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1999 marks the 150th anniversary of the California Gold Rush. As a part of the state's sesquicentennial activities, the Western Literature Association convenes in the Golden State for the first time in a quarter of a century. The conference will attract over 300 writers and scholars from North America and Europe. The program includes over 250 presentations on a wide variety of topics, from western nature writing and Mexican-American literature to panels on John Steinbeck, Robinson Jeffers, Cormac McCarthy, Willa Cather, and many others. The variety of these papers and panels suggests the multiple traditions in the literature of the West. It also affirms the health and vitality of our organization, which continues to remain a model of conviviality and openness to new directions in western writing and scholarship.

"When I am in California," Teddy Roosevelt said at the turn of the century, "I am not in the west, I am west of the west." Our conference theme -- "West of the West: California and the American West" -- invites us to consider the unique place California and its writing occupy in the American imagination. His remark reflects a widely shared ambivalence about California's role in western history and literature. Is California part of the West? What would it mean to think it isn't? What factors have helped create what Gerald Haslam calls California's "diverse, dissident, distinct literature"? Several members of our Association have reflected on these questions in the summer 1999 issue of the journal *Western American Literature* (a special issue entitled "California Dreaming"). I hope those short essays -- and all the other conference activities -- will help spark a stimulating discussion of the rewards and challenges of studying California's literature and history.

Please remember to bring this program with you to the conference, as replacement copies will cost \$5.00. I'm also asking, on behalf of panel chairs, that participants send a brief biography and (if possible) a copy of their paper to the chair of your session before the conference. Panel chairs have been instructed to remind participants to stick to the time limits for their presentations.

I hope everything is in place to make your conference stay both personally and intellectually memorable. Whether delivering a paper, visiting museums and historic sites, or rafting the American river, I hope your stay is an enjoyable one. You will not need a passport to enter or leave California (as you did last year in Banff). California is not another country, though some think it's another planet.

I look forward to seeing you in Sacramento in mid-October.



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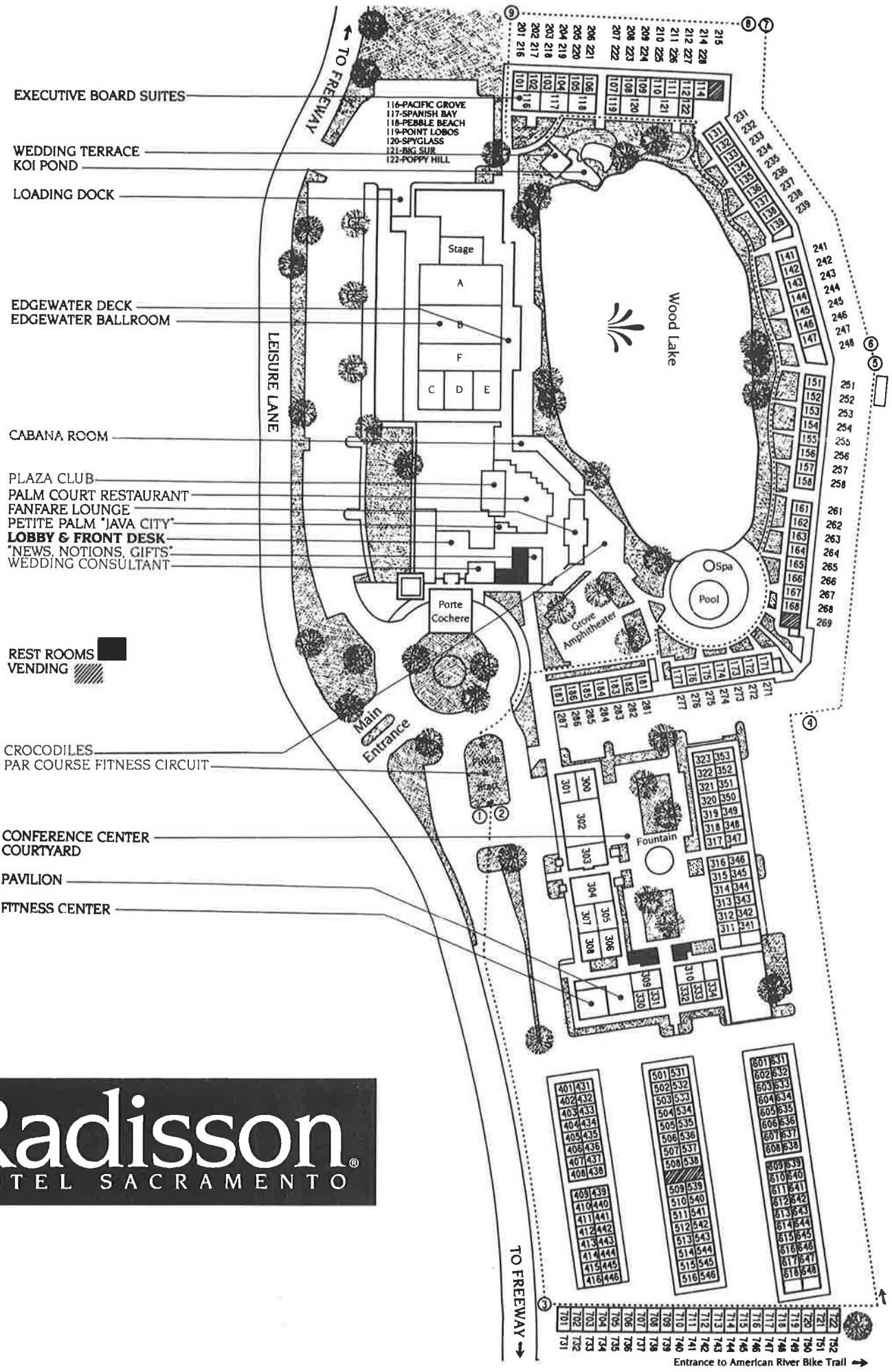
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Opening Remarks: *Kevin Starr* (California State Librarian)

Introduction: *Jack Hicks* (University of California, Davis)

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Chair: **Ian Marshall** (Penn State Altoona)

