

10<sup>th</sup> Annual RJA Conference Program

May 24-26, 2002

Stanford University

Keynote Address by Tim Hunt

Editor, *The Collected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers*

Conference Theme

Robinson Jeffers and the Poetry of California

Friday, May 24

**4:00** RJA Business Meeting  
[Location TBA]

**7:00** California Poets Read from Robinson Jeffers  
Reading and reception hosted by Stanford University Press.  
Location: Stanford University Book Store.  
Dana Gioia, Tim Hunt, Michael McClure, Al Young, and friends.

Saturday, May 25  
Tresidder Memorial Union, Oak West

**8:30** Coffee

**9:00** President's Welcome

Alex Vardamis, University of Vermont, Emeritus.

**9:15** Keynote Address

"The Work of the Edition: Some Possible Lessons and Directions."

Tim Hunt, Washington State University

Editor, *The Collected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers*.

**10:00** Poetries of California

"The Poet at Home in California," Peter Quigley, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"Terror / Terroir: Jeffers and the Poetry of Place," James Karman, California State University, Chico.

"Robinson Jeffers: Ecological Poet," Steven Chapman, The Foundation for Ecology and Culture.

"The Horse That Comes from the Road," Deborah Fleming, Ashland University.

"Covering a Lot of Ground: A Broader View of Robinson Jeffers and His Connections to Photography," Lin Moore, independent photographer and author.

Chair: David J. Rothman, Crested Butte Academy and the Robinson Jeffers Association.

**12:30** Lunch

**2:00** Editing Jeffers, Editing California: A Roundtable Discussion

Tim Hunt, Washington State University; Editor, *The Collected Poetry of Robinson Jeffers*, Stanford University Press.

Jim Karman, California State University, Chico; Editor, *Stones of the Sur: Poetry by Robinson Jeffers, Photographs by Morley Baer*, Stanford University Press.

Helen Tartar, Stanford University Press.

Dana Gioia, 2002 American Book Award Winner in Poetry for *Interrogations at Noon*.

**3:30** O Fallen Western Star Wars: A Roundtable Discussion on the Current State and Prospects of California Poetry

Jack Foley, Host of "Cover to Cover" on KPFA.

Dana Gioia, Independent poet, critic, and editor

Christian Wiman, Northwestern University.

**5:00** Adjourn

**5:30** Cocktails, Barbecue, and Readings

Home of John and Ann Varady.

47 Oak St., Los Altos.

Directions available at sessions on Saturday.

Sunday, May 26  
Tresidder Memorial Union, Oak West

**8:30** Coffee

**9:00** Poets and Prophets of California

“Someways One of the Nobler Animals: Ecology, Misanthropy, and Holism in the Works of Robinson Jeffers and John Muir,” Rob Stacy, Albertson College.

“Radical Alternatives for a California Poetry: Robinson Jeffers and Kenneth Rexroth,” Michael T. Van Dyke, Michigan State University.

“The Absence of Arrival: Elizabeth Bishop and the Geography of the Coastline,” Toby Bielawski, Las Positas College.

“‘A Still Shade Overhead’: The Poetry of Eric Barker,” Elliot Ruchowitz-Roberts, Monterey Peninsula College, Emeritus.

Chair: Alex Vardamis, University of Vermont, Emeritus.

**10:45** Putting Jeffers in His Place

“Robinson Jeffers and the Sublime,” Albert Gelpi, Stanford University, Emeritus.

“Your Love Will Follow Your Eye: A Defense of Robinson Jeffers’s Inhumanism in Terms of Place,” ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University.

“Inhuman or Unhuman? Wildness and Civilization in the Carmel Poems of Robinson Jeffers,” Adrielle Mitchell, Nazareth College.

“Robinson Jeffers and the Tradition of Living Stone,” Oliver Melton, University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Chair: Jim Baird, University of North Texas.

**12:30** Lunch

**2:30** More Poets and Prophets of California

“The Black Rainbow: Robinson Jeffers, Michael McClure and the Night Intelligence,” George Hart, University of Nevada, Reno.

“Selecting Jeffers: Precedents and Problems,” Brett Ralph, Hopkinsville Community College.

“All Day the Hills A Brooding Stillness Keep: The California Poetry of Mary Hunter Austin,” Karen Langlois, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Chair: ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University

**4:00** Still More Poets and Prophets of California

“Jeffers and Snyder: Mountains and Oceans Without End,” Jim Baird, University of North Texas.

“Everson and Jeffers: Landscapes of the Soul,” Robert Brophy, California State University, Long Beach.

Chair: Rob Kafka, UCLA and the Robinson Jeffers Association.

**5:00** Adjourn