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**RJA Conference Program**  
**February 26-27, 2000, Sunset Center, Carmel, California**

**Saturday, February 26, Jeffers and the Apocalypse**  
**Carpenter Hall**

**9:00 Welcome / Coffee**

**9:15 Remarks by the Outgoing President**

*Robert Zaller, Drexel University*

**9:30 Incoming President's Welcome**

*Alex Vardamis, Univ of Vermont Emeritus*

**9:45 Keynote Address**

"Welcome to Apocalypse: The Poet as Prophet,"  
*John Haines, introduced by Dana Gioia*

**10:30 Paper, Response, Discussion: Jeffers and the Apocalypse**

"Endings of Blood and Fire: An Ethical Response to the Tragic Apocalypse of Robinson Jeffers,"  
*Stephen O'Leary, University of Southern California*

Response: *David J. Rothman, Crested Butte Academy*

Chair: *Dana Gioia*

**12:00 Lunch**



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**1:30 Second Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Essay Prize: Presentation and Discussion**

"Where the Country of Lost Borders Meets Jeffers Country: The Walking Women of Robinson Jeffers and Mary Austin," *Carmen Lowe, Tufts University*  
*David J. Rothman, Chair, RJA Essay Prize Committee*

**2:30 Papers: Robinson Jeffers and the End of Things**

"Jeffers' Post-Apocalyptic Vision: Death or Utopia,"  
*Betty Moss, Univ of South Florida*

"Revelation and the Word: Apocalyptic Poetics in Dickinson, Jeffers, and the Book of Revelation,"  
*ShaunAnne Tangney, Minot State University*

"Robinson Jeffers and the Pastoral of Apocalypse,"  
*Kirk Glaser, Santa Clara University*  
Chair: *Terry Beers, Santa Clara University*

**4:00 Poetry Reading**

*Lili Bitá*

*Bill Costley*

*Claudia MonPere McIsaac, Santa Clara University*

**5:00 Wine and Cheese Reception**

At the home of *Alex Vardamis*, incoming RJA President. Southwest Corner of 13th and Lincoln, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Tel: 626-4441

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**Sunday, February 27: "Tamar" and "The Double Axe"**  
**Room 8, Sunset Center**

**9:00 Coffee**

**9:15 Papers: Tamar**

"Hate and Fate: Manifestations of Nihilism in Tamar," *Stephen E. Wilhite*, Long Beach City College:

"Tamar's Apocalypse: The End of History," *Robert Brophy*, CSU Long Beach

"Apocalyptic Imagery in Tamar," *Bruce Henderson*, Fullerton College

Chair: *Alex Vardamis*, University of Vermont Emeritus

**10:45 Papers: The Double Axe and Other Poems**

"The End of Prophecy: The Double Axe and the Nuclear Sublime," *Robert Zaller*, Drexel University

Response: *Jim Karman*, CSU Chico

"Student Reactions to *The Double Axe*," *Dirk Aardsma*, University of Colorado, Boulder

Chair: *Shirley Linden Morrison*, College of Notre Dame

**12:00 Lunch**

**2:00 Papers: Open Topic**

"Jeffers' Poetry and Scientific Theory," *Jim Baird*, University of North Texas

"'Jeffers is My God': Charles Bukowski's Commentary on the Work of Robinson Jeffers," *Donald Masterson*, SUNY Oswego

"Jeffers, Translation, and the Survival of American Narrative Poetry," *David J. Rothman*, Crested Butte Academy

Chair: *Jim Baird*, University of North Texas

**3:30 Forum: Jeffers Studies**

**4:15 RJA Business Meeting**

