

The 12th Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

February 17 - 20, 2006, The Brazil Ranch, Big Sur, California

Evolution, Revolution and Change: Social and Natural Forces in Jeffers's Poetry

Friday, February 17

Poetry Reading

6:30 – 9:00 pm at Tor House, 26304 Ocean View Ave., Carmel

Saturday, February 18

8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-9:10 Former President's Welcome

Jim Baird, Univ of North Texas

9:10-9:30 Brazil Ranch Introduction

Armando Arias, Director, Big Sur Environmental Institute

9:30-9:50 President's Address

Peter Quigley, University of Hawaii

9:50-10:50 Keynote Address

Scott Slovic, Prof of Literature and Environment, Univ of Nevada Reno: "Oh Lovely Slab: Jeffers, Stone Work, and the Locus of the Local."

11:00-12:00 Panel I: Embracing a Sense of Place

Chair: Robert Zaller, Drexel University
Tim Hunt, Illinois State U: "A Wordsworthian Coast: Jeffers, Tradition, and the Shock of Big Sur"
Donald Masterson, SUNY Oswego: "Jeffers and Henry Miller: Expatriates in the Big Sur"
David Copeland Morris, U of Washington, Tacoma: "The Trouble with Cronan: The Wilderness Debate between Jeffers and William Cronan"

12:00-1:00 Lunch at the Ranch, provided by RJA

1:00-2:00—Panel II: Underlying Schemas

Chair: David Rothman, Former Executive Director, RJA
Robert Brophy, CSU Long Beach: "The Humor of Robinson Jeffers"
Kenneth Daley, Columbia College Chicago: "Jeffers and Allegory"
ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State Univ: "A Little Too Abstract, A Little Too Wise"

2:10-2:40 Jeffers as Seen by Leigh Wiener

A Special Presentation by Devik Wiener, son of the famous photographer

2:50-3:50—Panel III: The Constructed, The Sublime

Chair: David Copeland Morris, Univ of Washington, Tacoma
Barbara Mossberg, CSU Monterey Bay: "Chaos and Complexity"
Steven Chapman, The Foundation for Ecology and Culture: "Jeffers's Attitude towards Science"
George Hart, CSU Long Beach: "The Strain in the Skull: 'Prelude' and the Biology of Consciousness"

4:00–4:40 Panel Extraordinaire

Lili Bitá & Robert Zaller: Una and Robin: The Love Letters

5:00-6:00: Brazil Ranch Reception

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Sunday, February 19

8:15-9:00—Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:00—RJA Business Meeting

10:00-11:00—**Panel I:** Points of View

Chair: Dirk Aardsma, Independent Scholar
Fredrik Christian Brogger, Univ of Tromsø
(Norway): "Inhumanism"
Ronald P Olowin, St Mary's College of California:
"Inhumanism and Modern Cosmology"
Robert Zaller, Drexel University: "Jeffers, Darwin,
and Design"

11:10-12:00—**Round Table:** Jeffers and Intelligent Design
Robert Brophy, Ron Olowin, Peter Quigley, David
Rothman, Robert Zaller

12:00-1:00—Lunch at the Ranch, provided by RJA

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Poets reading on Friday night at Tor House:

James Arthur
Lili Bitá
Robert Brophy
Jim Dwyer
Tim Hunt
Mark Minster
Barbara Mossberg
Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts
David Rothman
Eric Shaffer
ShaunAnne Tangney

1:00-2:00—**Panel II:** Minding Matter and the Dynamics
of Change

Chair: Ron Olowin, Saint Mary's College of CA
James Baird, University of North Texas: "Are we not
Men? We are Devo!" Robinson Jeffers and the
Social and Biological Devolution of Humanity
Ian Roberts, Missouri Western State College: "Change
of Mind: Jeffers and Evolutionary Psychology"
Stuart Noble-Goodman, University of Redlands:
"Natural Science and Change"

2:10-3:10 **Panel III:** Coming Round

Chair: Tim Hunt, Illinois State University
C. Travis Webb, CSU Long Beach: "The Arc and the
Circle"
Mike Splain, Independent Scholar, "The Purse-Seine"
Dirk Aardsma, Independent Scholar: "Cawdor; then
Cawdor"

3:20-4:00 **Panel IV:** The Beginning of the End

Chair: Peter Quigley, Univ. of Hawaii
Mark Minster, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology:
"How Quiet We Shall Be: Eschatology in
Jeffers's Double Axe."
Eric Shaffer, Author: "After Jeffers: Antler, Keeler, Saijo &
Whitney"



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