Jennie Miskec (University of Nebraska at Omaha)

"Barbara Kingsolver's Literary Anthropology for the Multicultural Classroom"

John Miller-Purrenhage (Michigan State University)

"Finding Common Ground Between Border Studies and Western American Studies"

Michael Berndt (University of Minnesota)

"Over the Continent and Through a Dissertation to a New Moral Criticism of Western American Literature"

James C. Work (Colorado State University)

"Most Important Novels of the 1900s"

3B. James D. Houston.....309

Chair: **David Fine** (CSU, Long Beach)

Lars Erik Larson (UCLA)

"California Highway Habitat: Continental Drift After the Joads"

Andrew Wingfield (George Mason University)

"Overcoming the Conquistador Within: James D. Houston and the Pacific Rim"

Walter Isle (Rice University)

"Permanence and Change: James D. Houston's California"

Respondent: **James D. Houston** (Santa Cruz, CA)

3C. Recovering a Mexican American West (I).....Edgewater A

Chair: **Jose Aranda** (Rice University)

Andrea Tinnemeyer (Rice University)

"Political Whitening Through Enlightenment Ideology: Francis Berrian, Or the Mexican Patriot and Caballero"

Vincent Perez (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

"The Production of 19th-Century Californio History: Narratives of the Rancher Elite"

Démian Pritchard (University of California, San Diego)

"Race, Women, and the Nation: María Amparo Ruiz de Burton, Helen Hunt Jackson, and 'The Second Battle of the Alamo'"

Jennifer S. Tuttle (San Diego State University)

"Conquest and its Symptoms: Race, Class, and the Nervous Body in *The Squatter and the Don*"

3D. Gold Rush Literature (I).....Pavilion

Chair: **Michael Kowalewski** (Carleton College)

Barbara H. Wright (Denver, Colorado)

"Gold for Dinner! California's First Mining 'Western'"

Jen A. Huntley-Smith (University of Nevada, Reno)

"The Miners' Own Publisher: James Mason Hutchings and the Landscapes of Early California Print Culture, 1849-1855"

Marlene Smith-Baranzini (California Historical Society)

"Enduring Sorrow: Louise Clappe's Life and Other Writings in the 1850s"

Allen Flint (Farmington, Maine)

"Mart Taylor in Maine and California"

3E. The Terrain of Nostalgia: The Writer's Use of Desire (A Creative Reading).....301

Moderator: **Moirá Day** (University of Saskatchewan)

Beverly Conner (University of Puget Sound)

"California Shadows"

Judy Doenges (Tacoma, Washington)

"The Golden Girl of Glitter Gulch"

Ann Putnam (University of Puget Sound)

"Cuban Quartermoon"

Sarah Sloane (University of Puget Sound)

"Remembering Wyoming"

3F. Green Dreams: Nature in California and the West.....310

Chair: **Cheryll Glotfelty** (University of Nevada, Reno)

Nathaniel Lewis (St. Michael's College)

"Second Nature: Poe's *Rodman* and Western Authorship"

Greg Wright (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

"Environmental Morality in Frank Norris's *McTeague* and *The Octopus*"

Kirk Glaser (Santa Clara University)

"From the Range of Light to Continent's End: Mystical Naturalism and Revisionary Romantics in John Muir and Robinson Jeffers"

Jim Dwyer (California State University, Chico)

"From Gold Rush to Ecotopia: The Greening of the California Dream"

3G. Reflecting the West: Four Angles.....304

Moderator: **Scott Slovic** (University of Nevada, Reno)

Joseph Mills (North Carolina School for the Arts)

"Retracing My Tracks: A Hoosier Reads the World's Bestselling Western Writer"

Dave Bean (Gould Academy, Maine)

"Now and Then: Growth and Change in the Rocky Mountain West"

David Robertson (University of California, Davis)

"A Tale of Two Lakes"

John P. O'Grady (Boise State University)

"Grave Goods"

3:45-4:00p.m. Refreshments

Edgewater Deck

4:00-5:30 p.m. Plenary Session: California Indian Literature...Edgewater A

Frank LaPena (Wintu) Sacramento State University
Wendy Rose (Hopi/Miwok) Fresno City College
Darryl Babe Wilson (Achumawe/Atsugewi) San Jose, CA
 Presiding: **Ed Castillo**, Sonoma State University

5:30 p.m. Booksigning.....Edgewater Foyer

5:30-6:30 p.m. Cash Bar

Grove Amphitheater

6:00-7:15 p.m. Readers' Theater

Grove Amphitheater

Presents *A Daughter of the Desert* by Charles Ulrich, published in 1908. A thrilling, chilling melodrama of the Old West at the turn of the century when men were men, and women knew their place. On the other hand, when villains were lower than a snake's belly and heroes were bound to follow the cowboy's code of the West, a true-blue woman could save the day as well as any man. Come and relish the joy of youthful innocence, taste the sweetness of womanly virtue, feast on the pride of western honor, and then savor the moment when dastardly villainy receives its due.

Directed by Phyllis Doughman

Among the Cast: Tom Austenfeld, Larry Berkove, Moira Day, Jim Work, David Fenimore, Bob Gish, Cheryl Glotfelty, Bonney MacDonald, Jim Maguire, and Nancy Owen Nelson

8:00-10:00 p.m. A Video Evening of Early Films of, and from, the West...303

Host: Richard Hutson (U.C. Berkeley)

A showing of two silent films from the 1920's -- *The Light on Lookout* and *Trail of the Northwind* -- by Nell Shipman (a filmmaker from Idaho) and an early California "surprise" film.

