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DEL MONTE RANCH

William Thomas

Majeed was as delighted a fellow as one might wish to meet. The Indians about Santa Fe thought him a Mexican, but he was an Arab and knew no Spanish at all. When we went into his shop to look at Indian blankets, he told a long tale of his escape from Turkey at the age of seventeen. He said he was a writer as well as a dealer in blankets, and had published things in a newspaper in Cairo.

We closed the blanket transaction, but he seemed reluctant to let us go. His eyes sparkled as inspiration possessed him. "Come to dinner," he said. "I cook you an Arab dinner."

The dinner turned out to be overdone steaks and fried potatoes, and Majeed's American wife was not a woman you would seek for her companionable qualities. In her presence he was less exuberant and gave the impression of being on good behavior. I fancied he read in my face the disappointment I felt as she put our plates before us; but how, he seemed to be asking, could he convince so obtuse a woman that we would really prefer the meal he might have prepared?

The next day I made a photograph of Majeed outside his shop, and he gave me another of himself with an Arabic inscription. In the car we had our blanket, a splendid old Hopi, the brightness of its crimson and brown yarns softened by time. We promised to see him when we came back to Santa Fe.

The road to Taos winds and climbs through the canyon of the Rio Grande, emerging to flat reaches of desert where one looks far off at the brilliance of red peppers against an adobe wall. At the hotel I asked about Frieda Lawrence and was told she was at her place, Del Monte Ranch, near San Cristobal. In the back room of the

drug store was an "art gallery", and there I was shown a couple of small pictures which D. H. Lawrence had painted with Dorothy Brett in 1924. The attendant said Frieda had many more — later, big canvases — in her house. When I said I wished I might see them, he assured me she was gracious and hospitable, and would not think my coming an intrusion.

Sixteen or seventeen miles from Taos on the road through Arroyo Hondo, beyond San Cristobal, there was a turn-off, and then three miles of mountain road through pine woods to the Del Monte house. It was a long house in a beautiful setting, inclosed by a red-and-white picket fence. The door was open to a big room with a low aspen-beamed ceiling and white plaster walls. I heard a rattle of pans at the back.

She came, a big square-faced woman with blond hair turned gray, a wet garment over each arm. "I can't shake hands with you," she said, extending a large wet hand. "You see, I've been washing."

"Of course you can!" We shook hand.

I said I was an admirer of Lawrence's work, and explained that Mr. Meltzger had spoken of the pictures and directed me there.

"I'm glad you've come. Here are the pictures. I was allowed to bring them into this country provided that I did not exhibit them publicly or offer them publicly for sale.

Anyway, I don't want to sell them." They were hung about the big front room. "There's the one that shocked the English — the Boccaccio one."

It was inspired by the story of the gardener who played deaf and dumb at the convent. The gardener lies on his back, naked below the waist, and the eyes of the approaching nuns focus on his penis. I let her know I was familiar with the story. "And this one shows Eve attempting to enter Paradise while Adam holds back the arm of Satan, who is trying to prevent her with the sword." All the figures are nude. Eve

crouching on great haunches, and Adam (only his upper torso is shown) concealing Satan. It made me think of the drawings of William Blake. "There were to be two companion pictures to this. Of Paradise itself—one with all the animals."

Most of the others were smaller canvases, mostly of nude figures. "Lawrence painted all these in Italy. Isn't it remarkable that he should take up painting so late in his life?"

We went into a big kitchen-dining room. At the left were a sink and a cooking range, and dishes in rows on open shelves. "Now I'll show you the old house." Outside a door at the east, concrete steps went up the sloping ground, and a short stair entered directly onto a small porch off the second floor, overlooking a garden profuse with dahlias.

The old house, a low log structure with stuccoed exterior, which Lawrence and Indian helpers built, was guest quarters. She had guests, but this day they were gone into town—"to sell the cow." (We had met the guests in a car and the cow in a truck.) It had three small rooms in line and porches at the east. In this house the Lawrences lived in 1924 and 1925.

"Now I'll give you the keys to the chapel on the hill—Lawrence's hill. And the path at the left of the hill gates takes you to the spring." She stayed while we climbed to the chapel, which stood at the back of an extensive area, at least an acre, inclosed by a wire fence and a cattle guard. It was a white frame—and—stucco building about ten feet square, with pitched roof and a gilded phoenix (Lawrence's personal symbol) at the comb. From a little distance it looked set directly against the background of balsam fir and blue spruce.

Inside, at the back, was an altar, in a space separated from the front by a wood double gate. It housed the urn containing Lawrence's ashes, brought from France in

1935. On the front were the letters, sunken and gilded, D H L. Over the altar piece was a varicolored wheel window. All about inside were spruce boughs.

We wrote our names in the visitor's book, which had many filled pages, European addresses interspersed with American. We saw the spring and returned to the house. Frieda was on the porch, where one could look an incalculable distance south across the floor of the Rio Grande valley. I asked if I might make some photographs. "Isn't it a lovely day?" I wanted to talk about Lawrence, and spoke of the chapel. "Some people think I ought to have done something more elaborate, but I believe he would have liked this better."

"I'm sure of it," I said.

"Lawrence liked it here. He loved that hill. He was really happy here."

"Happier than ever in England," I hazarded.

