

The Third Biennial John Updike Society Conference

Alvernia University, Reading, Pennsylvania

October 1 – 4, 2014

CALL FOR PAPERS

John Updike lived in Pennsylvania for the first 18 years of his life—in Shillington from 1932-1945, and in Plowville from 1945-1950. Many of Updike's works—particularly his early novels, short stories and poems—focus on life in Pennsylvania.

While plans are still being finalized, some of the events for this year's conference include:

- Keynote Speakers – graphic designer Chip Kidd and biographer Adam Begley
- A Tour and Reception at the Reading Museum and Arboretum (on display *The Drinking Girl* as cited in *The Centaur*).
- *A Soft Spring Night in Shillington* Tour and Reception at The John Updike Childhood Home

Proposals and Panels

We welcome proposals for papers on **all** aspects of Updike's life and work, but are particularly interested in papers that focus on the new works about and by Updike that have been published in the last two years and Updike's works that are set in Pennsylvania.

A one-page proposal/abstract for 15-20 minute papers should be titled **Updike Conference Proposal** and emailed by May 15, 2014 to Program Director, Maria Mogford at mmogford@alb.edu

Decisions on panels and panelists will be announced no later than June 15, 2014, with rolling acceptances— meaning the sooner you get your proposal in, the sooner you'll hear back from the program director. Moderators are also needed, and members wishing to serve in this capacity should also contact Maria Mogford to express their willingness to participate.

To present a paper or moderate a panel at the conference, participants must be members of the John Updike Society and register for the conference.

For membership information, please see the Society's website at <http://blogs.iwu.edu/johnupdikesociety/join>.

Information on the cost of conference registration and further details will be posted on the society's website as they become available.