9:00-10:30 p.m. WLA Authors Reception & Booksigning

(Cash Bar).....Pavilion

Host: Michael Kowalewski (Carleton College)

Friday, October 15th

7:00 Past President's Breakfast and Business Meeting.....305

8:00-4:00 Book Exhibit.....Edgewater F

9:00-2:00 Late Registration

Edgewater Registration Area

8:00-9:30 Concurrent Sessions

4a. Poetry Reading.....307

Moderator: **Robert Vasquez** (College of the Sequoias)
Kevin Hearle (San Mateo, California)
Francisco Aragon (University of California, Davis)
Sharon Doubiago (Ashland, Oregon)
Gerald Locklin (California State University, Long Beach)

4B. The Aesthetics of Western Landscapes.....309

Chair: **Glen Love** (University of Oregon)

David Thomas Sumner (University of Oregon)

"Nature Writing and the Ethics of Awe and Wonder"

Frederick Newberry (Duquesne University)

"Ariadne's Thread and Thoreau's 'Hook of Hooks': The Catch in *A River Runs Through It*"

Barbara Stevens (University of Derby, England)

"Another Reality: The Revisioning of the Californian Landscape"

Ian Marshall (Penn State Altoona)

"On the Colorado Trail: An Inquiry into the Bioaesthetics of Western Literature"

4C. Harte, Twain & Daggett.....301

Chair: **Gary Scharnhorst** (University of New Mexico)

Tara Penry (University of Maine at Presque Isle)

"Bret Harte, The Critic Nobody Knew"

Joanna Levin (Stanford University)

"The Emergence of Bohemian San Francisco: Bret Harte, Urban Spectatorship, and the Literary West"

Chad Rohman (Dominican University)

"Wild Humorist of the Pacific Slope': Re-Examining the Comical and Epistemological Dimensions of Mark Twain's Early Tales and Sketches"

Lawrence I. Berkove (Univ. of Michigan, Dearborn)

"California Nuggets from Rollin Daggett"

4D. Creative Nonfiction: A

Reading.....303

Moderator: **James Work** (Colorado State University)

Lisa Knopp (Lincoln, Nebraska)

"Wild Dreams: A Salt Marsh Reclamation"

Richard Hunt (University of Nevada, Reno)

"A Sailor's Delight"

Eric Todd Smith (University of California, Davis)

"Leaving Behind Your Flashlight: Groping for Place in California"

Starr Jenkins (San Luis Obispo, California)

"Nevada Falls in Eruption"

4E. North From Mexico: Chicana/o Literature & Theory.....Pavilion

Chair: **José E. Limón** (University of Texas, Austin)

Sarah Rudd (Utah State University)

"Folklore in Chicano Literary Tradition"

Courtney Johnson (University of Texas, Austin)

"Locating L.A. in Labyrinth: Octavio Paz, the West, and El Norte"

Dana Maya Maynard (Austin, Texas)

"Oscar Zeta Acosta: A Californio Cockroach On the Road"

Francine K. Ramsey Richter (Sul Ross State University)

"Catholic Collusion in the Socialization of Women in Helena Maria Viramontes' *The Moths and Other Stories*"

4F. New Perspectives on Southern California Writers.....308

Chair: **William Handley** (Univ. of Southern California)

Lauren Coodley (Napa Valley College)

"New Critical Perspectives on Upton Sinclair"

David Fine (California State University, Long Beach)

"The Hollywood Novel Before Nathanael West"

Gary Johnson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

"The Irony in Nathanael West"

Audrey Goodman (Georgia State University)

"Leaving Los Angeles: Nathanael West, Preston Sturges, and the Fictional Present of Urban Modernity"

4G. Comparative Perspectives on the West.....304

Chair: **Joe Flora** (Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)

Kathleen Danker (South Dakota State University)

"A Stylistic Comparison of a Winnebago, a Clackamas, and a Zuni Trickster Tale"

Donna Burney (Howard Payne University)

"Growing Up on the Frontier: Agnes Morley Cleaveland in New Mexico and Elspeth Huxley in Kenya"

J. Kieran Kealy (University of British Columbia)

"Hey What About Me: Sylvia Fricker and Her Counter-Melodies to the Cowboy Myth"

Laurie Ricou (University of British Columbia)

"California's California"

4H. Versions of California History...310

Chair: **Forrest Robinson** (U.C. Santa Cruz)

Krista Comer (Rice University)

"Women's History and the California Counterculture: Surfergirls, A Case Study"

Forrest Robinson (University of California, Santa Cruz)

"Kevin Starr's California"

Steve Tatum (University of Utah)

"The Geographical Imagination of Mike Davis' *The Ecology of Fear*"

9:30-9:45 Coffee Break....Edgewater Deck

9:45-10:45 Plenary Session: New Voices in California

Poetry.....Edgewater A

Jane Hirschfield (Mill Valley, California)

Beth Lisick (San Francisco, California)

Francisco Alarcon (U.C. Davis)

Presiding: **Elizabeth Davis** (U.C. Davis)

11:00 Booksigning.....Edgewater Foyer

11:00-12:30 Concurrent Sessions

5A. The Advocacy Voice in River Writing.....Edgewater A

Chair: **Verne Huser** (Albuquerque Academy)

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"River Advocacy as Literature: From Mark Twain to Katie Lee and Beyond"

Ann Ronald (University of Nevada, Reno)

"The Ghost of Glen Canyon"

Mark Dubois (Executive Director, Earthday International)

"The Effort to Save the Stanislaus"

Tim Palmer (Beaver, Pennsylvania)

"River Advocacy As the Core of My Writing"

Respondent: **Roderick Nash** (U.C. Santa Barbara)

5B. On the Road With Sharon Doubiago: A Feminist Poet's Creative Embodiment of the Kerouac Archetype.....309

Chair: **John F. Jamieson** (CSU, Sacramento)

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"Introductory Remarks"

Aaron Shonk (CSU, Sacramento)

"The Promise of the (Elusive) West in Kerouac and Doubiago"

Kathryn Hohlwein (CSU, Sacramento)

"The Ancient Journey Motif De-Familiarized, Cauterized, and Restructured in the Poetry of Sharon Doubiago"

Lue Cobene (Solano Community College)

"A *Miraculous Answer*": Sharon Doubiago's Quiltic *psalms* Transecting a Kerouacian Spiritual Boundary"

Respondent: **Sharon Doubiago** (Ashland, Oregon)

5C. Gerald Locklin: A Toad's Tale of Fiction, Poetry, and Irreverence in Southern California.....Pavilion