She agreed. "America was kinder to him. That's one reason why I brought him back to this place. How they hate me in England. They say I influenced him too much—hampered and hindered him. Well, I don't care, I'll take the blame. They wanted him to be just a little Thomas Hardy. Sons and Lovers is all they can think of. They couldn't see that he was delving more deeply into the psyche than anyone had ever done before. But it was not like that in America."

"Lawrence was always better understood in America than in England," I said. "And now, of course, he is more appreciated everywhere."

"Yes. He is an international figure now. One of my guests is a young man from Harvard who is writing a thesis on Lawrence."

I had a copy of <u>The Lost Girl</u> with me and asked her to sign it. She wrote her name and mine in a large hand. "I've never seen this edition before," she said, removing the paper jacket. It was a Grosset and Dunlap reprint. "He wrote this in Sicily. That

accounts for some of the Italian flavor and background. It's not much like his other novels, though; not really representative — is it?"

"It's somewhat aside from the body of his work."

"Yes. In other books he was more concerned with probing the psyche. That's what the English disliked so much. They made it so hard for him. And for me, too.

Americans aren't like that. They're always broader-minded -- about everything."

"Lawrence did what no man had ever done before," said I, who could utter no words that were not platitudinous.

"That is true. And if he had lived, he would have gone further and clarified some of his statements. He wanted to have written about all the continents, a novel set in each. But he did a great deal in his short life."

There were many questions I wished I might ask, many things I would have liked to learn more fully about the frenzied genuis whose life was also hers for almost eighteen years. But it was time to go.

"Goodbye," she said. "And come again."

Ohio State University Emeritus

Notes on Getting Published, Part 2

David D. Anderson

When I was much younger, the most often-repeated bon mot-become-cliche among aspiring young writers, of whom I was one, was that we were saving our rejection slips until we had enough to paper the walls of the rooms in which we wrote. None of us, to my knowledge ever did so, but somewhere in what I euphemistically call the archives, I still have a box of them, and I know at least one other who kept his until he died and they then went into the recycling bin of literary history.

My point is that rejection, in writing if not in love or in life, is part of the cosmic nature of things. Part of writing folklore — based on fact — is that there are degrees of rejections, ranging from the curtest of printed notes to the cordial handwritten "Next time address it directly to me," and there is a wide range in that box in the archives. I can even quote some: a printed one from Esquire, circa 1948, for a story better than anything in their current issue: "Sorry, this is not for Esquire"; from PMLA of the same vintage, a hand-written, unsigned note: "PMLA is no place for fledglings to try their wings." But these are balanced by the note from John Crowe Ransom: "I like this: Unfortunately my colleagues are non-believers" and a cordial note from the fiction editor of Colliers, inviting me to send my next story, shorter than the novella, I had sent her, directly to her — only weeks before Colliers ceased publication forever.

Reminiscing aside, however, the fact remains that a rejection, however curt or kind, is just that, and, however legendary a rejection becomes -- and every writer has

his favorite stories — they are never routine, nor do they ever become easy to accept. But three are a number of things that any writer, embryo or not, can do to reduce the chances that a submission will be rejected out of hand. At the same time it is possible to save postage money on foredoomed submissions, whether of stories, poems, or essays to periodicals or longer manuscripts to publishers, by observing a few simple precautions — by practicing safer submission, so to speak.

The first precaution every writer should take before sending anything unsolicited to anyone is to find out something about the prospective publisher and whatever special requirements, needs, foci, or other restrictions may be involved. For example, many journals -- PMLA and MidAmerica are examples -- publish works only by members except under certain solicited circumstances. If you want to increase your chances, join; if not, look for another potential publisher.

Generally, restrictions and special requirements are noted in copies of the journals or in standard writers' reference works. I find the annual <u>Writer's Market</u>, published by Writer's Digest Books, invaluable. Included are descriptions of the requirements of thousands of potential publishers, ranging from the <u>Atlantic Monthly</u> to <u>Florida Banker</u> and book publishers from the Abbey Press to Playboy Press, and everything in between, all itemized under appropriate specialized headings. This can be supplemented by the <u>Small Press Directory</u>, and further supplemented by browsing — the magazine stands, the libraries and bookstores, and making mental notes for future possibilities.

A further note is that one should never submit a piece to a journal of any kind, no matter how familiar it may seem, without checking a recent issue. Editors change, editorial policies change, journals die, sometimes to be reincarnated in new forms, there may be no interest in your particular topic or treatment, or something similar may already have been done—or may never have been done, which indicates a possible

taboo. In other words, make sure that your submission is appropriate — in topic, in treatment, in length — or look for another publisher. Don't overlook the letter of inquiry, especially for textbooks or other non-fiction. Often desirable is an outline of the text, a rationale for it, and often too a suggestion of suitable uses or markets. Generally such, often called a prospectus in the trade, enables an editor or publisher to make a preliminary judgement: "it's not suitable"; "it's an interesting proposal and we'd like to see more"; or, ultimately, "enclosed is a standard contract." One advantage of the prospectus is that you can make multiple submissions, although publishers frown on the idea, at minimum cost. You can also dream about the ultimate writer's embarrassment — half-a-dozen contracts from half-a-dozen publishers by return mail. I've heard of it happening, but not to anyone I know.

Publishers of book-length fiction often say initial submissions should be made of the first chapter and one representative chapter only, but I've never heard of one refusing the full manuscript, and I recommend that, unless it's in the <u>Ulysses</u> class, you send the whole thing, and let it stand or fall on its total merits.

