

The 16th Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

February 12 - 14, 2010

Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center / Tor House

Carmel, California

“Robinson Jeffers and the Poetry of the West”

Friday, February 12

5:00 pm: Reception

Tor House, 26304 Ocean View Ave, Carmel (map on reverse)

6:00 Poetry Reading

Tor House

Mark Irwin, University of Southern California

David Yezzi, Executive Editor, *The New Criterion*

David Mason, Colorado College

Saturday, February 13

8:00-8:30: **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 8:50: **President’s Welcome:** “Westward Ho!
Poetry of the North American West”

David J. Rothman, RJA President,
University of Colorado at Boulder

9:00-9:45: **Keynote Address:** “Beyond Hope:
Honest Gloom and Poetry's Claim on
the Western Soul”

Patricia Nelson Limerick, Director,
Center of the American West,
University of Colorado at Boulder

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel 1: At Home in the West I**

Chair: Peter Quigley

“A ‘piece of pure accident’: The ‘West’ as
Temporal Mediation in Jeffers,” Tim Hunt,
Illinois State University

“Jeffers and Roethke, Poets of the West,” Jim
Baird, University of North Texas

“So Much Nearer Home: The Domestic in
Robinson Jeffers,” ShaunAnne Tangney,
University of South Dakota, Minot

11:30-12:45: Lunch (on your own)

1:00-2:30: **Panel 2: New Perspectives on Jeffers,
Nature and Regionalism**

Chair: Ron Olowin

“Dehumanizing Our Views: Jeffers, Nature
Study, and the Pragmatic Aesthetics of
Science,” Kevin Armitage, Miami
University, Ohio

“Returning East to Meet the West: A Reading of
Descent to the Dead,” Parkman Howe,
Poetry Editor, *Appalachia*

“Jeffers’ ‘Inhumanism,’ Thomas Berry’s
‘Indictment,’ and The Dark Mountain’s
‘Project’ and ‘Manifesto,’” Robert Brophy,
CSU Long Beach, Emeritus

2:45-3:45: **Special Presentation.**

At the Fall of an Age: A Dramatic Reading

Directed by Jeremy DenOuden, San Jose
State University, and featuring actors from
the San Jose State University Theater and
Communications Departments.

4:00-5:00: RJA Business Meeting

6:00 **RJA Members Poetry Reading and Reception
Home of Alex and Fran Vardamis**

Tim Hunt

Edwin Cranston

Robert Zaller...and more...

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8:00-8:30: **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 – 10:00: **Panel 3: At Home in the West II**

Chair: Jim Karman

“The Whole Mind: Jeffers, Fire Ecology, and the Bioregional West,” George Hart, CSU Long Beach

“‘This Coast Crying Out for Tragedy’: William Everson’s West and the Archetypal Poetics of Robinson Jeffers,” Jeremy DenOuden, San Jose State University

“Jeffers, Snyder, Post-Inhumanism and Giving back to the West,” Arthur Durkee

10:15-11:30: **Panel 4: Jeffers in the World, 2009**

Chair: Tim Hunt

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

“The Year at Tor House,” Alex Vardamis, Immediate Past President and Vince Huth, President, Tor House Foundation

“The Letters,” Jim Karman, California State University, Chico, Emeritus

“Blue Mars, Jeffers, and the Possibilities for a Virtual Tour of Tor House,” Peter Quigley

11:30-1:00: Lunch (on your own)

1:15-3:00: **Panel 5: At Home in the West III**

Chair: Rob Kafka

“Robinson Jeffers, Gary Snyder, and Western Poetic Prophecy,” David Robinson, Oregon State University

“George Sterling and Robinson Jeffers: An Atypical Bonding,” Ron Olowin, St. Mary’s College of California

“‘Ex Occidente LUX’: Jeffers, Thoreau and the Strange Fruit of the West,” Brad Campbell, California Polytechnic State University


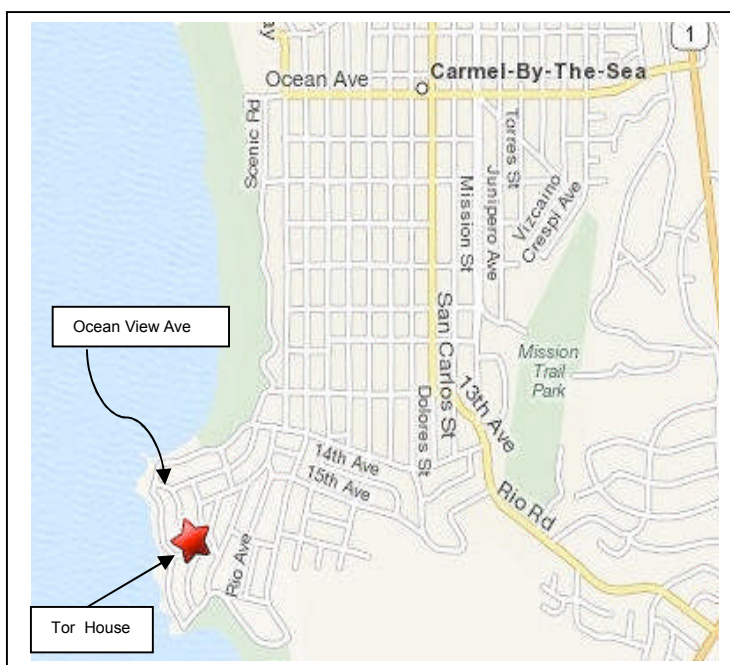
“From Jeffers’s Coast to Everson’s Valley: The Distinction of People and Place in California Landscape Poetry,” Molly Crumpton Winter, CSU Stanislaus

3:15-4:15: **Panel 6: New Perspectives on Narrative**

Chair: Jim Baird

“Transcribing Jeffers: *Cawdor* and *Haunted Coast*,” Dirk Aardsma, Independent Scholar

“‘A Terrible Genius’: Jeffers’s Art of Narrative,” Robert Zaller, Drexel University



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