
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All members of the Academy are cordially invited to participate in any listed event, as space allows. This feature of the *Bulletin* informs all members of upcoming events, not only in their own regions but also in locations they may plan to visit. Special notices are sent to Fellows who reside in areas where specific meetings are held. A list of forthcoming Stated Meetings appears on the back cover.

Saturday, September 13, 2003

Western Center Stated Meeting—Los Angeles

Program at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Speakers: **Stephanie Barron**, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and **Thomas Crow**, Getty Research Institute

The Western Center's fall Stated Meeting will take place at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) on Saturday, September 13, 2003, at 4:30 p.m. The presentations will be followed by a private viewing of major art works from the State Pushkin Museum, Moscow. This is the first time that the collection, including paintings by Picasso, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Matisse, and Cézanne, has been seen outside of Russia. Los Angeles is one of only three cities in the United States where the collection will be on view.

The program will include communications by two distinguished scholars of fine art. **Stephanie Barron**, senior curator of modern and contemporary art and vice president of education and public programs at LACMA, will address the significance of the collection in a talk entitled "Impressionists and Moderns: French Masterworks from the State Pushkin Museum, Moscow: A Study of Collecting." **Thomas Crow**, director of the Getty Research Institute, will discuss the study of collecting in his presentation, "Collecting and Display as Subjects of History."

The day's events will conclude with a reception in the patio area of the museum at 6:30 p.m. and dinner in the Ahmanson Building at 7:30. Fellows and

guests who wish to come in advance of the Stated Meeting and private viewing may tour all of the other exhibits on display as guests of LACMA.

Further information and reservations: 949-824-4553

Saturday, October 11, 2003

National Induction Ceremony—Cambridge

The Induction Ceremony for newly elected Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members will take place at a Stated Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 11, 2003, at Sanders Theater on the Harvard University campus. The event will begin at 3:00 p.m. and conclude with a reception at the House of the Academy at 5:30 p.m. Because Sanders has a large seating capacity, there will be no limitations on attendance. All Fellows and their guests are welcome.

A morning orientation session at the House of the Academy, introducing new members to the Academy's projects, programs, and publications, will precede the ceremony.

Further information and reservations: 617-576-5032

Wednesday, October 29, 2003

North Carolina Stated Meeting—Research Triangle Park

Speaker: **Walter E. Dellinger III**, Duke University

The speaker at this special Stated Meeting, to be held at the National Humanities Center, will be **Walter E. Dellinger III**, the Douglas B. Maggs Professor of Law at Duke University and head of the appellate practice at O'Melveny & Meyers LLP. Throughout his career, Dellinger has combined legal scholarship with distinguished public service. As acting Solicitor General for the 1996–97 term of the Supreme Court, he argued nine cases before the Court, more than any other Solicitor General in over twenty years. The cases dealt with a wide range of issues, from physician-assisted suicide to

the Brady Act and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

Before joining the government, Dellinger briefed and argued cases for a variety of clients, including the State of Alaska, hospital associations, and members of Congress. He joined the faculty of Duke Law School in 1969. In early 1993 he became an adviser to President Clinton on constitutional issues; later that year, he was nominated and confirmed as Assistant Attorney General and head of the Office of Legal Counsel, serving until 1996. In 1981–82 and 1998–99 he was a Fellow at the National Humanities Center.

The lecture will begin at 4 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Further information and reservations: 617-576-5032

Saturday, November 1, 2003

Midwest Center Stated Meeting—Chicago

Communication: "The Absurd Universe"

Speaker: **Michael S. Turner**, University of Chicago

Michael S. Turner, the Rauner Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago, will address the fall Stated Meeting of the Midwest Center on Saturday, November 1, 2003, at the Adler Planetarium. One of the country's leading astrophysicists, Turner will present a communication entitled "The Absurd Universe." In his words, "Cosmologists, like the six blind men describing the elephant, have identified the basic features of the Universe: spatial flatness, accelerating expansion, dark matter, early quark soup phase, great clusters of galaxies, and a microwave sky that resembles quantum noise. The challenge is to understand this seemingly absurd combination of features."

At the University of Chicago, Turner chairs the Departments of Astronomy and Astrophysics; he also holds appointments in the Department of Physics and at the Enrico Fermi Institute. His

research focuses on the application of modern ideas in elementary particle theory to cosmology and astrophysics—an approach, he believes, that holds the key to answering the most pressing questions in cosmology.

Further information and reservations: 773-753-8162

Wednesday, November 12, 2003

Cambridge Stated Meeting

Program: "A Tribute to Robert K. Merton"

Speakers: **Robert M. Solow**, MIT, and **Robert C. Merton**,
Harvard University Graduate School of Business

The November Stated Meeting will honor the life and work of **Robert K. Merton**, who revolutionized the field of sociology and mass communication during a career that spanned more than fifty years. The first sociologist to be awarded the National Medal of Science, he devoted a lifetime to expanding our understanding of human actions and motives in works that combined analytic rigor, deep historical and psychological insights, and an uncommon interest in all fields of knowledge. His many important works include *Social Theory and Social Structure*, *The Sociology of Science*, and *On the Shoulders of Giants*. He was a member of the Academy for fifty-three years.

The speakers on this special occasion will be Academy Fellows **Robert M. Solow**, Institute Professor Emeritus at MIT, and **Robert C. Merton**, John and Natty McArthur University Professor at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business. Both are Nobel laureates in economics.

The program will also include the presentation of the 2003 Talcott Parsons Prize in the Social Sciences. The prize was awarded to Robert K. Merton in 1979.

Further information and reservations: 617-576-5032

ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday, December 3, 2003

Cambridge Stated Meeting

Program: "Beethoven and His Royal Disciple"

Speaker: **Lewis Lockwood**, Fanny Peabody Professor of Music
Emeritus, Harvard University

Performance: **Boston Trio**, Beethoven's "Archduke" Trio