One aside: don't play games with readers and editors by transposing pages to see if they read the whole thing. Every reader or editor has had it happen to him or her -- and they aren't amused.

Another aside: in your cover letter, don't slip and submit it "for publication." The proper phrase is "for consideration for publication." And never "know that you'll want to publish it." Unfortunately, editors and readers <u>are</u> amused by such phrasing.

Still another aside: although its a commonplace requirement in the business that writers are expected to enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with each submission, and no editor or publisher is obliged to return a manuscript without such an enclosure, the number of submissions without one is surprisingly large. And many editors do simply file them in the waste-basket.

Another aside: if a manuscript is returned, it normally is in good enough shape for up to a half-dozen or more submissions before retyping or reprinting. Don't let it get ragged, but don't feel that every submission must be virginal. Above all, keep manuscripts in the mail. They stand absolutely no chance of publication in a file cabinet or closet shelf or on a disc, sloppy or otherwise.

Still another aside: some writers are forever doomed by sloppiness or carelessness. One editor I know, whose name does not appear on anyone's list of common American surnames, says bluntly that any submission that misspells his name as editor gets an instant rejection.

At one time there was a mythical annual event observed in publishing houses and recommended to writers called "National Save an Editor from a Coronary Week" during which horror stories — and stories of simple incompetence or naivete — were exchanged. Whether or not it exists or existed, I have no idea, but I know a number of editors who insist that every week should be such a week. If the prospective published writer makes it his or her business to make it so in his or her own submissions, they stand a better than average chance of success. A happy editor is a receptive and sympathetic editor.

In a future issue I'll talk about some of the writer's rights and responsibilities, legal and otherwise.

Jack Conroy Remembered: A Review Essay David D. Anderson

When Jack Conroy died in Moberly, Missouri, on February 28, 1990, at the age of 91, his passing was noted in the <u>New York Times</u>, the <u>Chicago Tribune</u>, and other newspapers and news magazines as that of the last of a tradition that once came close to dominating American literature and then, with the easing of the Depression in the late 1930s and the nation at war in the forties, had passed out of our experience as surely as it disappeared from our anthologies and was reduced to footnotes in our literary history.

Yet to those of us who knew Jack and his work — the later suitably recognized when he received the Society's first Mark T.wain Award in 1980 — Jack was not merely the last of an almost — forgotten tradition; he was a member of a much older tradition that fortunately still endures, that of a <u>literatus</u> or man of letters. Jack was indeed a proletarian writer, and <u>the Disinherited</u> remains the best of that kind sixty years after he finished it. Then and now it is a mark by which young writers should measure their work.

But <u>The Disinherited</u>, soon to appear in a new edition with an introduction by Douglas Wixson, published by the University of Missouri Press, is not the lone accomplishment that some critics and historians insist it is, as his five memorable, delightful collaborations with Arne Bontemps, his second novel, <u>A World to Win</u>, and the stories collected in the <u>Jack Conroy Reader</u> and <u>the Weed King and Other Stories</u> attest. Now that the Jack Conroy papers are available at the Newberry Library, we can hope that his life, his work, his central role in the development of other literary careers will be explored by young scholars and he will finally get the attention he has long

deserved.

Particularly welcome, consequently, is "The People, Yes: Memoirs of Jack Conroy," the Summer 1991 issue of <u>New Letters</u>, very capably edited by James McKinley and Robert Stewart. Not only is the issue a tribute long overdue, best illustrated in poems by Gwendolyn Brooks, Melvin B. Tolson, and David Ray, but it contains personal memoirs by Charles A. Miller, Michel Fabra, and Carolee Hazlet, effectively portraying Jack at crucial periods in his life: in Chicago in the late 30s and 40s, before he and his wife Gladys returned to Moberly; in the 60s and 70s as he befriended and encouraged a young scholar; and in his last years alone in Moberly.

Welcome, too, are the contributions of Douglas Wixson of the University of Missouri/Rolla, the leading Conroy scholar, whose book on Conroy and Midwestern literary radicalism will be published later this year by the University of Illinois Press.

Wixson's contributions include, "Jack Conroy and the East St. Louis Toughs," defining Jack's relationships with the Missouri Writers Project in 1936, including the group's strike over the firing of writer Wayne Barker, his association with the hard-drinking, heavy-handed satirists who followed "Bud" Fallow as the "Fallonites;" and, finally, Jack's return to Chicago to found the New Anvil. Douglas Wixson also collaborated with Fred Whitehead in editing correspondence by Jean Winkler during 1937, all of which discuss Conroy, the Fallonites, and the Writer's Project.

Also included are a revealing interview with Conroy conducted by Fred Whitehead in Moberly in 1983 and a memoir by Stephen Wade of his collaboration with Conroy on a folktale in 1985. The folktale, "Hard Head Hardy," describes the coming of the railroad to St. Elmo County and the marvelous distain with which the title character confidently assests that "It may go through, but it'll never come back."

All in all, the collection is a fine tribute to Jack as a man, a writer, and a legend,

and I hope that it receives the wide distribution it deserves. One might wish for a sensitive assessment of Jack's best fiction to be included as well, but Jack emerges from these pages as the many – faceted, memorable, worthy human being that he was.

