

The SEASECS GAZETTE

Southeastern American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies

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“There is no place in the town which I so much love to frequent as the [SEASECS Conference]. It gives me a secret satisfaction, and, in some measure, gratifies my vanity...to see so rich an assembly of [SEASECers]...consulting together upon the private business of mankind.” Joseph Addison, “The Royal Exchange,” May 19, 1711

How grateful we should be to Addison for providing us the proper rhetoric for documenting our excitement for the upcoming festivities. Yes, it is true. It is time for us all to set aside our ever-increasing sets of papers, to re-schedule our thirteen committee meetings, to forget about our departments' shrinking budgets, and to treat ourselves once again to a few days of good, wholesome eighteenth-century entertainments. Indeed, it is time for the 33rd annual SEASECS Conference! SEASECS is off to Atlanta not only to enjoy the fraternization of our known friends, but also to make new friendships with those attending the national ASECS conference. Certainly, the 2007 SEASECS /ASECS Conference will be the event of the year. As always, it would be a scandal if you were the one—the unhappy, the unfortunate—who missed this edition of our annual gathering and fellowship.

Conference Essentials

Hopefully, many of you have already made your reservations for this year's conference. If you have not, the conference is being held at the **Sheraton Colony Square** (Midtown Atlanta). The direct phone number, as listed on their website is (404) 892-6000. The **GROUP RATE FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 18th**. The conference rates are available from Thursday, March 22nd through Saturday, March 24th. The hotel's address is 188 14th Street NE, Atlanta, Ga. For more information, including the conference registration form as well as the program, go to the conference website: <http://asecs.press.jhu.edu/2007annualmtg.html>. As always, be sure to mention you are with the SEASECS Conference; be proud for, after all, not everyone can speak with that level of *gravitas*.

For your convenience, we have included the **ASECS Registration Form** with this newsletter. Please send the form and the appropriate fees—

including the SEASECS Annual Luncheon—to ASECS, Wake Forest University, PO Box 7867, Winston-Salem, NC, 27109. Be sure to mark your intention to attend the SEASECS luncheon.

The Program

Never fear! Although SEASECS is thrilled to share a city from the South with the national conference, **Stephen Szilagyi** has worked his normal magic to ensure that there are no fewer than thirteen wonderful, SEASECS-ONLY panels and presentations. A few of the highlights may prove to be “Women In and Of the World in the Long Eighteenth Century,” “Women and Humor in the Eighteenth Century,” “Trans-Atlantic Infancies: The Americas and Beyond,” as well as a “Colloquy with Vincent Carretta on *Equiano, the African*.”

In addition to these SEASECS-Only panels, we will also have the normal SEASECS events: the Executive Board will convene, a lovely Society Luncheon will be served, and a swell Reception-Business Meeting will regale. As one can see,

we will undoubtedly have a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old and to welcome new SEASECS members.

Graduate Student Prize

Although the deadline has passed by the time you receive this newsletter, it is always important for us to keep our graduate students in mind. **Gary Richardson** (not Elizabeth Nybakken) is now the “keeper of the grail”—that is the chair of the prize committee. The appropriate address to make submissions is:

Dr. Gary Richardson
Department of English
Mercer University
1400 Coleman Avenue
Macon, GA 31207

Going forward, the deadline for graduate submissions will be January 15th. Keep this information in mind, as we continue to grow our society’s membership. Remember, in addition to the obvious vitae improvement, the Graduate Student Prize(s)—we often award 2 recipients—carry a financial remuneration of \$300.00. In addition, the Graduate Prize Committee, as was approved last year, may add up to four travel stipends. See the SEASECS website—www.berry.edu/seasecs—for more information.

Percy Adams Prize

Along those same lines, the Percy Adams Committee is now being chaired by Robert Mode. As we are reminded on the SEASECS website, the prize of \$500 will be awarded “for the best article on an eighteenth-century subject published in a journal, annual, or collection.” The deadline for the publication of these articles is August 31st annually. They must then be submitted by the following January 1st. Submissions should be sent to

Prof. Robert Mode
VU Station B #351801
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Nashville, TN 37235-1801

Membership Information /Dues

Some of us have been quite delinquent in our renewals for 2007 (remember, annual dues are due at the beginning of the calendar year). If you are one of the negligent, please forward your renewals and fees to **Linda Szilagyi** directly. DO NOT SENT YOUR MEMBERSHIP Fees to ASECS. Linda’s address is

10014 Willow cove Rd.
Huntsville, AL, 35803.

A Call for Observations

While last year’s “Call for Observations” did not elicit as many responses as I would have hoped, your beloved Secretary has determined to be even more obnoxious—excuse me, I mean assiduous—in asking you for your feedback. Feel free to pull me aside at any time and remark on a wonderful panel or amusing anecdote. For example, a tremendous oversight on my part in the last newsletter was my negligence in documenting how delighted we all were with Annibel Jenkins’ Plenary on “The World of *The World*.” Imagine your Secretary’s great shock when Martha Bowden pointed out the oversight! If this isn’t encouragement enough for you to bring your innumerable SEASECS enjoyments to the Secretary’s attention, than perhaps you should remind yourself of the real importance behind my plea: future generations depend upon our chronicles. Won’t it be marvelous, thirty years from now, when our grandchildren say, “wasn’t 2007 the year when Grandpa Dan performed a Garrick-like performance of *Douglas*?”

SEASECS Journal

Contact **Samia Spencer** for institutional and individual subscriptions for *New Perspectives on the Eighteenth Century*: Samia Spencer, The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849, spencsi@auburn.edu, or 334-844-6374.

2008 Meeting

Just a reminder, Auburn University has graciously offered to host the 2008 SEASECS Conference. There may be an important announcement regarding the dates of that conference, so please stay tuned. The 2009 conference will be in Charlotte, NC, and hosted by Winthrop University.

Future News

Please forward any important announcements to me, your Editor at derochij@winthrop.edu or 803-323-4577.

Secretarily yours, JD