Chairs: **Richard Kirkpatrick** (Mesa Community College)

and **Jaime Herrera** (Mesa Community College)

Gerald Haslam (Penn Grove, California)

Robert Gish (California State Polytechnic University)

Rafael Zepeda (California State University, Long Beach)

Robert Headley (Southern State Community College)

Respondent: **Gerald Locklin** (CSU, Long Beach)

5D. Pacific Crossings.....308

Chair: **Robert M. Benton** (Central Washington University)

Melody Graulich (Editor, *Western American Literature*)

"Stories of Oceans Crossed: The Migrating Texts of Japanese American Women Writers"

Anne Goldman (Sonoma State University)

"Breakfast in America: 'Hammon' & 'Eggs' in the Short Fiction of Toshio Mori and Americo Paredes"

Viet Thanh Nguyen (University of Southern California)

"On Carlos Bulosan"

Roy Osamu Kamada (University of California, Davis)

"Eastward to Exile in California and Beyond: Dispossession, Mythic Returns, and the Intersectionality of Asian American Identity in Garrett Hongo's *Volcano*"

5E. Stewardship, Ecology, & Environmental Activism.....301

Chair: **David Wilson** (University of California, Davis)

Corey Lewis (University of Nevada, Reno)

"Stewardship and Wildness in Western Literature and Landscape"

Quentin Hancock (University of California, Davis)
"Earth First!: Apocalypse, Withdrawal and Social Change"

Charles Efferson (University of California, Davis)
"Biography and Nested Systems on the Lower Putah Creek"

Nancy Owen Nelson (Henry Ford Community College)
"Revitalizing the Prairie: An Urban Garden Blooms"

5F. Early Women Writers in the West.....304

Chair: **Susan Kollin** (Montana State University)

Andrew Smith (Lafayette College)
"But how are you going to paint that?": Eastern Construction of Western Nature in Mary Hallock Foote's *The Desert and the Sown*"

Christine Hill Smith (Longmont, Colorado)
"Mary Hallock Foote's 1919 *The Ground-Swell* in Context: The New Woman and Class at the Turn of the Twentieth Century"

Linda Trinh Moser (Southwest Missouri State University)
"Sui Sin Far, Presbyterian Missionaries and Chinese 'Slave Girls'"

Debra Shein (Idaho State University)
"Abigail Scott Duniway's Women's Westerns: Transforming the Legacy of the Gold Rush"

5G. Alexie, Sarris & Owens.....303

Chair: **Linda K. Karrell** (Montana State University)

Kathryn West (Bellarmine College)
"Imagination and the Fear of Imagination in the Works of Greg Sarris and Sherman Alexie"

Bernard Hirsch (University of Kansas)
"Sherman Alexie and Commodity Culture"

Suzanne Ross (St. Cloud State University)
"The Animate, Animating World and the Question of Identity in Louis Owens' *Wolfsong*"

Linda Lizut Helstern (Southern Illinois Univ., Carbondale)
"Dark River, Gold Mountain, and the Ghost of Locke"

5H. African-American Identity in Literature & Film.....310

Chair: **David Mogen** (Colorado State University)

Michael K. Johnson (Emporia State University)
"Half a Man at Best": Race and Gender in Chester Himes' *If He Hollers Let Him Go*"

Hortense Simmons (CSU, Sacramento)
"Multiple Dialogues in Ishmael Reed's *Japanese by Spring*: Core Curriculum for the New Millennium"

Scott Herring (University of California, Davis)
"An In-Between Moment: Anna Deavere Smith and the Practice of New Historicism"

Barbara Cook (University of Oregon)
"Casing the White Spectator: Do Tarantino's Films Open Space for Black Voices to Speak?"

12:30 Booksigning for Sharon Doubiago & Gerald Locklin

Edgewater Foyer

12:30-1:30 p.m. Graduate Student Luncheon.....305

12:30 p.m. WLA Executive Council Luncheon and Business Meeting.....306

1:30-3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

6A. Environmental Exploitation in Mexico and the American West.....309

Chair: **David Robertson** (Univ. of California, Davis)

James Barilla (University of California, Davis)
"Preservation of a Gold Mine Past: Stegner's *Angle of Repose* and the Nostalgia for Exploitation"

Jim Tarter (University of Oregon)
"Place, Ethnicity, and Environmental Justice: A Comparative Study of Leslie Silko, Rudolfo Anaya and Octavia Butler"

Cheryll Glotfelty (University of Nevada, Reno)
"Irradiated Religions: Spirituality and Nuclear Evil in the Literary West"

Frank Bergon (Vassar College)
"Mexico and the American West: The Indian Rebellion in Chiapas"

6B. Recovering a Mexican American West (II).....303

Chair: **Jose Aranda** (Rice University)

John M. Gonzalez (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor)
"Terms of Engagement: Nation or Patriarchy in Jovita Gonzalez's *Caballero*"

John-Michael Rivera (University of Texas, Austin)
"Miguel Antonio Otero II: The Rise of the Public New Mexican"

Maria Cotera (Stanford University)
"Refiguring 'The American Congo': Jovita Gonzalez, John Gregory Bourke and Ethno-Historical Representations of the Texas-Mexican Border"

José E. Limón (University of Texas, Austin)
"North Toward Home: The Texas Fictions of Americo Paredes and J. Frank Dobie"

6C. Yosemite, Armadillos & Theme Parks: Exploring the Contemporary West.....Pavilion

Chair: **Susan N. Maher** (Univ. of Nebraska, Omaha)

Hsuan Hsu (University of California, Berkeley)
"Frontier Negotiations: Ideology and Play in Buena Park's Entertainment Corridor"

Robert Murray Davis (University of Oklahoma)
"Three Wests: Gene Autry's, Frank Chin's and Mine"

Jan Koenen (University of Minnesota)
"Scraping By In Paradise: Yosemite's Working Class"

Seth Bovey (Louisiana State University at Alexandria)
"The Texas Armadillo: From Psychedelic Totem to Regional Icon"

