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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 working 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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1998 Denis Donoghue, *The Practice of Reading*
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2000 Frank Kermode, *Shakespeare’s Language*
2001 Paul Murphy, *The Rebu ke of History*
2002 Stephen Burt, *Randall Jarrell and His Age*
2003 Lawrence Buell, *Emerson*
2004 James H. Justice, *Fetching the Old Southwest*
2005 Marjorie Perloff, *Differentials*
2006 Constance Hassett, *Christina Rossetti: The Fortune of Style*
2008 Robert Brinkmeyer, Jr., *The Fourth Ghost: White Southern Writers and European Fascism, 1930-1950*
2009 Richard Strier, *The Unrepentant Renaissance: From Petrarch to Shakespeare to Milton*