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Sherwood Anderson, Elyria, Ohio and "The Man of Ideas"

David D. Anderson

In September, 1907, Sherwood Anderson, at 31, became a prominent resident of Elyria, a small city of about 10,000 people in Northern Ohio. As president of a paint jobbing and later manufacturing company, the Anderson Manufacturing Company, he marketed a product called "Roof-Fix," and, in short order, became a member of the new Elyria Country Club, one of the first of its kind in Ohio, and of the downtown Elks Club. Although Elyria folklore has Anderson arriving there earlier — about 1904 or 1905 — he had lived and worked in Cleveland as president of the United Factories Company, a mail—order company, for about a year in 1906 and 1907 before coming to Elyria. His first child, Robert, had been born in Cleveland on August 16, 1907.

Again, although Elyria folklore remembered no Anderson children, Sherwood and his wife Cornelia, who had married in Toledo on May 16, 1904, brought their first-born son with them and two more children were born to them in Elyria, John on December 31, 1908, and Marian (Mimi), on October 29, 1911. As Sherwood's family grew, so did his business and his role in the community. The company absorbed a paint manufacturing plant from nearby Lorain, Anderson began a plan called "Commercial Democracy," apparently an early franchise operation, and he was joined there by his brother Earl. He was, according to one Elyria resident of the time, "a real go-getter." Anderson and Elyria, a growing manufacturing town, founded by New Englanders nearly a century before at the falls of the Black River, and the county seat of Lorain County since the county's beginning in 1822, seemed made for each other.

By the Spring of 1913 Anderson's Elyria years and his career as a business executive were over. His nervous breakdown in the late Fall of 1912, which was to become the basis of the most durable of literary myths, that of Anderson's sudden rejection of business and his determination to write, had made his continuance in Elyria difficult if not impossible and it gave him the opportunity to return to Chicago. There, he determined to support his family by writing advertising copy for his old employer, now the Taylor-Critchfield Company, and to write.

Clearly, something had gone wrong in Anderson's Elyria years, well before his breakdown. He had begun, secretly at first, to write, but that activity became increasingly common knowledge among his friends and employers. Later he remembered having written, and destroyed a book manuscript called "Why I Am a Socialist," and at that time he knew he had to get out of business and away from Elyria. After his departure in early 1913, he returned there, only once, briefly, anonymously, impulsively, and alone, on his way to New York in the early 1920s, momentarily recalling, as he later wrote, "the shadow of a former life." He didn't tarry there but neither did he forget his life there and some of the people he met. He occupies even yet a curious mythic place in the town's memory, a place that had perhaps become unevitable when Anderson achieved literary celebrity and even notoriety with the publication of Winesburg, Ohio in 1919. Old friends remembered him — and he them — as is evident in at least one of the stories in Winesburg, Ohio, and that mutually shared memory was elevated, in both cases, to something more than it had been.

The most vivid of his Elyria memories is that of an old friend, Perry Williams, an Elyria newspaperman, editor of the Elyria Republican, and manager of the Republican Printing Company, which specialized in job printing, including work for the Anderson Manufacturing Company. As editor and printing job salesman Williams was a prominent

and public figure up and down Broad Street, in the shops and offices, and around the corner on Depot Street, where Anderson's enterprise was located. He and Anderson shot pool at the Elks, and on at least one occasion, later recounted by Williams, they went on an adventure together.

When Anderson's <u>Winesburg</u>, <u>Ohio</u>, appeared in 1919, to general critical approval and clerical condemnation, as well as much finger-pointing, public disapproval, and some secret pleasure in Clyde, Ohio, forty miles west of Elyria, it undoubtedly caused similar, if less widespread reactions in Elyria. Clearly, to perceptive Elyrians and to Perry Williams himself, Joe Welling of "A Man of Ideas" was Perry Williams of <u>The Republican</u> and the stores and offices of Broad Street, and he had become part of the myth Anderson had constructed out of his life.

The parallels between the real Williams and the fictional Welling are clear." Joe Welling of Winesburg lived with his mother at the Main Street crossing of Wine Creek, where he noted changing water levels; Perry Williams of Elyria lived with his mother at the East Broad Street crossing of the East Branch of the Black River, where he too watched the waters rise and fall.

Both fictional Wine Creek and real East Branch of the Black River rise in Medina County and flow into, respectively, the fictional Winesburg and the real Elyria from their origins – incidentally a geographical impossibility for Clyde, Ohio, in most other respects the geographical basis for Winesburg. In the crux of the story, incident and character are fused, as Joe Welling notes excitedly that in Winesburg he can tell the relative rainfall levels in Medina County by the water level in Wine Creek.

Whether or not the incident in the story had its real counterpart is less important, however, than the parallels between Welling's and Williams's appearance and behavior.

Joe Welling of Winesburg, like Perry Williams of Elyria, was, in Anderson's words,

"small of body;" Williams was too small to play high school football, so he managed the team; Welling was "like a tiny little volcano that lies silent for days and suddenly spouts fire. No, he wasn't like that – he was like a man who was subject to fits, one who walks among his fellowman inspiring fear He was beset with ideas and in the throes of one of his ideas was uncontrollable;" he worked for the Standard Oil Company in Winesburg, and even as Perry Williams ran up and down Broad Street, soliciting advertising, so did Joe Welling solicit sales up and down Winesburg's Main Street, expounding his ideas, most notably that which came from his observation of rising waters in Wine Creek and his determination that rain had indeed fallen in Medina County.