6D. Women Detectives and a Sense of Place.....308

Chair: **Len Engel** (Quinnipiac College)

Gaynell Gavin (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)
"Raymond Chandler and a Literary Daughter"

Linda J. Holland-Toll (University of Nevada, Reno)
"Sacramento Gothic: Karen Kijewski's *Kat's Cradle*"

Rita Rippetoe (University of Nevada, Reno)
"Mean Streets in Berkeley: Susan Dunlap's Sense of Place"

Kate Begnal (Utah State University)
"Detection in Historic San Francisco: Diane Day and Oakley Hall"

6E. Journeys Into the Landscapes of California & Nevada.....304

Moderator: **Don Scheese** (Gustavus Adolphus College)

William Fox (Los Angeles, California)

Rebecca Solnit (San Francisco, California)

Scott Slovic (University of Nevada, Reno)

Tom Farber (University of California, Berkeley)

6F. Genealogy, Property & Authority in Western Writing.....301

Chair: **Nancy Cook** (University of Rhode Island)

Lawrence Coates (Southern Utah University)
"Serra's Millennial Kingdom: Space and Authority in Francisco Palóu's *Life of Junípero Serra*"

Jeremy R. Newell (Union College)
"The West as Nation 'Proper': Lockean Notions of Property and the Evolution of the Frontier Myth"

Shawn Holliday (Alice Lloyd College)
"American Modernists' Repatriation to the American West"

Neil Campbell (University of Derby, England)
"New Western Genealogy?: Reviewing History in Larry Watson's *Montana 1948*"

6G. Cormac McCarthy.....309

Chair: **Walter Isle** (Rice University)

Susan Kollin (Montana State University)
"Gender and the Geographies of Violence: Cormac McCarthy's Border Fictions"

Matt Burkhart (University of Montana)
"Raids on the Inarticulate': Discursive Containment and the Primal Project in *Blood Meridian*"

Robert C. Sickels (Whitman College) & **Marc Oxoby** (University of Nevada, Reno)
"It Came Boring Out of the East': Cormac McCarthy's Border Trilogy and Contemporary American Pastoralism"

Mark Busby (Director, Center for the Study of the Southwest)
"Nature and Culture in Cormac McCarthy's *Cities of the Plain*"

6H. Early Western Exploration and Travel.....310

Chair: **Jim Maguire** (Boise State University)

Stephen Adkison & Jennifer Dawes

(University of Nevada, Reno)

"Sweat Equity: Narratives and Gender Roles of the Donner Party"

Jenny Emery Davidson (University of Utah)

"Mapping Manifest Destiny: The Expeditions and Reports of John C. Fremont"

Kimberly Leeder (University of Nevada, Reno)

"Naming the Desert: John C. Fremont and an Exploration of Northern Nevada"

Deborah Lawrence (California State University, Fullerton)

"A Narrative of Settlement and Unsettlement: Sarah Royce's *A Frontier Lady*"

3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

Edgewater Deck

3:15-4:15 p.m. Plenary Session: A Reading by Gerald Haslam & James D. Houston.....Edgewater A

Introduction: **David Fine** (CSU, Long Beach)

4:15 p.m. Booksigning.....Edgewater Foyer

4:15-5:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions

7A. Redefining the West.....308

Chair: **Frank Bergon** (Vassar College)

Joseph Richardson (University of Utah)

"Tarzan in the West: Finding the West Within and Without the West"

Linda Palmer (California State University, Sacramento)

"Native America Meets 'The West': Showdown on Sacred Ground"

Beth Berila (Syracuse University)

"West of What and For Whom?: The West as a Migrant Space"

Nancy Cook (University of Rhode Island)

"When Going Local Gets Personal: The Authentic, The Autobiographical, and Public Discourse in Western American Studies"

7B. Western Nature Writing and Photography.....309

Chair: **Jerry Keir** (University of Nevada, Reno)

Shin Yamashiro (University of Nevada, Reno)

"Two Years Before the Mast: Nautical Nature Writing from the Forecastle"

Jan Goggans (University of California, Davis)

"Hydrological Imperatives in Dorothea Lange's Photographs of California's Great Central Valley"

Jerry Keir (University of Nevada, Reno)

"Conserving What Must Change: The Paradox of Conservation in the Southwestern Natural History Writing of Aldo Leopold"

Randall Roorda (University of Missouri, Kansas City)

"Nearly Dead: East Coast Naturalists Retire to Santa Barbara"

7C. New Perspectives on Western Films.....310

Chair: **Richard Hutson** (University of California, Berkeley)

- Fred Erisman** (Texas Christian University)
"Clint Eastwood's Westerns and the Evolving Western Hero"
- Stephen Cook** (CSU, Sacramento)
"The New West in John Sayles' *Lone Star*: Texas as a Mirror of California"
- John Gourlie** (Quinnipiac College)
"Love and Renewal in Redford's *The Horse Whisperer*"
- Craig Rinne** (University of Florida)
"End-of-the-Millennium Frontier Dreams in *The Matrix*"

7D. The Geological West.....301

Chair: **Debra Shein** (Idaho State University)

O. Alan Weltzien

(Western Montana College at the Univ. of Montana)
"Fault Lines and Debris Flows: Los Angeles and the Sardonic Language of Cataclysm"

Susan N. Maher (University of Nebraska, Omaha)
"A Boneyard of Exotica: Mining, Mélange, and Memory in John McPhee's *Assembling California*"

Theodore C. Humphrey (Cal Poly, Pomona)
"The Lengthening Stride: John McPhee and the Paradoxes of California's Faulty Environment"

Bill Stobb (University of Nevada, Reno)
"Out of Geological Time: Temporality, Language Politics, the 'Perforated Object' and Big Bombs"

7E. Carmel to Big Sur: Landscape in Robinson Jeffers.....Pavilion

Chair: **Terry Beers** (Santa Clara University)

Robert Brophy (CSU, Long Beach)
"Continent's End: Landscape as Court of Judgment in Robinson Jeffers"

Peter Quigley (Embry Riddle University)
"Landscape and Power: Jeffers, Empire, and the American Century"

