

The background of the slide features a dense field of green leaves, likely from a tree or large shrub, with varying shades of green and some bright highlights. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a dark, semi-transparent silhouette of a person's head and shoulders, facing left. The person appears to be looking towards the foliage. The overall aesthetic is natural and academic.

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



Holland Cotter

from around the world three days in the poet's home town to immerse themselves in conversation about the poet.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

Friday

- **VIEW FROM THE STATEHOUSE:** Massachusetts State Senator Stanley Rosenberg calls the meeting to order and reflects on debate and politics in Emily Dickinson's Amherst. Rosenberg holds the legislative seat once occupied by the poet's father, Edward Dickinson.
- **EMILY DICKINSON AND CONTROVERSY:** EDIS Vice-President Jed Deppman (Oberlin College) opens the meeting with his talk: "Her Character a Tonic, Her Future a Dispute: Emily Dickinson and Controversy."
- **AFFINITY SESSIONS:** K-12 teachers, graduate students, young scholars, artists & musicians, and EDIS members interested in starting local chapters share ideas in special interest sessions.
- **COCKTAIL PARTY & BANQUET:** Members of the Emily

Dickinson International Society and Friends of the Dickinson Museum gather for conversation and community.

Saturday

- **MASTER CLASSES:** Provocative and celebrated teachers of Dickinson's work take Annual Meeting participants back to class for engaging discussions of selected Dickinson poems.
- **EDIS MEMBERS MEETING:** The EDIS Board announces details of the Society's upcoming gatherings in Cleveland and Washington, D.C. and solicits ideas from the membership.
- **FILM & TALK-BACK:** Screenwriter Susan Snively presents and discusses the new documentary *Seeing New Englandly*—a film about Dickinson's unique New England perspective.

JOIN EDIS

For information about joining the Emily Dickinson International Society, contact the Johns Hopkins University Press at (800) 548-1784 or check out the EDIS website at

<http://www.emilydickinsoninternationalsociety.org>

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.

All Weekend

- Tours of the Emily Dickinson Museum
- Displays at the Jones Library
- Exhibits at Amherst College Archives and Special Collections
- Bookstore special events and author signings

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INFORMATION

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.

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

REGISTRATION

Print and Fill In This Form and Mail to:

Emily Dickinson International Society

c/o Johns Hopkins University Press

P.O. Box 19966

Baltimore, MD 21211-0966

Checks (payable to EDIS) must be made in

U.S. dollars and drawn in a U.S. bank.

Do not send cash.

ELECTRONICALLY

An electronic registration process with secure online payment is forthcoming.

Payment must be made by July 15, 2011.

No refunds will be made after July 15, 2011.

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	\$	
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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.