The portrait is neither unfriendly nor unkind, but Joe Welling is clearly one of Anderson's grotesques, drawn with compassion as well as skill and insight. But apparently Williams was annoyed, and he let Anderson know that he was. In his Memoirs Anderson called him "Luther Pawsey", and he acknowledged that Pawsey had a right to be upset. He admitted that Pawsey talked "in rushes" as did Joe Welling, that Pawsey was a printer, an aspiring writer, a lover of words and ideas a seeker of adventures with Anderson in other small Ohio cities. Luther, Anderson suggests, had made him a writer. And twice, in his Memoirs (301, 302) Anderson slips and called him Perry.

There is no condescension in the portrait, but apparently Williams thought there was. Anderson recalled that he had once done "an unfair thing to a certain man in Ohio. He was my friend and I rather sold him out He said he was going to write, telling the world what kind of man I was." Anderson apparently asked his correspondent to send the story to him, that he could tell it better, but there is no record that he did, nor is there clear proof that Perry Williams was the correspondent.

Nevertheless Williams did make public the story to Elyria if not to the larger world, in a locally – printed and published volume called <u>High Spots in the History of Early Elyria</u>, written by Williams and published by the Republican Printing Company about 1919 or 1920.

Most of the brief work is a series of historical newspaper articles that appeared in the <u>Elyria Telegram</u> marking Elyria's centennial in 1917, but appended is a story called "Cruising on the Canessedosharie," which was neither historical nor part of the earlier series. Instead, it is clearly Perry Williams's revenge.

The story recounts a canoe trip taken by Sherwood Anderson, Williams, and Starr Faxon on the Black River (originally the Canessedosharie, "Along in 1905," clearly a misdate.) The journey was upstream, the water high, the river overhung with vines and brambles. After a day and a half, they reached the outskirts of Oberlin, where they determined to rest. Williams tells the story effectively:

It was desirable to secure accommodations somewhere as the light refreshments they carried were both simple and insufficient and their bedraggled appearance effectually discouraged any hospitality of neighboring farmers. The trousers of one member of the party, Sherwood Anderson, were also torn so badly that it was necessary to purchase a pair of blue overalls for him in Oberlin, which being many sizes too large made a series of convolutions in the legs resembling the leaves of an extended accordion. At least he satisfied the conventions established by law, which is more than could be said for his attire early on the following morning when he conceived the idea, about four o'clock that it was time to get under sail and awakened the rest of the crew, Starr Faxon and the writer, to tell them about some adventures he had in Clyde, Ohio, in his early boyhood. Threats and reproaches failing to restrain him, the bedroom door was bolted when he stopped across the hall to the bathroom and when he returned he found himself "locked out." Travelling light as to baggage and wearing no pajamas, Anderson

dared only to plead softly through the keyhole and not make much disturbance lest he arouse other guests of the house. He was afraid that he would be arrested if he was discovered at large out there in his original birthday suit, so while he was in exile the peace-loving members of the crew managed to slip over a little more sleep.

Anderson has since budded into a writer of high brow fiction and he has peopled his pages with characters encountered or suggested in his years in Ohio, but he has never sketched any funnier pictures than he himself presented that night.

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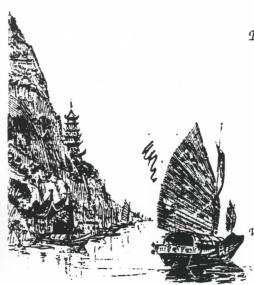
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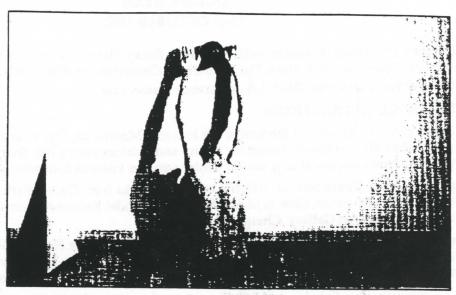
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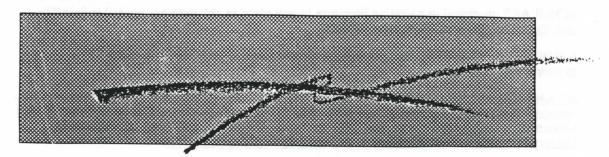
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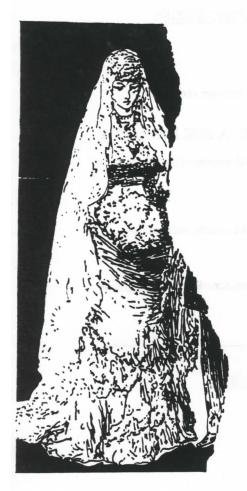
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SOLICITING PAPERS FOR

SAUL BELLOW SESSION

Northeast Modern Language Association (NEMLA) Meeting

April 4, 1992 (Saturday, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.) Buffalo, New York

Topic: "Changing Critical Perspectives On Saul Bellow"

Send proposals to:
Babette Inglehart
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Papers should be 18-20 minutes in duration. Send proposals ASAP.

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Annual Meeting of the Modern Language Association New York, New York December 27-30, 1992

This session sponsored by the Children's Literature Association will investigate questions of character formation and self-identity in recent children's literature. Possible routes of inquiry include:

What happens to the formation of the self as portrayed in children's literature when the conception of the self, according to poststructuralist and feminist theories, has become increasingly fragmented and questionable? Is the fragmented self as much a societal as a literary inevitability in a dynamic, complex world as the unified self was before? Is there a discernible tendency in modern children's literature toward greater fragmentation of the self, or do children still need a unified self as a clear role model? Is the fragmented self as much a fiction as the unified self? What are the moral and ethical contingencies and consequences of plural identity?