David Rothman (Crested Butte Academy)
"Robinson Jeffers's Inhumanist Poetics and the Vision of Nature in American Art"

ShaunAnne Tangney (Minot State University)
"You start with the place you are whole in: An Inquiry into the Role of Place in Robinson Jeffers' Inhumanism"

7F. Poetry Reading (II).....304

Moderator: **David Copland Morris**

(University of Washington, Tacoma)

Nicholas Rinaldi (Fairfield University)

Richard Robbins (Minnesota State University, Mankato)

Michael L. Johnson (University of Kansas)

Robert Vasquez (College of the Sequoias)

7G. California as the Bad Ol' West: Pedagogical Perspectives on a Sunbelted, Gunbelted Future.....307

Chair: **Richard Navarro** (Cal Poly, Pomona)

Toni Humber (Cal Poly, Pomona)
"Killer Bees Comin' To Get You"

Sheila Wright (Minnesota State University, Mankato)
"The Getty and the Gated Community"

John Weaver (University of Akron)
"Science Fiction Morality Tale"

Karen Anijar (Arizona State University) and
Toni Humber (Cal Poly, Pomona)
"Dreaming of a White Future"

7H. The Grapes of Wrath at 60.....303

Chair: **Jackson Benson** (San Diego State University)

Robert DeMott (Ohio University)
"The Grapes of Wrath as Ecotext"

Andrew Spencer (Baylor University)
"California as Godot: The Search for the California That Is but Really Isn't in Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*"

Jordana Dolowich (University of Oregon)
"From Individual Ego to Collective Whole: Archetypal Individuation and Alienated Labor in Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*"

Susan Shillinglaw (San Jose State University)
"When the Women Speak: Lisa, Curley's Wife, Rose of Sharon"

6:30-7:30 p.m. Reception and Cash Bar.....Edgewater Deck

7:30-10:00 p.m. WLA Annual Banquet.....Edgewater B

Presiding: Michael Kowalewski (Carleton College)

Presentation of the J. Golden Taylor Award

Presentation of the Don D. Walker Award

Presentation of the Thomas J. Lyon Award

Presentation of the Delbert & Edith Wylder Award

Presentation of the WLA Distinguished Achievement

Award to Gerald Haslam and to James D. Houston

Banquet Speaker: **J.S. Holliday** (Carmel, California)

10:00 p.m. Booksigning by J.S. Holliday.....Edgewater Foyer

10:00 p.m. - 2 a.m. WLA Dance Crocodiles

Saturday, October 16

7:30-8:00 Continental Breakfast.....Edgewater Deck

8:00-11:00 Book Exhibit.....Edgewater F

8:00-9:00 Concurrent Sessions

8A. The Agricultural West.....301

Chair: **Bonney MacDonald** (Union College)

John Smihula (University of Nevada, Reno)

"A Voice of Populist Protest: Reevaluating Hamlin Garland's Early Works"

Elizabeth J. Rowse (University of Kansas)

"Open Market -- Open Mind: Per Hansa's Trading and Breaking the Boundaries in O.E. Rolvaag's *Giants in the Earth*"

Douglas Werden (Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College)

"May I Have the Keys to the Horse?: The Politics of Driving the Team and Going to Town in Western American Literature"

8B. Gold Rush Literature (II).....305Chair: **Peggy Riley** (Las Positas College)**David Fenimore** (University of Nevada, Reno)

"A Land Where I Might be Absolute Master":
John A. Sutter and the Rhetoric of California
Empire"

June Johnson Bube (Seattle University)

"Jumping Literary Claims? Frances Fuller
Victor's Short Stories of the Mining Region"

Will Huber (San Francisco, California)

"Arizona Bill and the Sydney Duck: Literary
Images of the American and Australian Gold
Rushes"

8C. Owen Wister.....309Chair: **Robert Murray Davis** (University of Oklahoma)**John Donahue** (Champlain Regional College)

"Owen Wister's Other West: 'Padre Ignacio'"

James H. Maguire (Boise State University)

"Owen Wister, Thomas Pynchon, and 1850s
California"

Karen Ramirez Pettit (University of Illinois)

"The Lone Cowboy Revisited: Reading Owen
Wister's Virginian as a Community Leader"

Patricia M. Murphy (Midwestern State University)

"The Wafer and Wonder Bread"

8D. Willa Cather.....304Chair: **Robert Thacker** (St. Lawrence University)**Margaret A. O'Connor** (Univ. of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

"The Virginians: Cather Family Letters of the
Nebraska Prairie"

Iris Creagh (California State University, Fresno)

"The Duality of Padre Martinez: Fact or Fiction"

Marit J. MacArthur (University of California, Davis)

"A Portrait of the Artist as a Daughter: A
Kleinian Reading of Thea Kronborg's
Relationship to her Mother in Willa Cather's *The
Song of the Lark*"

8E. American Indian Literature and Culture.....303Chair: **Suzanne Ross** (St. Cloud State University)**Jessica Matthews** (George Washington University)

"Killing a Race Just to Save It: The Discourse of
Madness at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School"

Elizabeth Wright (University of New Mexico)

"Mapping Literacy: Zitkala-Sa's *American Indian
Stories*"

Michael Hobbs (Northwest Missouri State University)

