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Dr. Leslie A. Fiedler, professor of English at Montana State University, will be one of six writers on the staff of the 1960 MSU Writers Conference, according to Jack Barsness, conference director.

The conference, scheduled for May 25 through 28 at the University, will include workshops, panel discussions, and lectures as well as individual manuscript conferences, Barsness said. Inquiries about registration for the conference should be addressed to him at the University, he added.

Dr. Fiedler, a member of the MSU English faculty since 1941, is a widely published author of stories, poems, and essays in *Partisan Review*, *New Republic*, *Yale Review*, *Esquire*, *Harper's Bazaar*, and other periodicals, Barsness said. His latest book, "Love and Death in the American Novel," was published in March by Criterion Books and named the March selection of the Mid-Century Book Society. It has received lead reviews in the *New York Times Book Section*, *Saturday Review*, *Newsweek*, the Mid-Century Society's monthly magazine, and other publications.

Currently, Prof. Fiedler is working on a book on the literature of the 1930's, with the support of a grant-in-aid from the American Council of Learned Societies. "An End to Innocence," a collection of Fiedler's essays, was published in 1955 by Beacon Press.

Prof. Fiedler is a native of Newark, N. J. He is an alumnus of New York University and of the University of Wisconsin and a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Following World War II service in the South Pacific and China as an interpreter of captured Japanese documents for U. S. Naval Research, he spent a year at Harvard on a Rockefeller Foundation postwar fellowship. He returned to MSU in 1947.

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From 1951 to 53, he was a Fulbright lecturer in American literature at the University of Rome and the University of Bologna. He served as chairman of the MSU English Department from 1954 to 56. He was on leave in 1956-57 to deliver the Christian Gauss lectures at Princeton and to teach the creative writing class of R. P. Blackmur during the latter's absence from Princeton. He has lectured at several other universities.

Prof. Fiedler was named a Kenyon fellow in criticism in 1956 by the editors of Kenyon Review. In 1957, he was awarded a National Institute of Arts and Letters grant in literature. Other 1957 recipients were Mary McCarthy, Flannery O'Connor, Robert Fitzgerald, Robert Pack, and W. S. Merwin. Dr. Fiedler has served as a member of the regional selection committee for Wilson fellowships of the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation since October 1957.

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