Papers should be 7-10 pages in length and correspond to the MLA format. Please submit three copies with the author's name on separate cover sheets.

The deadline for completed papers is February 15, 1992. Address inquiries and papers to:

Eva-Maria Metcalf
Department of Modern Languages
Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104

(612) 641-2266 (work) (612) 378-7247 (home)

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10.

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(cont. inside)

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- (b) What is its specific contribution to scholarship?
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- (d) What is your scholarly training? (Send C.V. if possible.)
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11.

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12.

Do I have to complete my manuscript before contacting you?

No. We would prefer to review your proposal before we receive a complete manuscript. However, if your manuscript is completed, or if a substantial part is done, then please send it together with answers to the above questions to the attention of Paul Saito.

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14.

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19.

How will you promote sales of my book?

Before it is published, we will prepare a brochure describing your book and mail it to 800 research libraries. After publication, we promote your book directly to scholars through our descriptive mailings. Do you place advertisements in journals?

- Yes. We advertise in scholarly journals, conference programmes, and in literary and professional reviews. For example, we have contracted with THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT to place full-column ads on page 2 in seven Issues during 1990. We also advertise monthly in THE TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT. We have continuing contracts with PMLA and 15 other scholarly journals.

21.

Will you send my book to reviewers?

Yes. The press sends copies of all books it publishes to several general review journals (such as TLS and CHOICE). It also will send an announcement of your book to 50-80 specialized scholarly journals inviting them to request a free copy for review.

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Is this method of soliciting reviews successful?

Yes. We receive 10-12 reviews for most of our books.

23.

May I request my book to be sent to specific journals?

- Of course. In fact, we require our authors to compile for us lists of all journals in their field and lists of potential reviewers. We write to all these journals and ask them to review your book (and offer a free review copy).

24.

In addition to free copies for review journals, will you send free copies to my colleagues?

- We give 10 free copies of each book to its author. If any author wishes more than these ten, then the press will make these extra copies available at a very low cost if this order is placed before printing.

25.

What will be the list price of my book?

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- Yes. We will sell any of our books to university bookstores for use as text-books at much reduced prices (usually \$19.95). In fact, we supply the hard-cover edition of your book at this price until there is sufficient regular demand to justify a special paperback edition.

27.

Will you keep my book in print?

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28.

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Our first printing is usually 300 copies. When these are gone, we then reprint another 300 copies, and so on.
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Wouldn't it save money to print more than 300 copies the first time?

No. We believe this only ties up capital in inventory and generates the expense of unneeded storage. We believe it is more cost-efficient to operate short-run presses and to reprint each title whenever needed.

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Don't you think there will be many more readers for my book than the number you are printing?

More like 9,000 people will read those 300 copies. This is because our scholarly books are sold primarily to select research libraries where they are continuously read and used. For example, over a period of 20 years each copy of your book will probably have more than 30 library readers. In this way, only 300 copies of your book will reach 9,000 readers. This is why we

aim to place your book in research libraries throughout the world.

31.

Does this mean you will sell my book outside the United States?

 Yes. Your book will also be published in Canada and the United Kingdom. This greatly increases the market for your book.

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Where else will you sell my book?

Mellen books are purchased by research libraries in more than 40 countries. We sell many copies to Germany, France, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, South Africa, Australia, Japan, Israel, Saudi Arabia, India, Taiwan, and New Zealand. Over 30 other nations buy copies of our books for their central libraries.

33.

Are international sales important?

- Yes. In fact, it is only by approaching research libraries worldwide that we have a market sufficiently large to sustain the publication of a very specialized book.

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How many new titles will The Edwin Mellen Press publish in 1991?

 In 1991, we will publish over 300 titles. This means we will average 3-5 titles in each of our seventy continuing monograph series.

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But how can you manage this when other publishers say they lose money on scholarly books?

- We think there are five reasons:
 - (1) We are clear about our market niche and stay within it where we have little competition.
 - (2) We approach the scholarly market on an international basis and sell our books all over the world
 - (3) We have our own printing equipment which is specialized for 300-copy runs (and most publishers do not). Therefore, we gain scheduling flexibility and save costs in our production process.

- (4) We publish many more titles than most publishers and thereby compensate for the fewer sales of each title by having many more individual titles to sell. This tremendously facilitates marketing because we are selling books in groups or series.
- (5) Most important, because of our single-minded dedication to the values of scholarship, we attract unusually high-quality manuscripts and our books are very well received and reviewed. In the last analysis, this is what makes a publishing program successful: good authors and high-quality books.

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Why couldn't other publishers do the same things?

- Every publisher has a distinctive goal and, therefore, approaches things differently. The Edwin Mellen Press has made its own decisions about what is most important. We believe that keeping scholarly books in print is more important to authors than royalties; so we offer the one, but not the other. We believe that "contribution to scholarship" is more important than making a profit on each title; so we publish books in series where sales average out. We believe it is reasonable to urge scholars to move more fully into desktop publishing, so we require cameraready copy. We believe author subsidies, direct or indirect, tend to corrupt the process of scholarly review, so we refuse them.

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Doesn't that make your publishing program different from the usual approaches?

— Yes. We are different. All publishers face the same problems, but how they deal with them varies. We don't want to publish books for the general reader, but only for the scholar. This decision, when taken together with the points outlined immediately above, forms the basis for a unique system which is not comparable to the approaches of other publishers.

