

# The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

February 18 - 20, 2005, Mackay Science Building, Room 215  
University of Nevada, Reno

## STRONG MUSIC AND HARD-EDGED WISDOM: ROBINSON JEFFERS AS POLITICAL POET

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### *Friday, February 18*

Poetry Reading: 5:00-6:30 at the Record Street Cafe in Reno, 351 East 9th St.  
(across the street from the UNR campus; list of poets on reverse)

### *Saturday, February 19*

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

#### **8:30 President's Welcome**

James Baird, University of North Texas

#### **9:00-10:00 Keynote Address**

Max Oelschlaeger: Robinson Jeffers: Cosmic  
Politician

#### **10:30-12:00 Panel I: Inheritance and Legacy: Identifying Jeffers's Politics**

Chair: David Rothman, Independent Scholar

Robert Zaller, Drexel University: "Jeffers, Son of  
Jefferson: A Poet's Politics"

Peter Quigley, University of Hawaii, Leeward  
Campus: "Mapping Jeffers's Political  
Trajectories"

Adam B. Tavel, University of Toledo: "'Sacred  
Madness': Robinson Jeffers's *Dear Judas* and  
the Politics of Cultural Fundamentalism"

ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University: "Old  
Violence is Not Too Old to Beget New Values:  
Robinson Jeffers as Public Poet"

**12:00-1:30**—lunch on your own

#### **1:30-3:00—Panel II: Jeffers's Responses to War**

Chair: Robert Zaller, Drexel University

Rob Kafka, UCLA Extension: "War, Progress, and  
the Young Jeffers: Newly Discovered Juvenilia"  
Jim Baird, University of North Texas: "Pearl Harbor:  
Why Fly the Flag?"

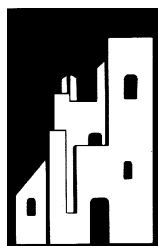
George Hart, CSU Long Beach: "To Keep One's  
Own Integrity: Jeffers, Inhumanism, and the  
Crisis of World War II"

#### **3:00-4:30 Panel III: Hopelessly Fatalist? A Panel Discussion on Jeffers, Service Learning, and Activism**

Chair: George Hart, CSU Long Beach

Noelle Leiblic, CSU Long Beach  
Corey Lewis, University of Nevada, Reno  
C. Travis Webb, CSU Long Beach

**Reception: 6:00-7:30**, Lexie's Lounge, Siena Hotel,  
One South Lake St.



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**8:00-8:30**—Continental Breakfast

**8:30-9:30**—RJA Business Meeting

**9:30-10:30**-- Jeffers and Contemporary Political Poets:  
A Reading by Shaun Griffin and Christopher  
Cokinos

**11:00-12:30**—**Panel I:** Disorderly Politics, Disquieted Poetics

Chair: James Baird, University of North Texas

C. Travis Webb, CSU Long Beach: "The Long Dying:  
Jeffers, Spengler, and the Fallacy of Progress"

Matthew Murray, Riverside Community College:  
"Through the Strained Fabric"

Aaron K. DiFranco, UC Davis: "Chivying the Deep:  
*The Double Axe* as Transgressive Pastoral"

Karen Lawson, UNR: "If It Would Make You Happy:  
The Politics of Gender in 'The Loving  
Shepherdess'"

**12:30-2:00**—lunch on your own



**Poets reading on Friday night at Record Street Café:**

Lili Bitá  
Jim Dwyer  
David Johannson  
Ann Keniston  
Kyhl Lyndgaard  
George Perreault  
Mike Sutin  
Robert Zaller

**2:00-3:30**—**Panel II:** Influences and Intersections

Chair: Ron Olowin, Mt. Saint Mary's College of CA

Abhijeet Paul, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor: "On a  
Hawk: Robinson Jeffers and Jibanananda Das"

David Johansson, Brevard Community College:  
"Bukowski's Only Hero"

Robert Brophy, California State University, Long Beach:  
"Two Genres: Jeffers as Seer and Prophet"

**3:30-5:00**—**Panel III:** The Role of Science in Jeffers Politics

Chair: Aaron K. DiFranco, UC Davis

Ronald P. Olowin, St. Mary's College of California: "Cosmic  
and Political Landscapes of Robinson Jeffers"

Stuart Noble-Goodman, University of Redlands: "Jeffers  
and the Politics of Discovery"

David Copland Morris, University of Washington, Tacoma:  
"Sadly Smiling' The Double Edge of Jeffers's  
Environmental Politics"

