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.

Wednesday, May 14, 2003

1869th Stated Meeting / 223rd Annual Meeting—Cambridge

Communication: “Joyce, Leavis, and the Revolution of the Word,” The Inaugural S. T. Lee Lecture in the Humanities

Speaker: Denis Donoghue, University Professor, New York University

Location: House of the Academy

Time: Program 5:30 p.m.
   Reception 6:15 p.m.
   Dinner 7:00 p.m.

At the Annual Meeting on May 14, 2003, Denis Donoghue, one of the foremost critics of the English language, will present the first S. T. Lee Lecture in the Humanities.

Denis Donoghue is a University Professor at New York University, where he holds the Henry James Chair of English and American Letters. He will speak on “James, Leavis, and the Revolution of the Word.” As Donoghue observes, “Does it make sense to invoke the ‘spirit’ or ‘genius’ of a language—English, American, French, German, Swahili, or another? And if—a big if—it does, does it make further sense to maintain, as if it mattered, that a particular work of literature does or does not fulfill the spirit of the language in which it is written?” Writing in Scrutiny in 1933, the English critic F. R. Leavis addressed these questions in an analysis of passages from Finnegan’s Wake by James Joyce and Paradise Lost by John Milton. In his talk at the Annual Meeting, Professor Donoghue will consider Leavis’s view that there is indeed a spirit or genius of the
English language; that it has certain attributes; and that, in these passages, Joyce and Milton are culpable of having transgressed this spirit or ignored its values.

Denis Donoghue’s interests include modern English, Irish, and American literature, as well as aesthetics and the practice of reading. He has authored over twenty books, including *Words Alone: The Poet T. S. Eliot* and *Adam's Curse: Reflections on Religion and Literature*. His book *The Practice of Reading* received the Robert Penn Warren/Cleanth Brooks Award for literary criticism. Professor Donoghue’s most recent work, *Speaking of Beauty*, was previewed in the fall 2002 issue of *Daedalus* and published this spring by Yale University Press. He was elected a Fellow of the Academy in 1983 and serves as its representative on the board of trustees of the National Humanities Center and as cochair of its program on Humanities and Culture.

The S. T. Lee Lecture in the Humanities is the first endowed lecture in the history of the Academy. Dr. Seng Tee Lee’s extraordinary record of philanthropy and support for scholarship spans several decades. He has been a member of the council of both the University of Malaya and the University of Singapore; he is currently a member of the board of the Singapore Art Museum and recently helped to establish the new Singapore Management University. A Foreign Honorary Member of the Academy since 2001, he is also an Honorary Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge; the British Academy; Needham Research Institute; and Oriel College, Oxford, as well as a member of the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors of the University of Oxford. Dr. Lee has established lecture series at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University, the University of Cambridge, the University of Oxford, Victoria University in New Zealand, and the British Academy.

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On Thursday evening, May 15, Judge Danny Boggs and Professor Judith Resnik will discuss “The Independence of the Federal Judiciary” at a Stated Meeting in Washington, DC. Judicial independence signifies that judges are free to decide cases fairly and impartially, protected from outside pressures and special interests. Congress, however, has the authority to determine the scope and range of judicial jurisdiction, and the Senate must confirm the appointment of all nominees to the federal bench. The speakers at the May 15 Stated Meeting will consider the increasing tension between these forms of democratic supervision and judicial independence.

Judge Danny Boggs has been a member of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit since 1986. Prior to his appointment to the court by President Ronald Reagan, he had a distinguished career in private practice and government service. His government positions included Assistant to the Solicitor General of the United States (1973–75), Assistant Director of the White House Office of Policy Development (1982–83), and Deputy Secretary of the United States Department of Energy (1983–86).

Judith Resnik is the Arthur Liman Professor of Law at Yale University, where she teaches and writes about adjudication, federalism, the judiciary, large-scale litigation, feminism, and women’s rights, both in domestic and transnational contexts. Professor Resnik is the author of numerous books, mono-
graphs, and articles on these topics, including *Adjudication and Its Alternatives: An Introduction to Procedure* (with Owen M. Fiss, 2003) and “Trial as Error, Jurisdiction as Injury: Transforming the Meaning of Article III” (*Harvard Law Review*, 2000). She has testified many times before congressional and judicial committees, most recently before a subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee considering the role of the Senate in the process of appointing federal judges.

Abner J. Mikva, visiting professor of law at the University of Chicago Law School, will moderate the program. Professor Mikva has served as White House Counsel and as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. Before coming to the bench in 1979, he was elected to Congress for five terms, representing portions of Chicago and its suburbs.

This meeting—the second in a series of Stated Meetings in Washington, DC, focusing on issues with important implications for the balance of power in this nation—has been organized by the Academy’s Committee on Congress and the Courts. Committee members include Jesse Choper and Robert C. Post, co-chairs (both, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley), Linda Greenhouse (*New York Times*), Abner J. Mikva (University of Chicago School of Law), and Nelson W. Polsby (University of California, Berkeley).

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