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General topic of work proposed for publication:
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3. Describe contents of work by noting major parts or chapters. Add extra sheets if you prefer.
4. Please give your scholarly/professional background. Attach your academic resume
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5. Present state of manuscript and projected completion date:
6. Your name, address and phone number (day and evenings).
Questions? Call 1-800-9-EDITOR.



October 15, 1991

CALL FOR PAPERS

PRAXIS, a journal of graduate criticism and theory, is calling for papers for its Fall 1992 issue that examine constructions of "environment" in literary texts and in scientific and cultural discourse. Papers might take any number of approaches to this topic—below are a few suggested categories:

Historical Analyses:

Visions of the apocalypse: nuclear and environmental disaster in film, literature, or public discourse.

Natured writing: the cultural meaning of literary constructions of the natural.

Politics and Environment:

Gender and science in the Western environmental movement
Working environments: the body in the workplace; the body as the
workplace (drug testing, women and workplace rights).
Western environmentalists and third-world culture.

Popular Culture and Environment:

Environmental activism and the media. Green consumerism and advertising. Men in the woods; feminist spirituality. Science Fiction: alternative nature writing.

Papers on other topics that address the general subject are welcomed; we especially encourage interdisciplinary work. Submissions should be 20 to 25 pages long, typed, double-spaced, with a cover page containing name, address, and telephone number, and should follow current MLA style-sheet guidelines. To have your manuscript returned, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Writers whose articles are accepted will be asked to provide a hard-disk copy when they receive their letter of acceptance; IBM or Macintosh software (such as Wordperfect, Word, Macwrite) is fine, but we prefer 3 1/2" disks over 5 1/4" if possible. The deadline for submissions is January 15, 1992.

We hope that you will contribute to this issue, and encourage your colleagues and students to do so. If you would like to receive a copy of AIDS/ABORTION/ANTI-BODIES and/or DENATURED ENVIRONMENTS, please send \$5.00 for each to the address below (please make checks payable to PRAXIS). A two-year subscription to PRAXIS is also available for \$9.00. Thank you, and we hope to hear from you soon.

The PRAXIS Editorial Collective: Peter Bowen, Tom Crochunis, Don Fallon, Stephen Murdock, Amy Nelson

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GRADUATE CRITICISM AND THEORY

Department of English / Murray Hall / Rutgers University New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903 THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE PRESENTS

THE OREGON COLLOQUIUM ON CRITICAL THEORY

JUNE 22-JULY 17 1992

The University of Oregon invites graduate students and faculty members to participate in its 1992 Colloquium on Critical Theory. The seminars this summer will be:

The Politics of Interpretation (Paul Armstrong)

Teaching Theory, Teaching Strangeness: Common Sense and the Avant-Garde (Suzanne Clark)

Staging the Father's Body (Wolfgang Sohlich)

Literary Modernism and Modernity in China (Wendy Larson)

Eight distinguished visiting scholars will offer lectures and take part in the seminars. There will also be special plenary sessions and a retreat at the Oregon coast for all participants.

The fee for the Colloquium is \$1200 for the four-week session; each seminar carries six graduate credits. Room and board are available for an additional \$500.

For application forms and further information, please write to:

Steven Rendall, Coordinator Oregon Colloquium on Critical Theory Comparative Literature Program University of Oregon Eugene, OR 97403

Phone: 503-346-3986 Fax: 503-346-4022



English II: British Literature 1800-1900 PLACES AND SPACES IN BRITISH LITERATURE AND CULTURE

Midwest/Modern Language Association 34th Annual Meeting November 5-7, 1992

Marriott Pavilion Downtown Hotel St. Louis, Missouri

PLACES AND SPACES: Investigations of internal and external sites in Romantic and Victorian literature and culture. Representative topics include: the mind, mountains, parlors, music halls, factories, exotic lands, schools, and journals or diaries. Papers or one-page proposals no later than April 6 to: Carol Shiner Wilson, 2606 Washington Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

Inventing the New World

Texts, Contexts, Approaches

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES 1992 SUMMER SEMINARS FOR COLLEGE TEACHERS

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor July 6 to August 14, 1992

The European encounter with the Americas is not a simple story of discovery, conquest, and colonization. Once discovered or "invented" in the original sense of the word, the New World had to be invented in the modern sense as well, made over and cast into terms that rendered it accessible to and capable of European imagination. Sometimes accurately, oftentimes not, blending rigorous and fairly objective observation with their own myths, fears, and anxieties, sixteenth-century accounts of New World voyages played an integral role in this complex process of cultural accommodation, refashioning the New World in pictorial representation and narrative form to produce a diverse, rich, and ambivalent body of colonial discourse

This seminar will explore selected Spanish, French, and English New World accounts, ranging from Columbus to Walter Ralegh, Cortez to Martin Frobisher, Jean de Léry in Brazil to John Smith in Virginia. Throughout, we will be interested not only in the ethnographic details of native lives and customs conveyed to us-in sorting out accurate renditions from distortions, misperceptions, and fabrications--but also in what motivates, explains, or is explained by the dynamics of European perception and misperception: in an ethnography, that is to say, of the colonizer as well as the colonized. To this end, we will be exploring and drawing upon recent, socio-historical trends in literary studies, anthropology, and cultural history in order to develop our own

"thickly" contextualized cultural interpretations of sixteenth-century colonial representation. The seminar welcomes applications from historians, anthropologists, art historians, and teachers and scholars in the areas of literary and cultural studies.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminars are intended primarily for individuals teaching undergraduate courses, full- or parttime, at two- and four year colleges and universities. Individuals who are not college teachers but who are qualified to carry out the work of the seminar are also eligible to apply. Participants receive a stipend of \$3,200 to cover travel expenses, books, and living expenses. Applications must be received by March 2, 1992.

