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CENTER FOR GREAT PLAINS STUDIES SYMPOSIA

The Center for Great Plains Studies thanks all paper presenters and other participants in its eighteenth annual symposium, “Great Plains Grasslands.”

The program committee for “African Americans and Their Great Plains Experience” thanks all scholars who presented proposals. This nineteenth annual symposium will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, 23-25 February 1995. For more information or to register, please contact the Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0314, (402) 472-3082, FAX (402) 472-0463.

FREDERICK C. LUEBKE AWARD

Each year Great Plains Quarterly presents the Frederick C. Luebke Award to the author of the best article in that volume of the Quarterly. The winner of the 1993 Luebke Award is Professor Russel Barsh, Department of Native Studies, University of Lethbridge, for his article “An American Heart of Darkness: The 1913 Expedition for American Indian Citizenship.” Congratulations to Professor Barsh and thank you to our judges, Doreen Barrie, University of Calgary, and John Wunder, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

EDITORIAL CHANGE

Frances W. Kaye, your editor for the past ten years, will be on sabbatical as a Fulbright lecturer in Calgary and Montreal from July 1994 to July 1995. George E. Wolf, associate professor of English specializing in Canadian and U.S. fiction, will edit Great Plains Quarterly during that time.

PULLMAN STRIKE CENTENNIAL

Indiana State University in Terre Haute is sponsoring “The Pullman Strike Centennial Conference: Labor, Politics, and the State in the 1890s,” 23-24 September 1994. For questions concerning program content, please call conference coordinator Dr. Richard Scheirov at (812) 237-2719. For questions on registration, lodging, or transportation, please call (800) 234-1639, ext. 2522.

IOWA SESQUICENTENNIAL GRANTS

The State Historical Society of Iowa will award up to twelve research stipends to support research on the history of Iowa and the midwest. Application deadline is 30 June 1994. Please contact Sesquicentennial Grants, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, Iowa 52240, (319) 335-3916, ext. 3932.

WILLA CATHER SCHOLARLY EDITION

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of $89,485 to the Willa Cather Scholarly Edition, prepared by Susan J. Rosowski and other scholars at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. O Pioneers!, the first volume in the edition, was published in 1992, My Ántonia is in press now, and A Lost Lady is in preparation.

IN MEMORIAM

Ralph Ellison, one of Oklahoma’s most distinguished writers, died at the age of eighty on 16 April 1994. Although most of his work was set far from the Plains, Ellison was born and grew up in Oklahoma City, and his life exemplifies one aspect of African American culture on the Great Plains.