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## NEWS AND NOTES

### CONFERENCES

April 17, 2009

**The Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences** and the **Nebraska Junior Academy of Sciences State Science Meeting** will be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Nebraska. Website: [www.neacadsci.org](http://www.neacadsci.org).

May 11-13, 2009

**The Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Section of the Geological Society of America** will be at Orem, Utah. Contact: Bart Kowallis <[bkowallis@byu.edu](mailto:bkowallis@byu.edu)>.

July 30 - August 2, 2009

**The 72nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society** will take place in Madison, Wisconsin. The theme for this meeting is "Climate Change and Societal Response: Livelihoods, Communities, and the Environment." For more information, please contact the program committee at <[RSS2009@osu.edu](mailto:RSS2009@osu.edu)> or the Rural Sociological Society, 104 Gentry Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211-7040. Website: [www.ruralsociology.org](http://www.ruralsociology.org).

August 2-7, 2009

**The 94th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America** will be at the Albuquerque Convention Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The theme is "Ecological Knowledge and a Global Sustainable Society." Website: [www.esa.org/albuquerque/](http://www.esa.org/albuquerque/).

October 18-21, 2009

**The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America** will be in Portland, Oregon. Website: [www.geosociety.org/meetings/](http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/).

December 13-16, 2009

**The 57th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America** will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme is "Celebrate Entomology!" Website: [www.entsoc.org/am/index.htm](http://www.entsoc.org/am/index.htm).

December 2-6, 2009

**The 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association** will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at the Philadelphia Merriott Downtown. The theme is "The End/s of Anthropology." Website: [www.aaanet.org/meetings/](http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/).

### LECTURE ANNOUNCEMENT

April 20, 2009

**The Plains Humanities Alliance**, Center for Great Plains Studies, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, the Humanities in Medicine Program, the Women's Center, Departments of Sociology, History, Psychology, Educational Psychology, the Nineteenth-Century Studies Program, and the Research Council at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will present a **Research and Region Event** featuring two lectures by Joan Jacobs Brumberg.

Brumberg is the author of *Kansas Charley: The Boy Murderer* (2004), *The Body Project: An Intimate History of American Girls* (1997), and *Fasting Girls: The Emergence of Anorexia Nervosa as a Modern Disease* (1988).

The first lecture, "Youth in Peril," will take place at 12:30 p.m. and the second lecture, "Fasting Girls," at 7:30 p.m., both in the Nebraska Union, 14<sup>th</sup> & R Streets, Lincoln.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

April 7-10, 2010

"Czech and Slovak Americans: International Perspectives from the Great Plains," is the title of the **36th Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This 2010 Symposium will address all aspects of the experience of Czech and Slovak immigrants and their descendants in the Great Plains region, as well as the relationships of these citizens with other Czech- and Slovak-Americans and with Czechs and Slovaks in Europe and in other parts of the world.

One of the goals of the 2010 Symposium will be to understand how Americans of Czech and Slovak ancestry have helped to build the economy and culture of the Great Plains region from Texas to Canada, from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains, and of the nearby states of Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Of particular interest to colleagues abroad will be the 2010 Symposium's emphasis on ongoing contact and mutual interests between Czech- and Slovak-Americans and their relatives and friends in Europe and adopted homelands on other continents.

All interested scholars, including advanced graduate students, are encouraged to participate in the 2010 Symposium and are asked to send abstracts of proposed papers with a short vitae in English, the symposium

language, by **November 1, 2009**, to the following e-mail address: [cgps@unl.edu](mailto:cgps@unl.edu). Please, title your e-mail "2010 Symposium" in the subject line.

We especially welcome proposals for panels of two to three closely related scholarly papers. We also solicit the presentation of short critical commentaries on any unpublished documents, correspondence or artifacts related to the theme of this symposium. Such primary sources may include materials held privately as well as those from the collections of archives and libraries. These presentations will be organized thematically according to such topics as music, art, handicrafts, politics, religion, and popular culture.

Co-chairs of the symposium are Bruce Garver, Professor of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha and Míla Šašková-Pierce, Professor of Languages, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

#### **CHARLES E. BESSEY AWARD**

Great Plains Research is pleased to announce the winners of the Charles E. Bessey Award for the best paper in natural sciences published during the volume year of 2008 are Hugh H. Genoways and Brett C. Ratcliffe

for their paper, "Engineer Cantonment, Missouri Territory, 1819-1820: America's First Biodiversity Inventory" *Great Plains Research*, 18 (Spring 2008):3-31. The annual award includes a cash prize of \$250.

Genoways is former Director and Professor Emeritus of the University of Nebraska State Museum, and Ratcliffe is Professor of Entomology and Curator of Insects in the University of Nebraska State Museum.

#### **LESLIE HEWES AWARD**

The winner of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in *Great Plains Research* during the volume year 2008 is "Producer Responses to Carbon Sequestration Incentives in the Northern Great Plains," by Dean A. Bangsund and F. Larry Leistritz. Their article was published in Volume 18 (Fall 2008):165-76. This annual award also includes a cash prize of \$250.

Bangsund is a research scientist in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University, and Leistritz is a distinguished professor in the Department of Agribusiness and Applied Economics at North Dakota State University.