For further information and application forms, please contact:

Professor Steven Mullaney, Director
C/O E. Karen Clark
Department of English Language and Literature
7625 Haven Hall
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1045

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

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F. SCOTT FITZGERALD CONFERENCE

September 24, 25, 26, 1992

"This is not a legend, this is a reputation—and, seen in perspective, it may well be one of the most secure reputations of our time." Stephen Vincent Benet (Saturday Review of Literature, 6 Dec. 1941)

"He was emblematic of an era and his life is a cautionary tale for this one." George F. Will (Newsday, 20 Dec. 1990)



Courtesy: Charles Scribner's Sons An imprint of Macmillan Publishing Co.

Today, over a half century after his death, more of F. Scott Fitzgerald's books are in print than ever before. It is time to assess and re-assess his reputation as one of the most widely read novelists of the twentieth century. The First International F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference will be held at Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., September 24-26, 1992. The Conference, sponsored jointly by Hofstra University and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, will feature lectures, panel discussions, reminiscences by those who knew Fitzgerald, sessions for high school and college teachers on the teaching of Fitzgerald's works, a performance of Fitzgerald's play, *The Vegetable*, and a tour of Long Island sites connected with *The Great Gatsby*.

Participants will include such noted scholars, writers, and friends of Fitzgerald as Louis Auchincloss, Ellen Barry, Fanny Myers Brennan, Tony Buttitta, Scott Donaldson (College of William and Mary), Honoria Murphy Donnelly, Wendy Fairey (Brooklyn College, CUNY), John T. Irwin (Johns Hopkins University), John Kuehl (New York University), Ring Lardner, Jr., Richard D. Lehan (University of California, Los Angeles), Sam Marx, Linda Patterson Miller (Pennsylvania State University), Frances Kroll Ring, and Budd Schulberg.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR PAPERS:

The short stories
Fitzgerald and other writers
New theoretical approaches to Fitzgerald
Readings of the later Fitzgerald: Tender Is the Night, The Crack-Up,
The Last Tycoon
New readings of the early Fitzgerald: This Side of Paradise,
The Beautiful and Damned, The Vegetable
Fitzgerald and Long Island
Fitzgerald and film
Scott, Zelda, and Scottie: Fitzgerald as husband and father
Fitzgerald and politics
Fitzgerald's foreign reputation
Please feel free to suggest other topics and possible panels.

Send all materials to:
Natalie Datlof, Conference Coordinator
Hofstra Cultural Center (HCC)
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090
(516) 463-5669



An abstract or a letter of intent is requested by January 15, 1992.

The deadline for submission of completed papers (in duplicate) is March 30, 1992.

Previously published material should not be submitted.

Papers should be no more than 20 minutes presentation time (8 -10 double spaced pages).

Conference Chair:
Ruth Prigozy
Professor of English
Hofstra University
Member, Organizing Committee
F. Scott Fitzgerald Society
(516) 463-5454

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Call for Papers

Society for the Study of Southern Literature

SAMLA, November 12-14, 1992

TOPIC: Southern Literature and Race

Send completed papers or three-page abstracts with bibliography to

Mary Titus English Department St. Olaf College Northfield, MN 55057

by May 1, 1992.

2nd-PERSON NARRATION

from writers who have used 2nd-Person narration, asking their that you may know of. I am also greatly interested in hearing interested in 2nd-Person narration. I would greatly appreciate 2nd-Person, and any critical or theoretical work on the form particular information on this form. I am seeking the titles of short stories or novels written partially or wholly in the sharing ideas with anyone with a similar interest or with [am a graduate student at Curtin University (Australia) reasons for doing so.

IF YOU CAN HELP,

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Apply and Send Credentials

Send letter of application, resume, and three letters of recommendation. Review of applications will begin January 22, 1992, and continue until position is filled.

Dr. Albert Geritz Search Committee Department of English Fort Hays State University 600 Park Street Hays, KS 67601-4099

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fort Hays State University is a liberal and applied arts, state-assisted institution with an enrollment of more than 5,500 students. The University is located in Hays, Kansas. A graduate program through the masters degree is offered in most subject matter fields. The specialist degree is offered in some areas. The City of Hays has a population of approximately 17,500 people. Medical and educational facilities are superior. Manufacturing, medical, educational, retail, farming, ranching and oil comprise a large part of the local economy. Lakes are easily accessible. Fort Hays State University is an AA/EO employer. Women, minorities and handicapped are encouraged to apply.



Upper Plains Conference on Children's and Adolescent Literature

NORTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

JULY 24-25, 1992

Papers may be submitted on any aspect of children's or adolescent literature. In recognition of the South Dakota connections of two of America's best-known children's writers, L. Frank Baum and Laura Ingalls Wilder, papers are particularly solicited on either of the following topics:

- The depiction of the frontier in books for children and adolescents.
- · The creation of fantasy worlds in children's literature.

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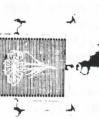
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