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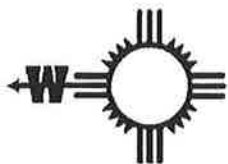
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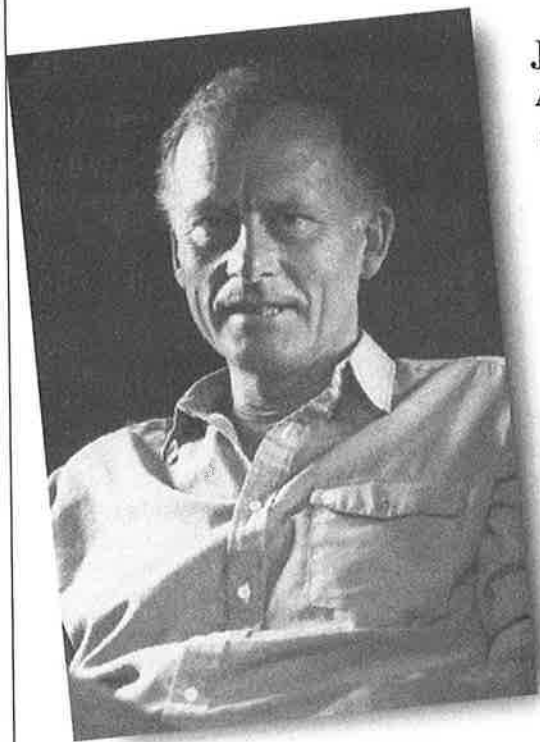
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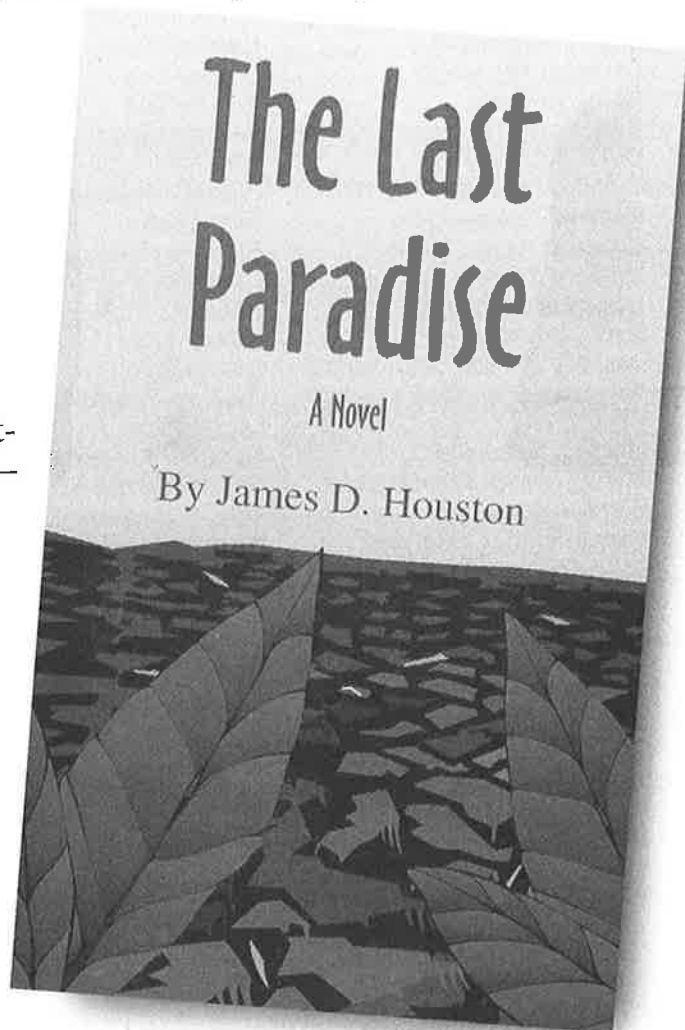
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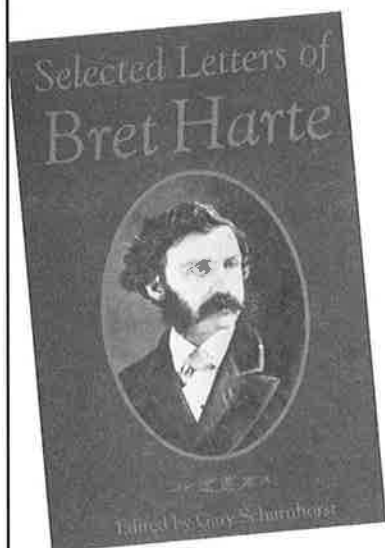
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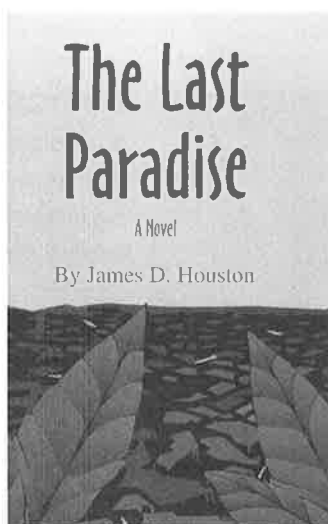
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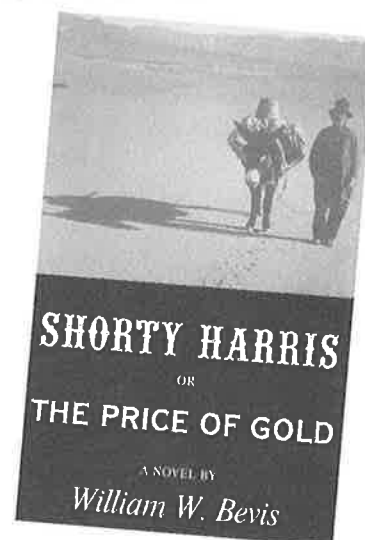
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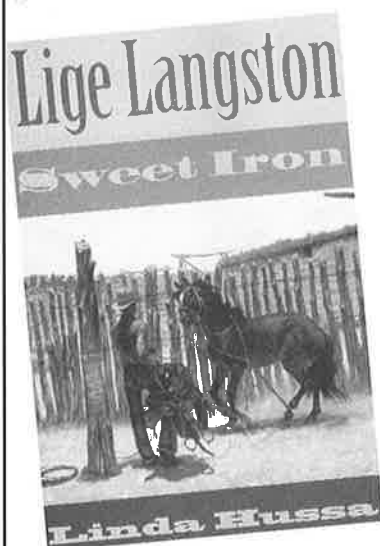
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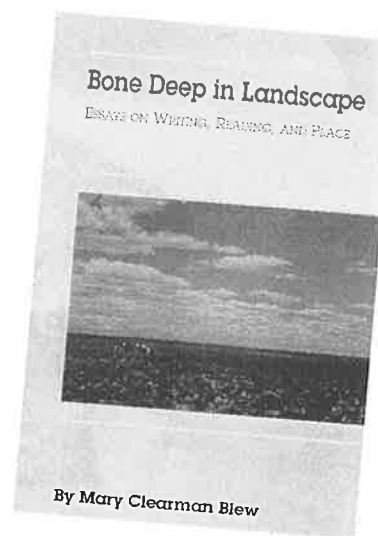
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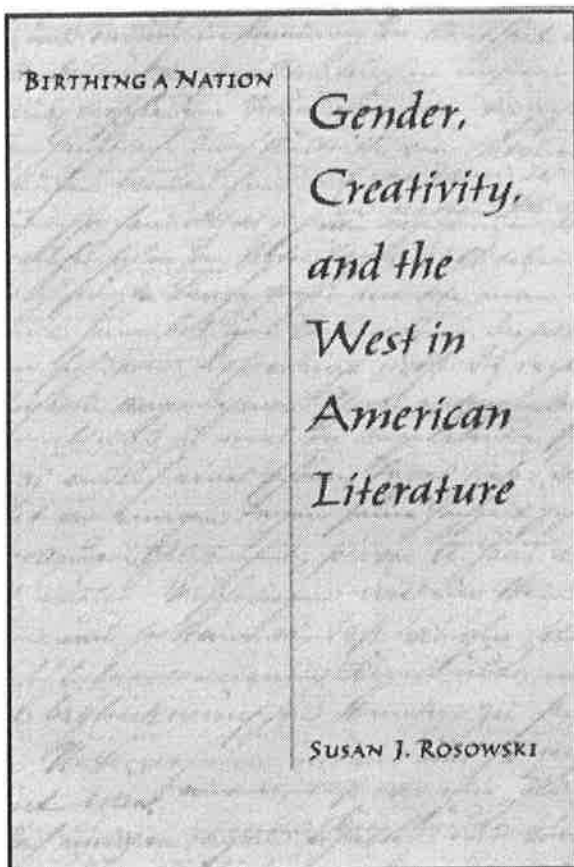
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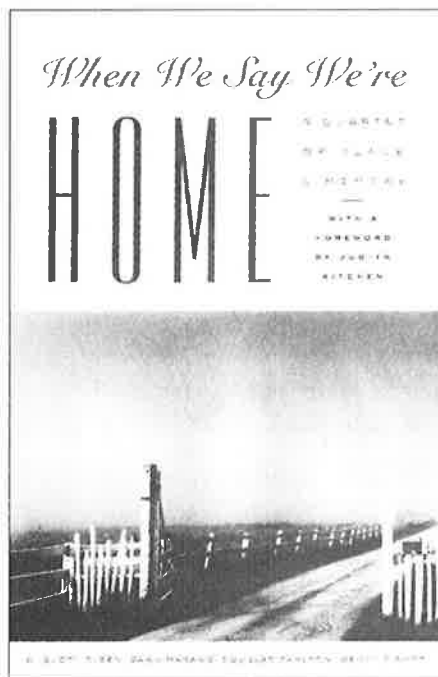
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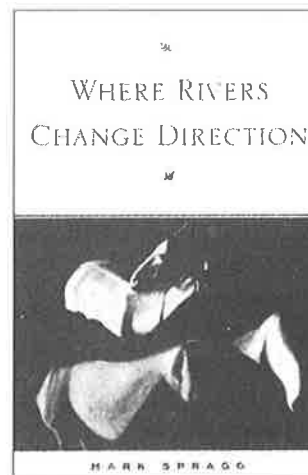
