



## COSEE-West and the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium

invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> free lecture in their 2007-2008 series

**Wednesday, May 14, 2008**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

in the **Santa Monica Public Library's**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium**

601 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90401

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### **"From the Tidepools to the Stars: The Pioneering Ecology of Ed Ricketts and how he inspired John Steinbeck and Joseph Campbell."**

Speaker: Eric Enno Tamm

John Steinbeck immortalized his best friend, Ed Ricketts, as "Doc" in his famed novel about the "whores, pimps and sons of bitches" on Cannery Row. But Ricketts was much more than a beer-swilling, philosophizing scientist; he was also a trailblazing ecologist whose thinking inspired both Steinbeck and Joseph Campbell, the great mythologist. Ricketts did seminal work in the emerging field of ecology and his first book "Between Pacific Tides" is considered a classic. Yet Ricketts was a lone, largely marginalized scientist - an outcast to academia - whose pioneering ideas were at first rejected by the scientific establishment. Now, some sixty years after his tragic, untimely death, Ricketts' ecological approach and life philosophy seem more relevant than ever.

Eric Tamm is the author of *Beyond the Outer Shores*, a biography of Ed Ricketts (2004). A Canadian, he has worked in British Columbia's commercial fishing industry and campaigned tirelessly on sustainable development and community-based fisheries issues.

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A question and answer session will follow the talk.

The library café will be open to purchase refreshments.

Parking structure rate is \$1.00 per hour.

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### **Educators, please pre-register to receive supporting content packets**

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