



## The International Lawrence Durrell Society

To: Membership of the International Lawrence Durrell Society  
From: 2012 Nominations Committee (Don Kaczvinsky, David Radavich, Dianne Vipond)  
Subject: Proposed Slate for 2012-2014

After considerable consultation with one another and input from members, the 2012 Nominations Committee proposes the following slate for consideration by the membership:

### For President: James Gifford

James is Assistant Professor of English and Director of the University Core at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vancouver. He's published widely on Durrell's works and recently edited critical editions of *Pied Piper of Lovers* and *Panic Spring*. His edition of Durrell's short prose, *From the Elephant's Back*, will be launched in 2012. He has been an ILDS member since 1997 and first joined the executive board in 2002.

### For Vice President: Charles L. Sligh

Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Charles has published broadly on nineteenth- and twentieth-century British Literature. With Jerome McGann, he edited the Yale UP edition of *Swinburne's Major Poems and Selected Prose*. His research on Durrell focuses primarily on the *Justine* notebooks and other archival materials. Charles has served on the ILDS Executive Board since 2002. He is Assistant Editor of *Deus Loci*, and he has organized ILDS sessions at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900 held annually at the University of Louisville. He also served as Co-Chair of the Organizing Committee for Durrell 2012: The Lawrence Durrell Centenary. Charles and his wife Kim live with Isaac and Max, eight chickens, and Porius the Great Pyrenees in the old Lerch farmhouse just over Missionary Ridge.

### For Secretary-Treasurer: Paul H. Lorenz

Paul is a professor of English at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. He discovered *The Alexandria Quartet* in a Peace Corps book locker in Niger in the early 70s and became hooked: Lawrence Durrell became a big part of his doctoral dissertation. Paul joined the International Lawrence Durrell Society after presenting a paper at the Carbondale conference, and he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Society at the San Diego conference, a position he has held ever since except for a two-year period during which he served as President of the Society. Paul has been active in planning On Miracle Ground conferences since the Corfu conference, and he has published several articles on the works of Lawrence Durrell.

### For At-Large Members of the Executive Board (Three To Be Elected)

James Clawson: James is Assistant Professor of English at Grambling State University in Louisiana. He did his undergraduate work at Denison University and wrote on Durrell's novels for his Ph.D. at the University of Edinburgh. He first presented a paper on Durrell at OMG XIII in Rhodes in 2004 and has been active with the Society since then, attending ILDS conferences and the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900. He has published several articles on Durrell.

Bill Godshalk: Bill received his B.A. from Ursinus College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He taught at Tufts University and The College of William and Mary before moving to the University of Cincinnati where he has been since 1967. He finished writing his first article on Lawrence Durrell while still a grad student at Harvard. At present, he is editing Shakespeare's *Troilus and Cressida* for *Internet Shakespeare Editions*.

Fiona Tomkinson: Fiona Tomkinson is Assistant Professor (application for Associate Professorship in progress) at Yeditepe University, where she has lectured in the English language and Literature Department since 1997. She has also lectured occasionally in the Philosophy Departments at Yeditepe and Boğaziçi University. She holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. from Boğaziçi University and has published over forty articles and book chapters in the areas of literature and philosophy. She has attended Lawrence Durrell conferences since 2004 and has a number of publications and has made a number of conference presentations on Durrell. She would be interested in organizing a Lawrence Durrell conference in Istanbul in the future.

Membership of IIDS Executive Board: Those elected at the Business Meeting in London will join past presidents (Michael Cartwright, James Gifford, Donald Kaczvinsky, Nancy Lewis, Anna Lillios, Paul Lorenz, Ian MacNiven, Jim Nichols, Anne Zahlan) in the leadership of the Society.