

The 13th Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

February 16 - 18, 2007, Queen Lili'uokalani Student Services Center

The University of Hawaii Manoa

LIVE THE LIFE YOU HAVE IMAGINED:
Writing, a Sense of Place and Making a Life in Nature

Friday, February 16

A Reception with and Readings by W. S. Merwin

5:30 – 8:00 pm at College Hill, President's Residence

Saturday, February 17

8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:30 President's Welcome

Peter Quigley, Univ of Hawaii

9:30-10:30 Keynote Address

W. S. Merwin, introduced by David Rothman, past
Executive Director, RJA

**10:30-11:50 Panel I: The House, the Tower & the
Garden**

Chair: Robert Zaller, Drexel University

Alex Vardamis, President, Tor House Foundation:
"The House"

Robert Brophy, CSU Long Beach: "Hawk Tower as
Jeffers's *Axis Mundi*"

David Rothman, former RJA Exec Director: "The
Poet in the Garden"

Stephen Ross: "Hawk Tower as an Analogue to
Yeats's Thoor Ballylee"

11:50-12:30 Q & A

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Panel II: Horror and Violence

Chair: David Rothman, Former Executive Director, RJA

Geneva Gano, UCLA: "Reckoning with the Spirits of
Place: Violence on the Home Front in 'Tamar'"

James Baird: "The Spaces of Violence in
Robinson Jeffers's Poetry"

Alan Soldofsky, San Jose State Univ: "'Horror
Away from the House': Robinson Jeffers's
Habitations of the Sublime"

2:30 – 2:45 Q & A

2:45-3:45 Panel III: Jeffers and Others

Chair: David Copeland Morris, Univ of Washington,
Tacoma

Robert Zaller: "Jeffers and Neruda as Poets of the
Pacific"

William Virgil Davis, Baylor University: "Jeffers
and R. S. Thomas"

Mary Kate Azcuy, Monmouth College: "Mary
Oliver, Understanding Home and Nature"

3:45-4:00 Q & A

**5:00-7:00 Reception & Poetry Reading, with a Musical
Interlude**

Lili Bitá
Gaylord Brewer
Glenn Bach
Eric Shaffer

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8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00 Panel I: Biography and Politics

Chair: Dirk Aardsma, Independent Scholar

Temple Cone, US Naval Academy: "The Ghost of Robinson Jeffers"

John Cusatis, Independent Scholar/Musician:
"Aesthetic and Philosophical Affinities of George Sterling and Robinson Jeffers"

David Robinson, Oregon State Univ: "'Perishing Republic': Thoreau, Jeffers, and the American Democracy"

10:00-10:15 Q & A

10:15-11:15 Panel II: Language, Form & Symbol

Chair: James Baird, Univ of North Texas

George Hart, CSU Long Beach: "Inventing the Language to Tell It: Robinson Jeffers and the Sacramental Tradition"

Jan Keessen, Augustana College: "Stonewalling Ancient Time with Ancient Words: An Etymological Sense of Place"

Matthew Kaminski, Univ of Georgia: "Echoes of Heraclitus: The Double-Bladed Axe in Robinson Jeffers's 'The Inhumanist'"

11:15-11:30 Q & A

11:30-12:00 Discussion Session

Donald Masterson & Jason Engle: "Reading Jeffers from an Undergraduate Perspective"

12:00-1:30 Catered Lunch with Entertainment

1:30-2:30 Panel III: Birds, Galaxies and Balance

Chair: Peter Quigley, University of Hawaii

Ron Olowin, St. Mary's College of CA: "Jeffers and Cardenal: A Cosmic Sense of Place"

David Copeland Morris, Univ of Washington, Tacoma:
"What to Do about 'The Broken Balance'"

Alan J. Malnar, Embry-Riddle Univ, Phoenix: "What Might We Learn from the Unsocial Bird?"

2:30-2:45 Q & A

2:45-3:45 RJA Business Meeting

3:45-4:00 Closing Session

Peter Quigley, Univ of Hawaii



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