

## **Irish literary scholar Denis Donoghue to give the second annual Robert C. Elliott Memorial Lecture, April 6**

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Irish literary scholar Denis Donoghue is scheduled to give the second annual Robert C. Elliott Memorial Lecture Wednesday, April 6, at the University of California, San Diego.

Donoghue will talk on "Ideas, and How to Escape from Them" at 8 p.m. in room 107 of the Third College Lecture Hall at UCSD. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, has been made possible by gifts from colleagues and friends of Elliott, a professor of English literature who died in 1981 while hiking in the Anza-Borrego Desert. Elliott, one of the founders of the UCSD Department of Literature, joined the university faculty in 1964 and served as chairman of the literature department from 1968 through 1971.

Donoghue is currently the Henry James Professor of English and American Letters at New York University. He is a contributor to the "New York Review of Books," the "New York Times," and the "Times Literary Supplement."

His critical works span a wide range--from writers of his native Ireland to those of Great Britain and the United States--but he has focused particular attention on poetry and on the works of Swift, Yeats, Dickinson and R. P. Blackmur.

Donoghue's books include "The Third Voice," "Connoisseurs of Chaos," "The Ordinary Universe," "Jonathan Swift," "Yeats," "Thieves of Fire," "The Sovereign Ghost," and "Ferocious Alphabets," a study of the war of words in contemporary criticism.

Before his appointment to New York University, Donoghue taught at the University College in Dublin. In the United States, Donoghue has taught at Harvard, UCLA, Rutgers, the City University of New York and the University of Pennsylvania. He was awarded an M.A. and Ph.D. from Dublin's University College and a second M.A. from Cambridge.

Previous to his teaching career, Donoghue served as an administrative officer in the Irish Department of Finance and was a music critic for the "Irish Times."

Donoghue has participated in most of the major lectureships in the British Isles, and has spoken at many universities on both sides of the Atlantic.

In 1982 the British Broadcasting Corporation appointed Donoghue as the Reith Lecturer for that year. The Reith Lectures, broadcast each fall as six weekly talks, are considered to be one of the most distinguished radio series in the world. Inaugurated in 1948 by Bertrand Russell, the Reith Lectures have featured such thinkers as Arnold Toynbee, John Kenneth Galbraith and J. Robert Oppenheimer.

The Elliott Lecture is supported by the Robert C. Elliott Memorial Fund and is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Literature. The first Elliott Lecture was delivered last spring by the fantasy writer and poet Ursula LeGuin. The text of that lecture was published in the winter 1983 issue of "The Yale Review."

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