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Education

Ph.D.	1976	Syracuse University	Art, Religion, and Literature
M.A.	1971	University of Iowa	Religion and Literature
B.A.	1969	Augustana College	English

Areas of Interest / Courses Taught

Greek and Roman Literature (in translation)
The Bible as Literature
World Literature
Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
American Literature
Twentieth Century Art and Culture
Western Civilization: Arts and Ideas

Fellowships and Awards

Commonwealth Club of California—Gold Medal for Notable Contribution to Publishing, 2016
Book Club of California—Oscar Lewis Award for Outstanding Contribution to Western History, 2016
Robinson Jeffers Association—Lawrence Clark Powell Award for Distinguished Scholarship, 2016
Judith Rothschild Foundation—Publication Grant, 2001
National Endowment for the Humanities—Fellowship for College Teachers, 1998
California State University—Chancellor’s Research Award, 1996, 1990
National Endowment for the Humanities—Research Stipend and Travel Grant, 1993, 1991
Tor House Foundation—Hawk Award for Distinguished Scholarship, 1988

Professional Affiliations (Past and Present)

American Academy of Religion
Association for Documentary Editing
College Art Association
Modern Language Association
Robinson Jeffers Association (past-president)
Society for Textual Scholarship
Tor House Foundation (trustee)

Book Publications

The Collected Letters of Robinson Jeffers, with Selected Letters of Una Jeffers (Stanford University Press)
 Volume One: 1890–1930 (2009)
 Volume Two: 1931–1939 (2011)
 Volume Three: 1940–1962 (2015)
Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet (Stanford University Press, 2015)
Stones of the Sur: Poetry by Robinson Jeffers, Photographs by Morley Baer (Stanford University Press, 2001)
Of Una Jeffers: A Memoir by Edith Greenan (Story Line Press, 1998)
Robinson Jeffers: Poet of California, revised edition (Story Line Press, 1995)
Critical Essays on Robinson Jeffers (G. K. Hall, 1991)
Robinson Jeffers: Poet of California (Chronicle Books, 1987)

Selected Reviews of Recent Work

- America*, vol. 213, no. 14, 9 November 2015 (online 29 October 2015), Jon M. Sweeney, review of *Collected Letters*, Vols. 1-3.
- Booklist Online*, August 2015, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*. Starred review.
- Choice*, vol. 47, no. 6, February 2010, D.D. Kummings, review of *Collected Letters*, Vol. 1.
- Choice*, vol. 53, no. 5, January 2016, D. D. Kummings, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, Community College Top 75.
- Hudson Review*, vol. 68, no. 4, Winter 2016, Mark Jarman, review of *Collected Letters*, Vols. 1-3 and *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, pp. 680-686.
- Journal of American Studies*, vol. 51, no. 1, (February 2017), Robert Zaller, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, pp. 245.
- Journal of the West*, vol. 55, no. 2, Jeffrey Mifflin, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, p. 95.
- Publishers Weekly*, vol. 262, no. 26, 29 June 2015, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, p. 60
- Rain Taxi*, vol. 21, no. 2, Summer 2016, Bhisham Bherwani, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, pp. 12-13.
- Sewanee Review*, vol. 119, no. 1, Winter 2011, David J. Rothman, review of *Collected Letters*, Vol. 1, pp. 162-173.
- Times Literary Supplement*, 12 February 2010, Christopher Benfey, review of *Collected Letters*, Vol. 1, pp. 12-13.
- Times Literary Supplement*, 6 May 2016, Marc Robinson, review of *Collected Letters*, Vol. 3 and *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, pp. 21-22.
- Wall Street Journal*, 4 September 2015, David Mason, Review of *Collected Letters*, Vols. 1-3 and *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, C5-6.
- Western American Literature*, vol. 51, no. 1, Spring 2016, ShaunAnne Tangney, review of *Collected Letters*, Vol. 3, and *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*, pp. 101-105.
- Wild Court Online*, 24 October 2016, André Naffis-Sahely, review of *Robinson Jeffers: Poet and Prophet*.