

THE 43rd ANNUAL THOMAS WOLFE SOCIETY CONFERENCE
The Royal Sonesta Hotel
550 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21202

8:30-10:30 Board of Directors Meeting
Winchester Room

11:00-12:00 Registration

Friday, May 26, 2023 – Morning Session

12:00-12:15 Welcome and Prologue

Welcome: Ray Walker, President of the Thomas Wolfe Society
Steven B. Rogers, Vice President of the Thomas Wolfe Society / Program Chair

Prologue: Mary Doll, Savannah, GA

12:15-1:30 Session I (Moderator: Amélie Moisy, Paris, France)

—“Living on the Street - Werner Bräunig's Justification with Thomas Wolfe”
Ralf Bickenböller, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

— “How Much Beauty and Genius, Hermann Hesse Encounters Thomas Wolfe”
Steven B. Rogers, Washington, DC

Break (1:30-2:00)

2:00-3:15 Session II (Moderator: George Hovis)

— “From Bloomsday to Wolfe to the Beat Poets: A Continuum”
Myna German, Delaware State University

— “Murder at the Cebe Miller Mine: Thomas Wolfe and Muriel Earley Sheppard Work the Same Vein,”
Todd Bailey, Burnsville, NC

Break (3:15-3:45)

3:45- 4:45 Thomas Wolfe Jeopardy
Mark Canada and Bill Turner

Dinner on Your Own

The Orioles will be hosting the Texas Rangers at Camden Yards just a short walk from the hotel. Game begins at 7:05pm.

There is a great deal to see and do along the Inner Harbor waterfront. There are also water taxis available to Fells Point with many restaurants, bars, galleries, etc.

Saturday, May 27, 2023 – Morning Session

9:00-10:30 Session III (Moderator: Steven B. Rogers, Mount Rainier, MD)

— “Prolusory Thoughts on the Elizabeth Lemmon Collection on Thomas Wolfe, 1934-1935”

Joshua Cody Ward, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

— “Thomas Wolfe, Eugene O’Neill and All Those Difficult Mothers”

Joseph Bentz, Azusa Pacific University

— "I Have Just One More Thing To Tell You: The Presence of Ecclesiastes' Preacher in Thomas Wolfe's Credo"

Austin Maynor, Buncombe County Schools System, North Carolina

Break (10:30-11:00)

11:00-11:45 Business Meeting and Distinguished Service Award

11:45-12:00 Final Words: President Ray Walker

Epilogue: Steven B. Rogers, Mount Rainier, MD

Lunch on Your Own

Saturday, May 30, 2023 – Afternoon Session

2:00-5:00 Literary Bus Tour of Baltimore led by Mark Canada

Saturday, May 30, 2023 – Evening Session

6:00-7:00 Cash Bar (Royal Sonesta Hotel)

Books by Wolfe Society Authors Available for Sale and Signing

7:00 Banquet

Awards Ceremony: President Ray Walker

Introduction of the Speaker: Jodi Meisenberg

Address: “Thomas Wolfe and Baltimore”

Barry Meisenberg, MD, John Hopkins Hospital

Adjournment of 2023 Meeting of the Thomas Wolfe Society

2023 Conference Committee

Steve Rogers, SallyAnn Rogers, Ray Walker, Colin Walker, Deb Borland,
Jodi Meisenberg, Barry Meisenberg, Mark Canada, Bill Turner, Amélie Moisy