

The 19th Annual Robinson Jeffers Association Conference

February 15-17, 2013, School of the Arts / Academic Magnet High School, Charleston, SC

"Integrity is Wholeness: The Moral, Social and Aesthetic Implications of Jeffers' Worldview"

Friday, February 15

5:00 PM: Reception: Holiday Inn Charleston Airport and Convention Center

7:30 PM: "An Evening with Nikky Finney and Friends," Rose Maree Myers Theater for the Performing Arts

The 2011 National Book Award Winner and South Carolina native will be joined by South Carolina Poet Laureate, Marjory Wentworth; Charleston poet Brian Penberthy; the School of the Arts Jazz Band; and Urban-Jazz violinist and 2007 School of the Arts graduate Daniel D.

Saturday, February 16

8:00 - 8:45 **RJA Business Meeting**

5:00 PM **Dinner (on your own)**

9:00 - 9:15: **President's Welcome**

Ron Olowin, Saint Mary's College of California

7:30 PM: **"The Astonishing Beauty of Things": A Celebration of Robinson Jeffers through the Arts.**

Rose Maree Myers Theater for the Performing Arts

9:15 - 10:00: **Keynote Address**

Nikky Finney, University of Kentucky, 2011 National Book Award Winner, Poetry

Featuring the Following Student Performances:

10:15 - 11:00 **Panel: "I Can Tell Lies in Prose": The Poet as Truth-Seeker" Chair: Ron Olowin**

"Robinson Jeffers Poet & Prophet," Ugo Gervasoni, Liceo Scientifico Lorenzo Mascheroni, Bergamo, Italy

"Robinson Jeffers and the Horns of Truth," Robert Zaller, Drexel University

11:15 - 12:00 **Panel: The Poet's "Inevitable Place" Chair: John Cusatis**

- John Lane, Wofford College
- Marjory Wentworth, Poet Laureate of South Carolina
- Brian Penberthy, poet

- A performance from *Medea*;
 - A reading of "Evening Ebb" with a response in verse and dance;
 - A Jeffers-themed performance by SOA's improvisational troupe, The Fighting Gnomes;
 - A reading of "Divinely Superfluous Beauty" in American Sign Language;
 - A reading of "The Beauty of Things" in French and English accompanied by visual artists' paintings;
 - A dance performance choreographed by guest choreographer Kathryn Roszak.
 - The debut of "Evening Ebb," composed by senior vocal major Nicholas Bentz for eight-part harmony, piano, and percussion.
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12:15 - 1:00 **"Jeffers' Women,"** Lili Bitá, poet, actor, musician

1:00 **Lunch** (on your own)

3:00 PM **Charleston Harbor Cruise aboard the Explorer**

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9:00-10:15 **Panel: A Planet in Peril**

Chair: John Cusatis

"Spengler and Jeffers in the 21st Century," Jim Baird, University of North Texas

"The Elegiac Ecology of *Hungerfield*," Zachariah Buck, University of California, Santa Cruz

"On the Eco Theology of Robinson Jeffers: The Polar Icecaps are Melting," Ron Olowin, Saint Mary's College of California

10:30-11:00 **Panel: Jeffers and Buddhism**

Chair: Ugo Gervasoni

- Gene Kafka, Illinois Institute of Technology & Fermilab
- Rob Kafka, UCLA Extension
- Stuart Nobel-Goodman, University of Redlands

11:15-11:55 **Winner and 1st Runner-up, RJA Essay Contest**

12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch** (on your own)

1:35 - 1:55 **La Poesia di Jeffers in Italiano: Italian Translations Read by the Translators**

- Massimo Maggiare, College of Charleston
- Ugo Gervasoni, Liceo Scientifico Lorenzo Mascheroni, Bergamo, Italy

2:00- 2:30 **Panel: Jeffers, A Younger Perspective**
Discussion among SOA and AMHS Students

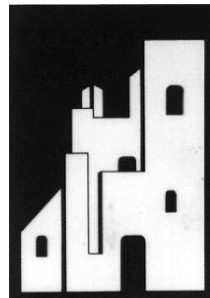
2:45- 3:30 **Panel: "Integrity is Wholeness"**

Chair: Jim Baird

"A Natural View of an Italian Reader," Massimo Maggiare, College of Charleston

"The Best Life for a Man: The Personal Integrity of Robinson Jeffers," John Cusatis, RJA Executive Director, School of the Arts, Charleston, SC

5:00 **Reception: Poet's House**, Ashley & Bull St. Downtown Charleston.



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