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## M. H. Abrams at Cornell University

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**The 95-page book:** This collection of articles provides a glimpse into Mike Abrams' role in and impact on the Cornell Community and on the larger community of scholars. We present them as a tribute to Mike Abrams in celebration of his continuing role as an inspiring teacher, a highly influential scholar and literary critic, and as a person who played a major role in defining the great literature studied by students throughout the world. Portraits of Mike Abrams by president emeritus Dale R. Corson are a special feature.

**Two DVDs:** An important part of this portrait of Mike Abrams can best be told through multimedia, so an associated 2-disc DVD has been produced so you might see and hear him giving public lectures and being interviewed.

**DVD-ROM:** In addition to video content, Disc 1 contains three books (in PDF format): *M. H. Abrams at Cornell University, High Romantic Argument* (essays presented at a 1978 symposium held in honor of Mike Abrams), and Mike's undergraduate honors thesis (1934) at Harvard, *The Milk of Paradise*. In addition, audio recordings of an interview (2008) with Mike Abrams by Jonathan Culler and Neil Hertz and a lecture presented on June 9, 2005 at a Cornell Reunion Weekend.

**Videos:** *Disc 1* contains an account of how the Cornell University Library came to have an important James Joyce Collection. The process of acquisition is described in an Abrams lecture (audio, 35 min., June 2005) sponsored by the Cornell University Library at Reunion Weekend of 2005 and repeated at Kendal at Ithaca (video, 51 min. August 2005). The introductions of Mike Abrams (video, 4 min. each, Jan. 2007) by President Skorton and by Professor Jonathan Culler at the inaugural lecture event by Sandra Gilbert, the first holder of the M.H. Abrams Distinguished Visiting Professorship, are included for their characterizations of the contributions of M. H. Abrams. Finally, Professors Jonathan Culler and Neil Hertz interview Mike Abrams in 2008 (audio). [Disc 1 running time is approx. 162 minutes]

*Disc 2* contains two 2008 presentations sponsored by the School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions: An Interview by Dean Glenn Altschuler, (48 min., May 2008). A few months later (July 2008) at age 96, Mike delivered an eloquent public lecture, On Reading Poems Aloud, in Statler Auditorium with an introduction by Charles W. Jermy, Jr. (77 min.). [Disc 2 running time is approx. 125 minutes]

About a week later and as part of a separate project, Mike Abrams and Professor Walter LaFeber participated in a critique of the Legacy of Dale R, Corson, with attention to the many dimensions of Corson's Cornell experience. http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu/handle/1813/13191

The book and the DVD were produced by J. Robert Cooke

• Specific Abrams Legacy links:

Cornell Chronicle: Cornell Chronicle: (title)

http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/?????.html

A review by Jim Roberts in the Cornell Alumni Magazine (title)

http://cornellalumnimagazine.com/index.php?option=?????

The 95-page book: M. H. Abrams at Cornell University

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The 2-disc DVD: M. H. Abrams at Cornell University

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