

• **The Milton Society of America**

Approximately seventy-one members and guests attended the annual dinner and meeting of the Milton Society of America on December 28, 2001, at the Royal Sonesta Hotel, 300 Bourbon St., New Orleans. Achsah Guibbory of the University of Illinois, Urbana, presided. The following members were elected to offices: Annabel Patterson as President (2002), John Leonard as Vice President (2002), and Elizabeth Skerpan-Wheeler and Paul Stevens for three-year membership (2002-2004) on the Executive Committee.

The principal address, "Milton's Nationalism and the Rights of Memory" was given by Paul Stevens, Professor and Head of the Department of English, Queen's University, Canada. The James Holly Hanford Awards recognized the excellence of the following book and essay:

Barbara K. Lewalski, *The Life of John Milton* (Oxford: Basil Blackwell Publishers, 2000)

John Leonard, "Milton, Lucretius, and the 'void profound of unessential Night,'" *Living Texts: Interpreting Milton*, eds. Kristin A. Pruitt and Charles W. Durham (Selinsgrove, PA: Susquehanna University Press, 2000), pp. 198-217.

The Irene Samuel Memorial Award recognized the excellence of the following multiauthor collection of essays:

Milton Studies 39, ed. Albert C. Labriola (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2000).

Roy C. Flannagan, Emeritus Professor of English at Ohio University and Scholar-in-Residence at the University of South Carolina, Beaufort, was cited as Honored Scholar of the society by Edward Jones of Oklahoma State University.

Labriola announced the two open meetings of the society at MLA '02 in New York City. The first, with Annabel Patterson presiding, is "Milton for the New Millennium"; the second, with Diana Treviño Benet presiding, is "Why Milton Matters."

At the executive session after the dinner and general business meeting, Labriola and Benet were reappointed Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Benet will select a suitable site for the dinner and meeting on December 28, 2002, in New York City. Annabel Patterson was nominated for induction as Honored Scholar of the society in 2002.

Albert C. Labriola, Secretary
The Milton Society of America

• **The 2003 Gerald Kahan Scholar's Prize in Theatre Research**

The American Society for Theatre Research offers an annual prize of \$500.00 for the best essay written in English on any subject in theatre research, broadly construed. The author must be untenured and within seven years of the awarding of the doctoral degree—or be a student—at the time the essay is published. The Kahan Prize is presented at the ASTR annual meeting, at which time the editor's contribution to scholarship is also acknowledged.

To be eligible, an essay must have been published in a refereed journal or anthology dated 2002. Previous winners are ineligible. Essays may be nominated by members of ASTR, by editors (one essay per issue), by the authors themselves (one entry only), or by other persons on their behalf. In the case of editorial submissions, the Committee will verify the author's eligibility, requiring only that editors include the author's current address in the submission. In the case of other submissions, please include a

brief statement of the author's credentials in conformance with the award's eligibility requirements, as well as the author's current address.

Those wishing to nominate essays should send four copies of each entry, together with particulars of publications and information concerning the author's eligibility, by 15 March 2003 to:

Professor Carol Fisher Sorgenfrei
Department of Theatre
102 E. Melnitz Hall
UCLA Box 951622
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1622

