

ALSC First Annual Conference

Minneapolis, MN, September 22-24, 1995

Friday, September 22

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Panel: *A Remarkable Flowering: The University of Minnesota Humanities Program, 1950-65*. Discussion, talks and readings will feature some of the original participants in the program, including former director Ralph Ross and former faculty and students.
Moderator: **Norman Fruman** (Minnesota).

7:30 p.m.

Welcoming remarks by President **Ricardo Quinones**. Introduction of the keynote speaker by **Thomas Clayton** (Minnesota).

“Author, Author!” - Keynote address by **Bernard Knox**, Director Emeritus of the Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard.

Saturday, September 23

9:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

Panel: *Intellectual Craftsmanship: How to Read a Book*.
Introduction by **Marsha S. Collins** (North Carolina, Chapel Hill).

Roger Shattuck (Boston University): “A Reciprocating Engine—like Proust.”

Rosanna Warren (Boston University): “Alcaics in Exile: Auden’s ‘In Memory of Sigmund Freud.’”

Sven Birkerts (poet and critic): “Reading and Depth of Field.”

Robert Alter (UC, Berkeley): “Reading for Style in Dickens.”

12:00 noon. Buffet Luncheon

1:30 - 4:20 p.m.

Panel: *Dante and the Western Canon.*

Introduction by **Patricia Sloane** (CUNY).

Ricardo Quinones (Claremont McKenna): “The ‘Scandal of the *Inferno*’ in an Age of Atrocity.”

Paul Cantor (Virginia): “The Uncanonical Dante: *The Divine Comedy* and Islamic Philosophy.”

Steven Botterill (UC, Berkeley): “Dante’s Poetics of the Sacred Word.”

Robert Pinsky (Boston University): “A Contemporary Translation of Dante’s *Inferno*.”

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. General membership meeting: plans and strategies, organization.

6:30 p.m. Reception

7:30 p.m. Banquet

Stanley Crouch: “Mr. Bellow, Mr. Sammler, and Mr. Crouch. Art and Society on our Planet.”

Introduction by **Avrom Fleishman** (Johns Hopkins).

Sunday, September 24

9:00 - 11:15 a.m. Panel: *Poet and Critic.* Introduction by **Frank R. Cunningham** (South Dakota).

Poems read by poets **John Hollander** (Yale) and **Mark Strand** (Johns

Hopkins); criticism by **Charles Berger** (Utah) and **Eleanor Cook** (Toronto); responses by the poets.

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. *Reflections on the Convention.*

Introduction by **Helen Killoran** (Ohio University, Lancaster).

Commentaries by **Lee Rust Brown** (Utah) and **John Ellis** (UC, Santa Cruz)