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Dear Fellow Stevensians,

We wish you a happy new year and hope that this message finds you well. We are writing to take note of recent events and publications in the Stevens world, and to draw your attention to some upcoming conferences and meetings.

Recent events: The Society sponsored a panel on Stevens and Germany at the 2023 Modern Language Association conference in San Francisco on January 7. Miriam Strube, George Kovalenko, Brian Glaser, Philip McGowan, and James Downthwaite gave talks on Stevens's relationship to German literature, language, and culture, his response to German politics and the two world wars, his sense of his own German heritage, as well as the reception of his poetry in Germany. Andrew S. Gross served as chair.

On November 5, 2022, the Hartford Public Library held their annual Wallace Stevens Birthday Bash, with special guest speaker Simone White. The speaker of next year's celebration will be Anna Maria Hong. For more information, please go to: <https://www.stevenspoetry.org>.

Upcoming Events: The Stevens Society is organizing a panel at the American Literature Association conference in Boston in May 2023 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of *Harmonium*. The panel will feature talks by Charles Altieri, Kathryn Mudgett, Jon Hoel, and Jonathan Ivry. Topics will range from fresh readings of specific poems to reflections on the volume's unity as a whole, as well as the book's enduring resonance to contemporary political events, such as the war in Ukraine. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Call for Papers: The Society is also planning to sponsor a panel on Stevens and Contemporary Poetry at the next Modern Language Association convention in Philadelphia (January 4-7, 2024). The panel seeks to explore a broad range of connections between Stevens and contemporary poetry, with a particular interest in papers that investigate how younger writers have contended with, channeled, and/or challenged Stevens's formative, and enduring, poetic legacy. If you are interested in participating, please send an abstract of 150 words to the panel organizer, Alexandra Gold, at alexandra_gold@fas.harvard.edu by March 1, 2023.

Publications: We would also like to draw your attention to a recent publication in Stevens studies. This past July, Ian Tan published a monograph titled *Wallace*

Stevens and Martin Heidegger: Poetry as Appropriative Proximity through Palgrave Macmillan. The publisher provides the following information about this book: “This book is a unique contribution to scholarship of the poetics of Wallace Stevens, offering an analysis of the entire oeuvre of Stevens’s poetry using the philosophical framework of Martin Heidegger. Marking the first book-length engagement with a philosophical reading of Stevens, it uses Heidegger’s theories as a framework through which Stevens’s poetry can be read and shows how philosophy and literature can enter into a productive dialogue. It also makes a case for a Heideggerian reading of poetry, exploring his later philosophy with respect to his writing on art, language, and poetry. Taking Stevens’s repeated emphasis on the terms ‘being,’ ‘consciousness,’ ‘reality’ and ‘truth’ as its starting point, the book provides a new reading of Stevens with a philosopher who aligns poetic insight with a reconceptualization of the metaphysical significance of these concepts. It pursues the link between philosophy, American poetry as reflected through Stevens, and modernist poetics, looking from Stevens’s modernist techniques to broader European philosophical movements of the twentieth century.” More information on this book can be found at: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-030-99249-1>.

Donations: The Wallace Stevens Society welcomes donations in support of its work. Please contact George Burns, the Society’s Treasurer (gburns6126@gmail.com), if you wish to make a donation.

Call for Help: As you can see, the Stevens world continues to be so active that we may have overlooked some relevant news items. In the future, if you know of any events or publications that might escape our attention, please alert our Secretary, Florian Gargaillo, at gargaillof@apsu.edu. We appreciate your help.

In closing, the Officers of the Wallace Stevens Society would like to thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at lisa.goldfarb@nyu.edu with ideas, responses, and reflections.

We wish you a happy and productive start to 2023 and look forward to being in touch with you again soon.

Best,



Lisa Goldfarb
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