

2024 Conference Program  
Short Stories of Thomas Wolfe  
The Thomas Wolfe Society's 45th Annual Meeting  
Durham, North Carolina, May 31-June 1st, 2024  
Durham Arts Council (IBM Rehearsal Hall)

Friday, May 31, 2024

08:30-10:30 Board of Directors Meeting, DAC (IBM Rehearsal Hall)

11:00-12:00 Registration

12:00-12:15 Welcome and Prologue

Welcome: Ray Walker, President, Thomas Wolfe Society

Prologue: Mary Aswell Doll, Savannah, Georgia

12:15-1:00 Session I (Moderator: Amélie Moisy, Université Paris Est Creteil)

“Welcome to Our City”

Rev. Dr. Sam Miglarese, Duke University

Bob Powell, Presentation of Michael Deas 'commemorative painting to the TW Memorial

Break (refreshments) 1:00-1:20

1:20-2:40 Session II (Moderator: Austin Maynor, Waynesville, NC)

“Thomas Wolfe Short Story Book Club”

Jim Stokely, President, Wilma Dykeman Legacy: Weaverville, NC.

“What is a Short Story, Anyway? Thomas Wolfe and the Problem of Genre”

Joe Bentz, Azusa Pacific University

Break (refreshments) 2:40-3:00

3:00-4:30 Session III (Moderator: Amélie Moisy, Université Paris Est Creteil)

“The Role of Extreme Situations in Shaping Thomas Wolfe”

Myna German, Delaware State University

“Artifacts from Aldo's Attic: Highlights from the Aldo Magi Collection at UNC Wilson Library”

Christian Edwards, UNC Chapel Hill, Wilson Library

Dinner on Your Own

7:30-9:00 Introduction of Speaker: George Hovis, SUNY Oneonta, NY

An evening with Clyde Edgerton

Saturday, June 1, 2024

09:00-10:00 Session IV (Moderator: Philip Lewis, Author and Attorney, Charlotte, NC)

“Not the Whole Glory of the Great Plantation of the Earth: The African American in Thomas Wolfe’s Short Fiction”

Joshua Cody Ward, UNC Chapel Hill

“Lynching Stories of Ralph Ellison and Thomas Wolfe”

Bob Powell, Berkeley, California

10:00-10:30 Business Meeting

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-11:50 Session V (Moderator: James W. Clark, North Carolina State University)

“Literary Friendship of Thomas Wolfe and F Scott Fitzgerald”

Trish Foxwell- Charlottesville, VA

“The Narrator is the Story: Thomas Wolfe’s ‘Chickamauga’”

Terry Roberts, Asheville, NC

12:00-12:20 Final Words: Ray Walker, President

Epilogue: Jan Hensley, Greensboro, NC

12:30-6:00 Explore Durham/Lunch on your Own

Saturday Evening- June 1st, 2024

6:00 Books by Wolfe Society Authors Available for Sale and Signing

7:00 Banquet

Awards Ceremony : President Ray Walker

Introduction of the Speaker; Cody Ward, UNC Chapel Hill

Boarding House Women by Elizabeth Engelhardt, Senior Associate Dean for Fine Arts & Humanities, UNC Chapel Hill

Conference Committee: Ray Walker, Jodi Meisenberg, George Hovis, Sam Miglarese, Cody Ward, Austin Maynor, Deborah Borland, Caroline Keizer, Martha Jennette, Colin Walker

