

Gertrude Stein Symposium
Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Yale University
Friday October 26th, 2012

On Friday October 26th, 2012, the Gertrude Stein Society will hold a one-day symposium at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University. There will be two plenary sessions, one on *Stanzas in Meditation* and the other on the topic of Stein and war, together with a round-table discussion on teaching Stein in the classroom. The day will conclude with a keynote address given by Joan Retallack, followed by a reception hosted by the Beinecke Library. See program below.

To coincide with the symposium, Nancy Kuhl, curator of the Beinecke's Collection of American Literature, is mounting an exhibit entitled "Descriptions of Literature: Texts and Contexts in the Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas Papers." The exhibit, on view from 8 October through 14 December 2012, will explore Stein's creative process and writing life through consideration of her work in various genres, including poetry, fiction, plays, and essays. On display will be manuscript drafts, notebooks, typescripts, correspondence, photographs, books, printed materials, and personal effects. All attendees at the symposium will have an opportunity to view this very special exhibit.

Because the symposium will be held onsite at the Beinecke, space is very limited; anyone wishing to attend must reserve a spot in advance. You can make your reservation by emailing Amy Moorman Robbins at Amy.Robbins@hunter.cuny.edu. Please put Symposium Reservation in the subject line and include in the email your name, affiliation if any, and contact information. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in New Haven at a favorable rate. Once you have reserved your place at the symposium, you can make your lodging reservation by calling 203.777.6221; mention the Gertrude Stein Society to get our group rate.

In all, the Stein Symposium promises to be a very stimulating day of formal talks and open discussion, as well as a rare opportunity to see a special exhibit of Stein's works. Please make your reservations as soon as you are able.

STEIN SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM*

**All panels take place in the Beinecke classrooms and reservations are required to attend. Joan Retallack's keynote speech will be given on the mezzanine, and this event is free and open to the public.*

8:30 - 9:00 am

Registration

Advance reservations are absolutely required; we cannot make exceptions

9:15 - 10:45 am

On Stanzas in Meditation

Emily Setina, Baylor University

Susannah Hollister, University of Texas at Austin

Chad Bennett, University of Texas at Austin

Respondent: Mia You, University of California, Berkeley

10:45 - 12:15 pm

Five Perspectives on Teaching Stein in the Classroom

Steven Gould Axelrod, University of California, Riverside

Timothy Galow, Wake Forest University

Erica Kaufman, Baruch College, CUNY

Greg Kinzer, Austin College

Mark Dow, Hunter College, CUNY

12:15 - 2:00 pm

Break for lunch

2:00 - 3:30 pm

On War

Bob Perelman, University of Pennsylvania

Sharon Kirsch, Arizona State University

Julie Goodspeed-Chadwick, Indiana University-Purdue University, Columbus

Respondent: Rachel Galvin, Johns Hopkins University

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Break

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Gertrude Gertrude Stein Stein: What Are the Questions?

Keynote address given by Joan Retallack, Bard College

6:15 - 8:30 pm

Hosted party for all symposium attendees, details to follow