

## Robert Burns 1759-2009



### A colloquium at the University of California, Berkeley

**Friday, September 11, 2009**

Join us for a one-day colloquium on the poetry of Robert Burns at the UC Berkeley Department of English, part of a world-wide series of conferences, lectures, and other events marking the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the poet's birth.

Afternoon panels will feature leading scholars of Burns and eighteenth-century Scottish poetry, including Leith Davis, Carol McGuiirk, and Steve Newman, with contributions from Berkeley scholars Ian Duncan, Celeste Langan and Janet Sorensen. Robert Crawford, Professor of English at the University of St. Andrews, will give the evening keynote lecture. One of Scotland's leading poets and critics, Crawford is the author (most recently) of *Scotland's Books: A History of Scottish Literature* (2008) and the widely acclaimed *The Bard: Robert Burns, A Biography* (2009).

The colloquium will take place in **300 Wheeler Hall**, on the UC Berkeley campus, **2:00–5:30 pm**, followed by a reception and Robert Crawford's lecture.

**Robert Burns 1759-2009** is co-sponsored by the Center for British Studies, the Department of English, the Dean of Arts and Humanities, and the Doreen Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of California, Berkeley, and the Saint Andrew's Society of San Francisco. For information contact Ian Duncan [iduncan@berkeley.edu](mailto:iduncan@berkeley.edu) or Janet Sorensen [jsorensen@berkeley.edu](mailto:jsorensen@berkeley.edu)