The Kay Boyle Society at the American Literature Association

Kay Boyle at 25

The panel session, chaired by Marilyn Elkins (University of California), concentrated on Boyle’s early prose and poetry. Caroline Maun (Wayne State University) provided a contextualized reading of “Book of Cincinnati,” Beth Widmaier Capo (Illinois College) explored Boyle’s sexual politics in Process, Anne Reynes-Delobel (Aix-Marseille Université) examined Boyle’s quest for commonality in relation to her 1927-1928 poems mourning Ernest Walsh, and Thomas C. Austenfeld (Université de Fribourg) indicated new trends and opportunities for Kay Boyle scholarship.

After the business meeting, a number of participants met for a delicious lunch and more lively talk at the Art and Soul restaurant.

A warm “thank you!” to all for making this annual meeting a moment of scholarly and friendly exchange.

Conference announcements:

- Please join us for our 10th annual meeting at the 26th ALA annual Conference, May 27-30, 2015, in Boston (Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116). The panel session will be organized by Caroline Maun (Wayne State University). A CFP will be issued during the fall.

- Please join the Kay Boyle Society at SSAWW* 2017 Bordeaux, France

*The Society for the Studies of American Women Writers Annual Conference

Welcome new members!

Frank Gado is an independent scholar who earned a PhD. from Duke University, in 1968. His dissertation was entitled Kay Boyle: From the Aesthetics of Exile to the Polemics of Return. Frank has recently contributed a chapter, “Asserting a national voice” (on William Cullen Bryant) to the Cambridge History of American Poetry, edited by A. Bendixen and S. Burt (forthcoming in October 2014).

The Kay Boyle Society members were very sad to hear about the premature death of Micheal D. DuBose. Michael completed a PhD. in American literature at Penn State University, in 2013. In 2011, he had contributed a very fine paper to the KBS panel session at the ALA Boston annual conference on “Nature in the Early Novels of Kay Boyle and Ernest Hemingway.”

New from the University of Texas Press:


Forthcoming:


- Thomas C. Austenfeld and Anne Reynes-Delobel have recently completed compiling the Kay Boyle bibliography for the Oxford Bibliography Online http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com

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