



2011 Thomas Wolfe Conference Schedule

Hilton Savannah DeSoto Hotel
Savannah, Georgia

Thursday May 19, 2011

5:00-6:00 Tour of the Flannery O'Connor House (assemble in Hilton DeSoto Hotel lobby)

Friday May 20, 2011

10:00-12:00 **Registration** (outside the Pulaski Room, Hilton DeSoto Hotel)
All sessions will be held in the Pulaski Room.

12:00-12:30 **Welcome and Prologue**

Welcome, David Radavich, Charlotte, NC, President, Thomas Wolfe Society

Nancy Emmeluth, Chair of Liberal Arts, Savannah College of Art and Design

Prologue, Mary Doll, Savannah College of Art and Design

12:30-2:00 **Session 1 Moderator: Wiley Cash, Bethany College**

Dana Reaume, Pensacola, FL

"Wolfe, The Unintentional Vagabond"

Bryan Giemza, Randolph-
Macon College

"A Stage between Worlds: Thomas Wolfe and
Dramatic Geographies, 1918-1920"

Susan Falls, Savannah
College of Art and Design

"'The Truth as I Could See It': Thomas Wolfe
as Public Intellectual"

2:00-2:15 **Break**

2:15-3:45 **Session 2 Moderator: James Clark, North Carolina State University**

Kenneth Brandt, Savannah
College of Art and Design

"A Pack of Wolfeans: Thomas Wolfe's
Influence on Jack Kerouac and the Beat
Generation"

Mary Kim, Savannah
College of Art and Design

"Making Universal Margins: Thomas Wolfe
and Asian American Writers"

Dieter Meindl, University of
Erlangen-Nürnberg

"Love and Nazi Germany in Thomas Wolfe
and Thomas Pynchon"

(Friday continued)

3:45-4:00 **Break**

4:00-5:30 **Session 3** **Moderator: Rebecca Godwin, Barton College**

David Radavich, Charlotte, NC "The Narrative Poetics of Thomas Wolfe"

Edwin M. Yoder, Jr., Alexandria, VA "The Influence of Lowes' 'Road to Xanadu' on Thomas Wolfe"

Gerry Max, Madison, WI "'That Horrible Woman' Elinor Wylie: Thomas Wolfe's Portrait of Her and a Few Other Women Poets at the Parties He Attended"

5:30-7:00 Enjoy Savannah!

7:00-8:00 **Deans' Reception at the Gutstein Gallery**

Dean of Liberal Arts, Robert Eisinger, Savannah College of Art and Design

Dean of Graduate Studies, Eddie Dupuy, Savannah College of Art and Design

8:00-9:00 **Creative Responses to Thomas Wolfe, Gutstein Gallery**
Moderators: Mary Aswell Doll, Savannah College of Art and Design,
and Steven B. Rogers, Mount Rainier, MD

Steven B. Rogers, Mount Rainier, MD, "Beaucatcher Mountain" (poem)

Ruth Moose, UNC-Chapel Hill, "Trains Are a Way" (poem)

George Hovis, SUNY College at Oneonta, "The Lost Boy" (short story)

Angela Brandt, Savannah College of Art and Design, "My People" (poem)

David Radavich, Charlotte, NC, "Untamed Wolfe" and "Wolfe in Paris" (poems)

Ruth Ware, Durham, NC, "Journey to Root Beer" (creative non-fiction)

