William Gilmore Simms's Place in the Development of American Letters

September 27-29, 2012
The University Libraries of South Carolina
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

The University Libraries of the University of South Carolina and the William Gilmore Simms Society invite all interested scholars, society members, and friends to a conference exploring the life and works of William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870), the antebellum South’s most prolific writer and one of its best-known public intellectuals as novelist, poet, critic, and historian.

Papers for the conference have been selected and a list of participants and presenters will be posted soon, along with a schedule for all conference events. A gala opening reception and final evening celebratory banquet will highlight the three-day event.

While the conference papers will address Simms and his works from all perspectives, one theme will focus on placing Simms’s life and career in the context of the development of American letters. Presenters will examine such topics such as Simms’s role in the Young America movement, the development of American cultural and literary nationalism, Simms as an originator of literary styles and forms, Simms’s involvement in the world of publishing and the early literary marketplace, the author’s aesthetic theories, and Simms’s career and writings in relation to his contemporaries.

Papers presented at the conference will also be considered for a volume of The Simms Review, a refereed journal published by the Simms Society. A prize for the best student paper will be offered as well.

Please join us at the historic campus of the University of South Carolina for this exciting three-day event, Sept. 27-Sept. 29, 2012.

REGISTRATION:

Attendance at the William Gilmore Simms Society Biennial Conference is open to all interested Simms scholars, family members, and others who are interested in Simms’s life and writings. Registration includes access to all sessions in the program, the opening reception, and the celebratory banquet. Regular registration is $150 for Simms Society members or $175 for non-members; graduate student registration is $80, or for those students who are members of the WGSS and wish to only attend the programs (no reception or banquet), $25.

Advance registration can be made by sending checks to:

William Gilmore Simms Society
South Caroliniana Library
University of South Carolina
Columbia, SC 29208
Please be sure to include the full name of all attendees. Registration will also be accepted at the doors of the conference, though for the purposes of planning the catering, please RSVP to tclsimms@mailbox.sc.edu to inform us of your intention to attend.

The conference program—which will include titles of papers and presenters as well as information about the dates and times of the opening reception and banquet—will be posted soon, so check back for updates as the conference approaches.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Conference Hotel  
The Inn at USC  
1619 Pendleton Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201  
Reservations: 1-866-455-4753  
http://www.innatusc.com/  
Email: gm@innatusc.com

The Inn at USC is the official conference hotel and can be reached by calling 1-866-455-4753. We have a block of rooms available at a discounted rate for conference attendees. When you call, please tell them you are attending the Simms Society Conference. Please do not delay in making your reservations, though, as it looks like the Inn is going to sell out for that weekend. Rooms may not be available for much longer.

**Other Hotel Accommodations:**

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