



# Thomas Wolfe and the Writers Who Followed

Thomas Wolfe and the Writers Who Followed: The Thomas Wolfe Society's Forty-Second Annual Meeting  
Asheville, North Carolina | May 27-28, 2022

Four Points by Sheraton, Asheville

Friday, May 27, 2022 – Morning Session

8:30-10:30 Board of Directors Meeting

11:00-12:00 Registration

12:00-12:15 **Welcome and Prologue**

Welcome: Terry Roberts, Director, National Paideia Center; President, Thomas Wolfe Society

Prologue: Mary Aswell Doll, Savannah College of Art and Design

12:15-1:00 **Session I** (Moderator: Terry Roberts, National Paideia Center)

Welcome: Darin Waters, Deputy Secretary for Office of Archives and History, NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources

**Break (1:00-1:20)**

Friday, May 27, 2022 – Afternoon/Evening Sessions

1:20-2:20     **Session II**     (Moderator: Ruth Moose, Pittsboro, NC)

“Wolfe from the Pulpit”

Deacon Herbert Gimbel, Archdiocese of Newark, NJ

“From Commas to Cosmos: The Pervading Influence of Thomas Wolfe on Cormac McCarthy”  
Joshua Cody, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

“Fathers, Sons, Artistic Failures and Triumphs in Wolfe’s *Look Homeward, Angel* and Phillip  
Lewis’s *The Barrowfields*”

George Hovis, State University of New York Oneonta

2:20-2:40     Recognition of Charter Members  
Presenter: Ray Walker, Decatur, GA

**Break (2:40 – 3:00)**

3:00–3:45     **Session III**     (Moderator: Bill Turner, Arlington, VA)

“Willie Morris: A Mississippi Wolfean”

Ed Yoder, Chapel Hill, NC

“Telling It All: Thomas Wolfe and James Jones”

Sue Fields Ross, Swansboro, NC

3:45–4:00     Distinguished Service Awards  
                  Amélie Moisy, Paris, France  
                  Arnold Wengrow, Asheville, NC  
Presenter: J. Todd Bailey, Burnsville, NC

**Break (4:00 – 4:15)**

4:15–5:00     Aldo P. Magi Remembered

Deborah Borland, Canton, OH

David Strange, Bloomington, IN

Joanne Mauldin, Weaverville, NC

J. Todd Bailey, Burnsville, NC

**Dinner on Your Own**

7:30           “Becoming the Man...the Author: The Undergraduate Years of Thomas Wolfe”  
Fred W. Kiger, Chapel Hill, NC

Saturday, May 28, 2022 – Morning Session

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast on the porch of the Old Kentucky Home
- 9:00-9:45 **Session IV** (Moderator: Margie Kashdin, Brevard, NC)
- “Angels and Goddesses: Messages from the Bijou and Beyond”  
Dana Reaume, Fort Benning, GA
- “*The Skin Artist*: Shades of Thomas Wolfe in the New South”  
Paula Gallant Eckard, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 9:45-10:00 Citation of Merit  
Janice McCullagh, Boulder, CO  
Joanne Mauldin, Weaverville, NC  
Presenter: Terry Roberts, Asheville, NC
- 10:00-10:30 Business Meeting  
President Terry Roberts presiding

**Break (10:30-10:45)**

- 10:45-11:30 **Session V** (Moderator: Wayne Caldwell, Candler, NC)
- “How Much Beauty and Genius, Herman Hesse Encounters Thomas Wolfe”  
Steven B. Rogers, Washington, DC
- “Painting America: The Related Obsessions of Thomas Wolfe and Edward Hopper”  
Joseph Bentz, Azusa Pacific University
- 11:45-12:00 Final Words: Terry Roberts, President  
Epilogue: Jan Hensley, Greensboro, NC

**Lunch on Your Own**

Saturday, May 28, 2022 – Afternoon Session

- 2:00-3:30 “Literary Tour of Asheville by Trolley”  
Meet in hotel lobby  
Group A
- 3:30-5:00 “Literary Tour of Asheville by Trolley”  
Meet in hotel lobby  
Group B

May 28, 2022 – Evening Session

6:00-7:00 Cash Bar (Four Points by Sheraton Hotel)

Books by Wolfe Society Authors Available for Sale and Signing

7:00 Banquet (Four Points by Sheraton Hotel)

Awards Ceremony: President Terry Roberts

Introduction of the Speaker: Tom Muir, Historic Site Manager, Thomas Wolfe Memorial

Address: "Wilma Dykeman and the Wolfe Family" James Stokely, President, Wilma Dykeman Legacy



2022 Conference Committee:  
Tom Muir, Terry Roberts, Lynn Roberts,  
Ray Walker, and Colin Walker