Saturday May 21, 2011

- 8:30-10:00** **Session 4** **Moderator: David Strange, Bloomington, IN**
- Virginia Patterson, Knoxville, TN "The Varied Forms of Humor in the Writings of Thomas Wolfe"
- Robert Willis, East Stroudsburg University "Comic Invention: The Satire and Humor of Thomas Wolfe"
- Christopher Bruno, Burlingame, CA "Public Enemy Only One: The World's First Public Review of Bernard DeVoto's Unpublished First Novel"
- 10:00-10:30** **Business Meeting**
- 10:30-10:45** **Break**
- 10:45-12:15** **Session 5** **Moderator: Joseph M. Flora, University of North Carolina**
- Jennifer Kolb, Charlotte, NC "Thomas Wolfe and the Art of Baseball"
- Shawn Holliday, Northwestern Oklahoma State University "Thomas Wolfe's Short Fiction and the Culture of Magazine Production"
- John L. Idol, Jr., Clemson University "Thomas Wolfe's Painterly Style"
- 12:15-12:30** **Epilogue, Jan Hensley, Greensboro, NC**
- 12:30-2:00** **Lunch on your own**
- 2:00-3:30** **Walking Tours of Savannah, conducted by Department of Architectural History, Savannah College of Art and Design (assemble in hotel lobby)**
- 4:30-5:30** **Wine reception in the Library, Hilton DeSoto Hotel**
- 6:00-8:00** **Banquet at the Olde Pink House**
David Radavich, Charlotte, NC, Presiding
- Keynote Address:
Dr. Edward Dupuy, Dean, Graduate Studies
Savannah College of Art and Design
- 8:45-9:30** Scenes from *Look Homeward, Angel*, Harborview Room, Hilton DeSoto Hotel
Performing Arts Department, Savannah College of Art and Design

Sunday, May 22, 2011

- 8:30-10:00** Board of Directors Meeting in the Pulaski Room, Hilton DeSoto Hotel

Hotel Information

The conference will be held at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto, located at 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, Georgia. The Hilton no longer has the special rates for the Thomas Wolfe Society, but reservations can be made at their regular room rates.

Reservations for the Hilton Savannah DeSoto can be made at:

http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/SAVDHFF-Hilton-Savannah-DeSoto-Georgia/index.do

or by calling the Hilton at 1-912-232-9000.

Other nearby hotels:

Country Inn and Suites 320 Montgomery St, Savannah GA

912-921-5300

Special conference rates: Thursday \$79.00 , Friday \$159.
and Saturday \$159. Please use group code: 1105THWOL

Courtyard Marriott on 415 West Liberty. Savannah GA

912-644-6880

Special conference rates: Thursday , Friday and Saturday \$189.00

each night. Please use the link below to book the hotel from the website at the special rate. Or, if you call for reservations, please use "Thomas Wolfe Society" as the organization code.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/savdt?groupCode=twstwsa&app=resvlink&fromDate=5/19/11&toDate=5/22/11>

For More Information

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Please check the Thomas Wolfe Society website for conference updates: www.thomaswolfe.org

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REGISTRATION FORM

Complete all sections (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____
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Address: _____
Address City Zip

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

- General attendee fee: \$110
- Student fee: \$55

Fee includes all sessions and events

- Sessions and deans' reception only: \$30
- Attendee guest for deans' reception and banquet only: \$65
- Optional guided walking tour (Saturday afternoon): \$5
- Optional tour of the Flannery O'Connor House (Thursday afternoon): \$5
- Donation to the Thomas Wolfe Society _____

Total _____

CONFERENCE QUESTIONS:

Please check the events that you plan to attend:

- Deans' reception - Friday, May 20th Gutstein Gallery 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Historic guided walking tour of Savannah - Saturday, May 21 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Wine reception in the library at Hilton Desoto Hotel - Saturday, May 21 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Banquet at the Olde Pink House - Saturday, May 21 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Banquet Dinner Options: please check your dinner choice (and guest choice, if bringing a guest)

- Pecan Crusted Chicken Breast
- Shrimp & Grits (Country Ham Gravy)
- Bourbon Molasses Grilled Pork Tenderloin
- Vegetarian

Payment Method: Please remit payment by Check (make checks payable to SCAD) or Credit Card

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Mail to: SCAD Alice Eisner Conference Department, P.O. Box 3146, Savannah, GA 31402

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* Registration confirmation will be notified by email. Receipt upon arrival.

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