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The History Graduate Students' Association Presents:

The Second Annual James A. Rawley Conference in the Humanities

Constructing Virtue, Making Place: Regional Creation in a National Context

Saturday April 7, 2007

College of Business Administration
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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Schedule

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Registration

9:00-10:15 – Concurrent Session 1

Panel 1A: Water, Economic Development, and Federal Policy in the American Midwest
(CBA 132)

Chair: Dr. Kurt Kinbacher, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Constructing Regionalism through Improvement: The Des Moines River Lands Grant and Improvement Project
   Rick Woten, Iowa State University

2. Historians as Divorce Lawyers: The Pick Sloan Plan and a Failure of Regionalism
   David Nesheim, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3. Pumping the Well Dry: Irrigation on the Great Plains
   Lisa Schuelke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. David Wishart, University of Nebraska Lincoln

Panel 1B: Race and Regionalism
(CBA 127)

Chair: Chris Rasmussen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Harlem Riots and the White Press' use of the Brute Negro, the Contested Slave, and the Wretched Freeman
   Heather Akin, Purdue University

2. The Morality of Interracial Marriage in the United States in the 1960s
   Billie Marsala, Drury University

Comment: Dr. Ann Tschetter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:15-10:30 – Break

10:30-11:45 – Concurrent Session 2

Panel 1A: Iconography and Literature in Regional Identity
(CBA 132)

Chair: Shannon Meyer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Riding Well and Shooting Straight: The Ideal Southern Man in Literature
   Catherine Biba, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2. Romanticizing the Past: Indigenous Myth and the Shaping of Historical Memory in Oaxaca
   Zahra Moss, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3. The Journey of Bright Eyes: How an Omaha Woman's Regional Understanding Inspired Federal Indian Policy Reform
   Sam Herley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Panel 2B: Dissent and Popular Culture on the Great Plains (CBA 127)

Chair: Joann Ross, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. From the Bottom Up: The Fair Housing Movement in Omaha, 1940-1970
   Brenda K. Clark, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2. Dissent, Disruption, and a Four-Man Band: A Brief History of Antiwar Protest at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
   Carrie Shipers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3. The Hit Record and Great Plains Radio Innovators: The Top 40 Radio Format
   Chris Rasmussen, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. Ken Winkle, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Panel 2C: Empire, Borderlands, and Conquest (CBA 117)

Chair: Leslie Working, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Declaring the Boundary: Federal Customs Regulations in the Northwest Territory and the Formation of the Anglo-American Border
   Lawrence Hatter, University of Virginia

2. Negotiated Spaces In Between Cultures: Captivity and Assimilation in Early North American Borderlands
   Peter K. Johnson, University of Central Missouri

3. Gumbo Flats and Slim Buttes: Visualizing the 'West River' Region in Western South Dakota
   Nathan Sanderson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. Andrew Graybill, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

11:45-12:00 – Break

12:00-12:30 – Lunch

12:45-1:30 – Keynote Address

"Nationalism, Federalism, and State Formation"
Peter Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor, University of Virginia

1:30-1:45 – Break

1:45-3:15 – Concurrent Session 3

Panel 3A: Imagined Places and the Politics of National Identity
(CBA 132)

Chair: Tonia Compton, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Justifying Autonomy Through Regional Distinction: Identity Construction and Rhetorical Fallacy in Separatist Transnistria and the Republic of Moldova
   Brenden Rensink, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2. The *Einwohnerwehr* and Bavarian State Politics, 1918-1923
   Roy Koepp, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3. Imagining a Fractured Self: German-American Nazis and the Meaning of American Homeland
   Edward Price, University College London

4. Through a Lens Darkly: Constructing French National Identity in the Shadows of Vichy and Setíf
   Shayla Swift, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. Edward Homze, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Panel 3B: Populating the Plains: Immigrants, Children, and the State
(CBA 127)

Chair: Rob Voss, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1. Recruiting Citizens: The Iowa Board of Immigration in 1870
   Robert Welch, Iowa State University

2. South Dakota War Brides
   Anna Claire Amundson, Augustana College

3. Grandmothers Secured the Future of the Immigrant Family
   Kim McVey, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

4. Childbirth in Rural Communities of the Great Plains: 1850-1920
   Katie Haselwood, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Comment: Dr. William Thomas III, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

3:15-3:30 – Break

3:30-4:45 – Plenary Session
(CBA 143 – Auditorium)

"Getting Your Paper to the People: Regionalism and Publication"

Panelists: Dr. Timothy Mahoney, Director of the Plains Humanities Alliance, University of Nebraska; Chuck Braithwaite, editor, *Great Plains Quarterly*; Dr. Robert Diffendal, editor, *Great Plains Research*; and Dr. Peter Onuf, Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Professor, University of Virginia

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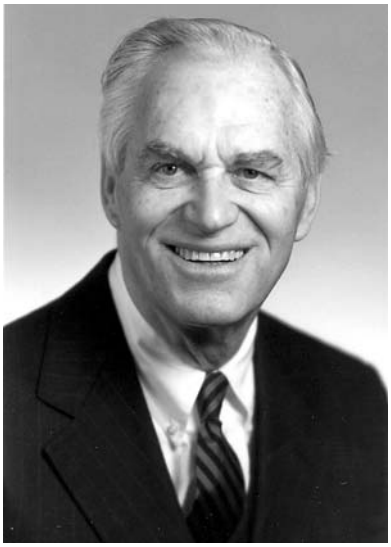

James A. Rawley
1916-2005

Professor Emeritus James A. Rawley was a member of the UNL History Department from 1964 until 2005. Specializing in the Civil War and American race relations, Professor Rawley authored numerous books, including: *Race and Politics: Bleeding Kansas and the Coming of the Civil War,* and *The Transatlantic Slave Trade: A History*. He was a member of many professional organizations ranging from the Nebraska State Historical Society to the Organization of American Historians, which awards its annual Rawley Prize for distinguished scholarship in the field of American race relations.