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Western Kentucky University

Founded in 1988, the Center for Robert Penn Warren Studies hosts annually a Robert Penn Warren lecture on the Sunday in April closest to April 24th, Warren's date of birth. In addition to the Center's Robert Penn Warren Room in Cherry Hall, Western Kentucky University houses the personal library of Robert Penn Warren, provides a scholarship for a graduate student (the "Warren Scholar"), and administers the Eleanor Clark endowment, which was established in 1994 by the Robert Penn Warren Estate.

At its annual lecture, the Center presents the Robert Penn Warren/Cleanth Brooks Award for an outstanding critical book published in English the year before. The recipients are chosen by a panel of members of the Advisory Group to the Center. Past recipients include:

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