

## Celebrating the Life and Work of James Gray

The theme of The Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing this year will be "Celebrating the Life and Work of James Gray: Founder and Director of the National Writing Project." The Conference will be held at the Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Alabama, August 7-10.

Current director, co-directors, and fellows are invited to participate. The Conference will include a dinner honoring James Gray; an exploration of the NWP research agenda; a reconsideration of NWP goals and directions; and a special recognition program featuring the original members of the 1974 Bay Area Writing Project, current site directors, co-directors, NWP fellows, the NWP Advisory Board, legislators, congressmen, administrators who have been influential in the life of the Project, and others associated with our work. Also included will be a special session of NWP

fellows who will present a sampler of exemplary teaching demonstrations. Keynote speakers will be Pat D'Arcy from Wiltshire, England, and Ruth Nathan from Troy, Michigan. Also featured will be Robert Anderson, playwright, screenwriter and novelist (*Tea and Sympathy, I Never Sang for My Father, The Nun's Story, and Sand Pebbles*).

To register for the Conference, please write to: Betsy Dismukes, The Gulf Coast Conference, Continuing Education Center, Troy State University, Troy, AL 36082, or phone (205) 670-3495.

For housing, please contact the Grand Hotel, Point Clear, Alabama, 1 (800) 544-9933, and ask for special Gulf Coast Conference rates. Space is limited, and reservations should be made as soon as possible.