

# Dante Society Newsletter

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## Spring Election Results

The newly elected Council members for the term 2001-2004 are Giuseppe Mazzotta and Christian Moevs. Richard Lansing was returned to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. During the early months of summer John Ahern was elected Vice President of the Society by the Council, for a term of one year.

## The Winter Meeting of the Dante Society

The Dante Society will meet in conjunction with the MLA Convention in New Orleans, on Sunday, December 30, from 1:45-3:00 p.m., in the Beauregard Room of the Marriott Hotel. **Olivia Holmes**, Yale University, will speak on the topic "Dante's Ethical Choice and Romance Narratives of Two Beloveds." Council member Ronald Martinez will preside. A joint Cash Bar reception co-sponsored by the Dante Society and the American Boccaccio Association will take place on Friday evening, December 28, from 5:15-6:30 p.m., in the Balcony K room of the Marriott. Everyone is invited to attend.

## DSA Annual Meeting

The Dante Society will hold its Annual Meeting on the Harvard Campus on May 18, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. It is expected that the meeting will take place in Eliot House, but confirmation of the location will be made in the spring Newsletter. Please mark this date in your calendar.

## Dante Studies

The 2000 volume (CXVIII) of *Dante Studies* is in press and should reach members by late December or early January. The volume for 2001 (CXIX) will be sent to Fordham University Press in early January and is expected to be out by the time of the annual meeting in May, 2002.

## Essay Prize Winners for 2001

The Dante Prize for the best undergraduate essay was awarded to **Paul Hackwell**, Princeton University, for his essay "Dante's 'Non Falsi Errori': A True Allusion to Augustine?" The Grandgent Prize for the best essay by a graduate student went to **Martin Eisner**, Columbia University, for his entry "Meaning's Order: Putting *A Ciascun'alma* in its Place." Christian Moevs (chair) and Regina Psaki served as Prize Committee readers.

## Dante Sessions at Kalamazoo

by Christopher Kleinhenz

The Thirty-Seventh International Congress on Medieval Studies will be held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2-5, 2002. The following sessions are sponsored by The Dante Society of America. You may consult their website at [www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress](http://www.wmich.edu/medieval/congress).

### Dante I: Problems in the *Divine Comedy*

Organizer Name: **Christopher Kleinhenz**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Presider Name: **Todd Boli**, Independent Scholar

**Phillip F. O'Mara**, Bridgewater College: "Pier delle Vigne and Other Obdurate, Ignorant Sinners."

**Alessandro Vettori**, Rutgers University: "Purgatory: Dante's Prayerful Kingdom."

**V. Stanley Benfell**, Brigham Young University: "Faith and Sight in Dante's *Paradiso*."

### Dante II: Parallels, Sources and Influence

Organizer Name: **Todd Boli**, Independent Scholar

Presider Name: **Laurie Shepard**, Boston College

**Sharon Naveh**, Pennsylvania State University and Hofstra University: "Hebrew Parallels to Dante's *Divine Comedy*: A Comparative Study."

**Todd Boli**, Independent Scholar: "Boccaccio's Sources for the *Trattatello in laude di Dante*."

**Kathleen Verduin**, Hope College: "Dante in Ravenna: The Unfinished Novel of Dorothy L. Sayers."

### Dante III: Dante and the Romantics

Organizer Name: **Nicholas R. Havelly**, University of York

Presider Name: **V. Stanley Benfell**, Brigham Young University

**Cosetta Gaudenzi**, Gettysburg College: “The Little Gothic Novel of Francesca: English Rewritings of *Inferno* V.”

**Antonella Braida**, University of Durham, England: “Blake and Republican Art: A Study of His Approach to Dante.”

**Nicholas R. Havely**, University of York: “‘A Poem Now Writing’: Mary Shelley’s Dante and Italian History.”

### **Council Members, 2001-2002**

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