

Eighth International Robert Graves Conference

'The Poetry of Robert Graves'

Institute of English Studies, University of London

5–6 July 2007

*Organised by the Institute of English Studies
and the Robert Graves Society*

Thursday 5 July

- 9.30 – 10.00 am: Registration
- 10.00 – 10.15 am: Welcome to Participants
Warwick Gould, Director, Institute of English Studies
Dunstan Ward, President, Robert Graves Society
- 10.15 – 11.15 am: Opening Address
Christopher Ricks (Warren Professor of the Humanities at Boston
University, and Professor of Poetry at Oxford):
'Attention'
- 11.15 – 11.45 am: Refreshments
- 11.45 am – 1.00 pm: Session 1:
Chair: John Kelly (St John's College, Oxford)
Grevel Lindop (poet, independent scholar, formerly University of
Manchester):
'Graves's *Ars Poetica*'
Fran Brearton (Queen's University, Belfast):
'Graves's Poetic Forms and the Irish Tradition'
- 1.00 – 2.30 pm: Lunch (own arrangements)
- 2.30 – 3.45 pm: Session 2:
Chair: Michael Irwin (University of Kent)
Frank Kersnowski (Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas):
'Robert Graves's Enduring War'
Robert J. Bertholf (State University of New York at Buffalo):
'The Poetics of the White Goddess'
- 3.45 – 4.15 pm: Refreshments
- 4.15 – 5.30 pm: Round Table 1:

Chair: Paul O'Prey (Roehampton University)
 Fran Brearton (Queen's University, Belfast), Grevel Lindop (formerly
 University of Manchester), Dunstan Ward (University of London
 Institute in Paris):

'Robert Graves's Place in Twentieth-Century Poetry'

6.00 – 7.30 pm: Poetry Reading (a John Coffin Memorial Event):
Fleur Adcock, Ruth Fainlight and Jon Stallworthy will read poems
 by Robert Graves that have a particular appeal to them personally, and
 then a selection of their own work.
 Followed by a Wine Reception.

8.00 pm: Conference Dinner
 Mela Restaurant
 152–156 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HL
 Phone: (020) 7836 8635
 Menu: £25 (service included; drinks extra)
 Please pay Patrick Villa (Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Graves Society)
in advance (cash or cheque to 'Robert Graves Society')

Friday 6 July

10.00 – 11.15 am: Session 3:
 Chair: Grevel Lindop (formerly University of Manchester)
 Paul O'Prey (Roehampton University):
'A Voice in the Wilderness'
 Dunstan Ward (University of London Institute in Paris):
'Robert Graves's Revisions'

11.15 – 11.45 am: Refreshments

11.45 am – 1.00 pm: Session 4:
 Chair: Frank Kersnowski (Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas)
 Anne Mounic (Université de Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris):
'Graves's Poetry and the Magic of Unrest'
 Matthew Betts (University of York):
'The Lyric Self in *On English Poetry*'

1.00 – 2.30 pm: Lunch (own arrangements)

2.30 – 3.45 pm: Session 5:
 Chair: Robert J. Bertholf (State University of New York at Buffalo)
 Michael Basinski (State University of New York at Buffalo):
**'The Robert Graves Archive at Buffalo: Parameters, Function and
 Scholarly Engagement'**
 Catherine Hilliard (St John's College, Oxford):
'The Robert Graves Material at St John's College'

3.45 – 4.15 pm: Refreshments

- 4.15 – 5.30 pm: Round Table 2:
Chair: Dunstan Ward (University of London Institute in Paris)
Robert J. Bertholf (State University of New York at Buffalo), Matthew
Betts (University of York), Fran Brearton (Queen’s University,
Belfast):
‘Robert Graves Studies: The Future’
- 5.30 – 5.45 pm: Concluding Session
- 5.45 – 7.00 pm **Meeting of the Robert Graves Society**