

**Thom Gunn:  
A Symposium**

Department of English  
Room D-1, Hearst Field Annex  
2 December 2016

- 10.00am *Welcome and Introductory Remarks*
- 10.15am **Stefania Michelucci (University of Genoa, Italy)**  
*A Poetics of Exile: Spaces from Above in two Poems by Thom Gunn*  
Chair: Ian Duncan (UC Berkeley)
- 10.45am *Remembering Thom Gunn: the Man, the Poet, the Critic, the Teacher*  
**Mike Kitay, Travis Ortiz, and Peter Dale Scott**  
**with messages, in absentia, from Wendy Lesser and Clive Wilmer**  
Chair: Bob Hass (UC Berkeley)  
Clive Wilmer's paper will be read by Cheng-Chai Chiang (UC Berkeley)
- 11.45am Coffee Break
- 12.00pm **Andrew McMillan (Liverpool John Moore University, United Kingdom)**  
*More than a fan? Considering the depth of the connection between Gunn and his readers*  
Chair: Michael Nott (University College Cork, Ireland)
- 12.40pm **Eleanor Mary Boudreau (Florida State University)**  
*Death Insists on Continuities: Thom Gunn's Elegies from The Man with Night Sweats*  
**Emily Sutton (UC Berkeley)**  
"it draws so oddly on the sexual": *AIDS, Gay Aesthetics, and Unspeakability in The Man with Night Sweats and Boss Cupid*  
Chair: Eric Falci (UC Berkeley)
- 1.30pm Lunch offered by the English Department
- 3.00pm Guided visit to *The Thom Gunn Archive*, Bancroft Library  
Introductory presentations by **James Eason, David Faulds, and Dean Smith**  
**Michael Nott (University College Cork, Ireland)**  
"Furniture or promises": *some notes on "South"*  
Chair: Sarah Rice (UC Berkeley)
- 4.30pm Coffee Break – Room D-37, Hearst Field Annex
- 5.15pm **Evening Event: Poetry Reading by Randall Mann and Andrew McMillan**  
Chair: August Kleinzahler.
- 7.15pm Cocktail at the Free House, Bancroft Avenue, offered by the English Department.
- 7.45pm Dinner at the Free House (please sign up for dinner in the morning session or contact the organizers)

The event is organised by Professor Stefania Michelucci ([stefania.michelucci@berkeley.edu](mailto:stefania.michelucci@berkeley.edu)), and Dr Michael Nott ([nott.@berkeley.edu](mailto:nott.@berkeley.edu)). It is sponsored by the English Department, UC Berkeley, and supported by the Bancroft Library, UC Berkeley; the US-UK Fulbright Commission; the University of Genoa, Italy; the Irish Research Council; and University College Cork, Ireland.