

# The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

## Co-sponsors

The Department of English, University of Colorado at Boulder  
and

The Center for Western Civilization, University of Colorado at Boulder

February 13 - 15, 2009, University Memorial Center (UMC), Room 382-386

**Theme: The Alpine Jeffers**

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## ***Friday, February 13***

**6:00 pm: Poetry Reading: Reg Saner**  
Boulder Bookstore / Pearl Street Mall

**7:30 pm: Reception and Dinner**  
14th St. Grill / Pearl Street Mall

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## ***Saturday, February 14***

8:30 – 9:00 **Continental Breakfast, University Memorial Center, Room 238**

9:00 – 9:30 **President's Welcome:** "Visions of Helicon," David J. Rothman, University of Colorado at Boulder

9:30 – 10:15 **Keynote Address:** Reg Saner, "God is Not God"

10:30 – 12:00 **Panel: The Alpine Jeffers I**  
Chair: Peter Quigley  
"A Quantitative Analysis of Jeffers's Alpine References," Rob Kafka, Treasurer, RJA  
"The Canadian Alpine Literary Tradition," Ron Dart, University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, British Columbia  
"Mountain to Mountain: Frost and Jeffers," Parkman Howe, Poetry Editor, *Appalachia*

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch / On your own

1:15 – 2:45 **Panel: The Alpine Jeffers II**  
Chair: Ron Olowin  
"First There Is a Mountain," James Karman, California State University at Chico, Emeritus  
"Imagining the Political Landscape: There are Always the Mountains," Peter Quigley, University of Hawaii, Manoa  
"Pico Blanco and 'The Treasure': Jeffers's Heraclitan Paradox," Robert Brophy, CSU Long Beach, Emeritus  
"The Mountaintop as Place of Enlightenment," Jim Baird, University of North Texas

3:00 – 4:00 **panel: Jeffers and Cormac McCarthy**  
Chair: Robert Zaller

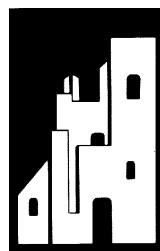
"Dark Mountains and High Country Sojourns," Jay Ellis, University of Colorado at Boulder  
"No Prophet in the Earth's Long Chronicle": Jeffers's Inhumanist Influence on Cormac McCarthy," Adam Klinker, University of Mississippi

4:15 – 5:15 RJA Business Meeting

6:00 **Poetry Reading** / Boulder Bookstore  
Master of Ceremonies: Dave Mason

David Mason, Colorado College  
Chris Ransick, Poet Laureate of Denver  
Veronica Patterson

8:00 **Reception/Dinner: Trattoria on Pearl / Pearl Street Mall**



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9:00 – 10:30: **Jeffers and Society**

Chair: Peter Quigley

“Robinson Jeffers and Classical Republicanism,” Christian Kopff, University of Colorado at Boulder

“Jeffers and Neo-Darwinism,” Ron Olowin, St. Mary’s College of California

“Jeffers and Isolationism,” Robert Zaller, Drexel University

10:45 – 12:15: **Jeffers in the World: 2008**

Chair: Alex Vardamis

“Jeffers at Leisure: Selections from Jeffers’s Personal Photo Collection,” Joan Hendrickson, Photo Collections Archivist, Tor House Foundation

“The Big Read: The Poetry of Robinson Jeffers,” Erika Koss, National Endowment for the Arts, Literature Specialist

“The Year in Jeffers Studies,” David Copland Morris, University of Washington, Tacoma

12:30-1:45 Lunch – On your own

2:00 – 3:30: **New Perspectives on Jeffers and Greek Tragedy**

Chair: David J. Rothman

“Experiments in Aeschylus,” Michael Poliakoff, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, University of Colorado

“On Benjamin Lees’ Setting of Jeffers’s *Medea*,” Ben Makino

