eliot and Popular Culture, to be chaired by Jewel Spears Brooker (Eckerd College), David Chinitz (Loyola University, Chicago) will give a paper, "'Able to make use of the fox trot': Eliot and Popular Music before *The Waste Land*"; Kevin J. H. Dettmar (Clemson University) will speak on "Fear of a Muzak (R) Planet: T. S. Eliot's Pop Panic"; and Michele Tepper (University of Michigan) will present "T. S. Eliot and the Modernism of Detective Fiction."

A second session, on Eliot and Anti-Semitism: Issues and Evidence, will be chaired by Sanford Schwartz (Pennsylvania State University). It will feature Robert Abboud (Rutgers University), "Representing Jews: Eliot, Isreal, and Nationalism"; Lois Cuddy (University of Rhode Island), "Historicizing Anti-Semitism: Shadows of Jews in Eliot's Culture and Poetry"; and William Blissett (University of Toronto), "A Soft Answer Turneth Away Wrath."

Preregistration for the conference may be sent to Alfred Bendixen, English Department, California State University at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 90032. The regular registration costs is \$40; students, retirees, and independent scholars may pre-register for \$10.

Persons desiring rooms at the convention hotel (\$98 per night) may call the Stouffer Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, at 1-800-535-1201.

### Texas Studies to Feature Eliot-Kallen Correspondence

Tony Hilfer, editor of *Texas Studies in Literature and Language*, reports that the Winter 1997 issue of that publication will feature an essay by Ranen Omer entitled "'It is I who have been defending a religion called Judaism': the T. S. Eliot and Horace M. Kallen Correspondence." Kallen was a well known Jewish American sociologist. According to Hilfer, Omer--whose work is based on archival research--argues that "Eliot and Kallen modified each other's views in the course of their long correspondence, Kallen persuading Eliot toward a more sympathetic understanding of cultural pluralism--the concept of which was Kallen's main contribution to sociology, and Eliot persuading Kallen of the dangers of an unlimited national secular ethos."

Persons wishing to reach Tony Hilfer may do so at the English Department of the University of Texas at Austin or by E-Mail: [tonyhi@mail.utexas.edu](mailto:tonyhi@mail.utexas.edu). Ranen Omer is a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame.

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