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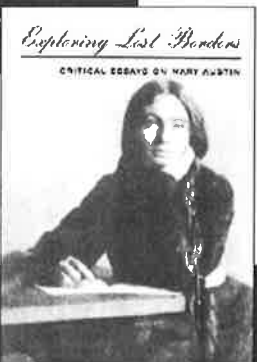
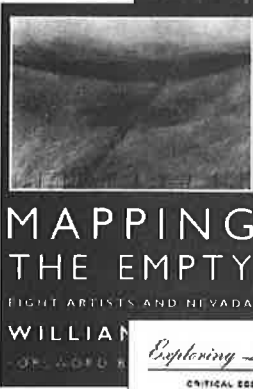
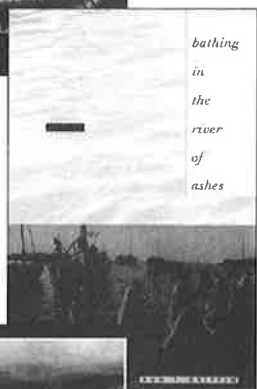
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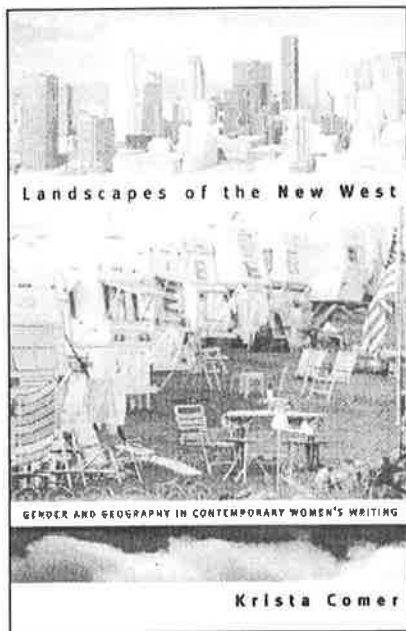
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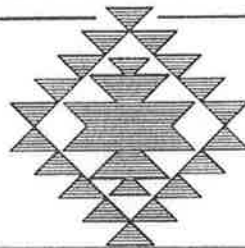
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- Natural resources (oil field narratives; mining)
- Transportation (planes, trains, automobiles, travois, covered wagons)
- Other Wests in film (adaptations to accommodate Native American, South American, European, Middle Eastern myths)
- Promised Land and Wasteland (economic boom and bust; edenic and exodus myths; apocalypse)

Proposals for panels should include a brief abstract of each paper. Individual proposals (for papers and presentations) should be no more than a page in length and should be sent to

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