

RJA Conference Program  
April 28-29, 2001  
Mabel Dodge Luhan House  
Taos, New Mexico  
Keynote Address by **Lois Rudnick**

Conference Themes:  
Jeffers and the Circle of Mabel Dodge Luhan  
Jeffers and Wilderness

Friday, April 27

**6:00 RJA Business Meeting**

**7:30 Dinner**

**9:00 Reception**

# Saturday, April 28

**8:30 Coffee**

**9:00 President's Welcome:** Alex Vardamis, University of Vermont Emeritus

**9:15 Keynote Address**

**10:00 Papers and Discussion:** Jeffers and the Circle of Mabel Dodge Luhan I

Ken Daley, Ohio State University, "Pater, Lawrence, Jeffers."

Suzanne Clark, University of Oregon, "Jeffers and the American Freud: Mabel Dodge Luhan and A. A. Brill."

Elayne Wareing Fitzpatrick, Monterey Peninsula College, "Jeffers, Lawrence, Jung, and Jaime de Angulo: Connections in California and Taos."

John Cusatis, University of South Carolina, "Echoes of Jeffers: The Sanctity of the Landscape in Cather's *Death Comes for the Archbishop*."

Chair, David J. Rothman, Crested Butte Academy, Executive Director RJA.

**12:30 Lunch**

**2:00 Third Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Essay Prize presentation and discussion**

**3:00 Papers and Discussion:** Robin and Una in Taos

Ripple Huth, Docent, Tor House, "Una's Impressions of Taos as Revealed in Her Letters."

James Karman, California State University, Chico, "Taos 1938: What Really Happened."

Alan Soldofsky, San Jose State University, "Robinson Jeffers as Confessionalist: Re-Thinking Jeffers' Inhumanism in Light of Una's Suicide Attempt."

Chair: Alex Vardamis, University of Vermont Emeritus, President RJA.

**5:00 Cocktails and Dinner**

**7:00 Readings**

Kirk Glaser, Santa Clara University

John Nizalowski, Mesa State College of Colorado

Diane Thiel, University of Miami

ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University

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# Sunday, April 29

**8:30 Coffee**

**9:00 Papers and Discussion: Jeffers and the Idea of Wilderness I**

Lin Moore, "Toward an Excess of Knowing: Robinson Jeffers, the Fourth Culture, and the Land of Enchantment."

George Hart, University of Nevada, Reno, "There are no stories in wilderness: Jeffers and the 'Social Construction of Nature.'"

Peter Hogue, California State University, Chico, "Jeffers and the Western."

Chair: ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University.

**10:45 Papers and Discussion: Jeffers and the Circle of Mabel Dodge Luhan II**

Robert Zaller, Drexel University, "Jeffers, Hardy and the Hero of Endurance"

Jim Baird, University of North Texas, "Robinson Jeffers and Mary Austin"

Alexander Blackburn, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Emeritus, "Two Titans of Taos: Jeffers and Frank Waters."

Chair: James Karman, California State University, Chico.

**12:30 Lunch**

**2:00 Papers and Discussion: Jeffers, Abbey, and the Southwest**

Jim Cahalan, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, "Edward Abbey: Following in Jeffers's Footsteps from Western Pennsylvania to Taos."

Donald Masterson, State University of New York, Oswego, "Inhumanism and Ecodefense: Radical Environmentalism in the Work of Robinson Jeffers and Edward Abbey."

Patrick Dooley, St. Bonaventure University, "The Inhuman Philosophies of Edward Abbey and Robinson Jeffers."

Chair: David J. Rothman, Crested Butte Academy, Executive Director RJA.

**3:30 Papers and Discussion: Jeffers and the Idea of Wilderness II**

Peter Quigley, Embry Riddle University, "The Architecture of the Poetic Life."

Bob Brophy, California State University, Long Beach, "Jeffers in Taos: Archetype West vs. Archetype Southwest."

Nicholas Foxton, High School, London, "'Writing Poetry of Nature': Robinson Jeffers and Gary Snyder."

Henry-York Steiner, Eastern Washington University, "Hellenism, Inhumanism, and Wilderness."

Chair: Kirk Glaser, Santa Clara University.

**5:30 Adjourn**