GREAT DEBATES

Emily Dickinson
International Society
Annual Meeting
July 29-31, 2011
Great Debates is the theme for the Emily Dickinson International Society Annual Meeting to be held July 28-31, 2011 on the campus of Amherst College. The meeting will feature panel discussions on some of the most intriguing questions about Dickinson’s life and work. The Emily Dickinson Museum is teaming up with EDIS to organize and co-sponsor the Annual Meeting.

Four panels of Dickinson scholars, readers and critics will debate “What Makes a Dickinson Poem Dickinsonian,” “What Do Dickinson’s Dashes Signify,” Who is ‘The Master’ in Dickinson’s letters or is that the Best Question?” and “Why Didn’t Dickinson Publish?” The debates promise EDIS members and Dickinson enthusiasts a lively exchange on timeless questions.

Holland Cotter, winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for criticism and art critic for The New York Times, will present the meeting’s keynote address on Friday evening. A longtime reader of the poet’s work, Cotter recently wrote that the Emily Dickinson is enjoying “a star turn in culture.” Cotter will speak on: “Taking Emily Dickinson Seriously.”

The Annual Meeting offers EDIS members, Friends of the Dickinson Museum and Dickinson readers from around the world three days in the poet’s home town to immerse themselves in conversation about the poet.
Sunday

**RESEARCH CIRCLE:** EDIS members gather in an informal exchange of works-in-progress and future Dickinson projects.

**WHAT DID WE LEARN?** Daniel Manheim, editor of the EDIS Bulletin, talks with a panel of EDIS members about what new ideas emerged from the Annual Meeting.

**AN AMHERST AFTERNOON:** Spend a leisurely afternoon taking in the Emily Dickinson Museum, the Dickinson Collection at the Jones Library, local art galleries, book stores, shops and restaurants.

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**Registration**

Registration for the Annual Meeting is $110 for current EDIS members and Friends of the Emily Dickinson Museum, $150 for non-members. $60 for students (proof of current college or university status is required). Deadline for registration is July 15, 2011.

**Meals**

The conference fee covers morning coffee, afternoon refreshments, one box lunch and a cocktail reception. The Friday evening banquet is an additional $30 per person.

**Lodging**

Participants may choose from among three hotels located two-miles from Amherst College: the Marriott Hotel (413) 256-5454; Holiday Inn Express (413) 582-0002; and Howard Johnson (413) 586-0114.

A shuttle bus will transport participants to and from the meeting. Rates are $109-$124 per night for the Howard Johnson, $119-$154 for the Marriott Courtyard and $170 for the Holiday Inn. A block of rooms at the Howard Johnson and Marriott Courtyard will be held until June 28, 2011. Please note, rooms at the Holiday Inn are available on a first-come first-served basis.

A limited number of single and double rooms are available in Garman House, an Amherst College dormitory, for a daily rate of $30 per person, on a first come basis. Linens provided. Not air-conditioned. E-mail info@emilydickinsonmuseum.org for reservations.

For a list of other area accommodations, including bed and breakfasts, consult the Amherst Chamber of Commerce website at http://www.amherstarea.com/index.cfm or call the chamber at (413) 253-0700.

**Upon Arrival at the Annual Meeting**

EDIS Annual Meeting participants may pick up registration materials at the Amherst College Alumni House 99 Churchill Street, Amherst, Massachusetts. Early Bird registration will begin Thursday, July 28 from 4-6 p.m. Registration will re-open Friday, July 29 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:30. Free parking is available at the Alumni House parking lot.

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**INFORMATION**

**Directions and Transportation to Amherst**

Directions to Amherst College are available at https://www.amherst.edu/aboutamherst/visiting.

Bradley International (BDL) in Hartford, Connecticut is the nearest airport. Amtrak has stops in Amherst and Springfield, Massachusetts. Buses from any direction that stop in Springfield provide connections to Amherst. Shuttle service to Amherst from the airport, train and bus station is available through Valley Transporter at (800) 872-8752.

**Information & Updates**

For updates on the EDIS 2011 Annual Meeting including the meeting schedule, speakers and special events and changes to the program, please include your email on the registration form.

For questions about the conference, contact EDIS President Martha Ackmann, conference co-director at (413) 538-2564 or mackmann@mtholyoke.edu
Name __________________________________________________________
Name for Annual Meeting Badge (if different) ___________________________
Affiliation _______________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State/Postal Code/Country _____________
Telephone__________________________E-Mail ___________________________

**Registration Fee**

- _____ Current EDIS Member or Friend of the Emily Dickinson Museum @ $110 $  
- _____ Non-Member @ $150 $  
- _____ Student (Proof of college ID required) @ $60 $  

**Banquet Tickets**

- _____ Friday Banquet @$30 per person $  

**Total** $  

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Do you want to receive updates on the 2011 EDIS Annual Meeting, including confirmed speakers and schedule changes? Please include your e-mail address on the registration form and we’ll send you the latest information.

Print and Fill In This Form and Mail to:
**Emily Dickinson International Society**  
c/o Johns Hopkins University Press  
P.O. Box 19966  
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Checks (payable to EDIS) must be made in U.S. dollars and drawn in a U.S. bank.  
Do not send cash.

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**ELECTRONICALLY**

An electronic registration process with secure online payment is forthcoming.

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Payment must be made by July 15, 2011.  
No refunds will be made after July 15, 2011.