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NOTES AND NEWS

FREDERICK C. LUEBKE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the 2008 Frederick C. Luebke Award for outstanding regional scholarship has been awarded to Shawn Leigh Alexander, Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies at the University of Kansas, for his essay "Vengeance without Justice, Injustice without Retribution: The Afro-American Council's Struggle against Racial Violence" (Spring 2007, Vol 27/No. 2: 117-33). The prize, named for the founder of the *Quarterly*, is given each year for the best article. The award includes a cash stipend of \$250.00. Alexander was the recipient of the Cassius Marcellus Clay Fellow at Yale University 2005-2007, and is the editor of *T. Thomas Fortune, the Afro-American Agitator: A Collection of Writings, 1880-1928* (University Press of Florida, June 2008).

2008 NEBRASKA SUMMER WRITERS' CONFERENCE

The Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference and The Prairie Schooner Workshops will be held June 14-20, 2008. The Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference is in its sixth year of bringing award-winning, widely reviewed writers of fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, as well as influential publishing professionals, to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to conduct weekend and week-long workshops. The workshops are attended by people from all across the country—writers either just beginning to find their voices, or in the process of polishing their work—many of whom return year after year for the conference's invigoratingly creative environment. The Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference offers workshops, master classes, agent consultations, panel discussions, readings, receptions, and is a unique

opportunity to write and be read in a supportive, creative environment; you'll gain valuable insights from a faculty of highly successful, award-winning, widely reviewed authors, and from publishing professionals. The Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference 2008 will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which offers a new housing experience at the Courtyards in apartment-style suites for conference-goers in an attractive university campus setting, within easy walking distance of both the workshop classrooms and near the center of Lincoln and all the attractions it has to offer. For more information and to register, contact: Timothy Schaffert, Director, Nebraska Summer Writers' Conference, 202 Andrews Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588; tel.: (402) 472-0908; e-mail: <nswc@unl.edu>.

2008 WILLA CATHER SPRING CONFERENCE & SYMPOSIUM

"Cather and Her Contemporaries" is the theme of the 2008 Willa Cather Spring Conference, which will be held at the Willa Cather Historic Site in Red Cloud, Nebraska, June 5-7, 2008. Papers by presenters will deal with Cather's contemporaries—Faulkner, Glasgow, Hemingway, Mencken, Stein, Steinbeck, Wharton and many others. The two-day conference will feature *One of Ours*, with Charles Peek, Professor of English at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, serving as keynote speaker for the Passing Show Panel. The conference will include a tour of Red Cloud and the surrounding countryside, with special emphasis on sites related to *One of Ours*. Inquiries should be sent to: Robert Thacker, Canadian Studies Program, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617; e-mail: <rthacker@stlawu.edu>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 66th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be October 1-5, 2008, in Laramie, Wyoming. The conference will be held at the University of Wyoming Conference Center, and accommodations will be at the Laramie Hilton Garden Inn. There will be awards for the best paper presented by a Native American, as well as for the top Student Paper. Symposia proposals (including symposium title and abstract and abstract forms for all papers), contributed poster and paper abstract forms, and requests for exhibit and vendor space should be sent to the conference organizers by September 1, 2008. For more information, contact: Denise Marquiss, Coordinator, Conferences and Marketing, University of Wyoming, Department 3972, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071; tel.: (307) 766-3362, e-mail: <Marquiss@uwyo.edu> or see <<http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/plainsanth/meeting/meeting.htm>>.

Additionally, the Plains Anthropological Society is seeking nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Service Award. More information on the Native American and Student awards can be obtained from: Laura Scheiber, Indiana University, Department of Anthropology, Bloomington, IN 47405-7100; e-mail: <scheiber@indiana.edu>. Information on the 2008 Distinguished Service award can be obtained from: Robert J. Hoard, State Archeologist, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615-1099; e-mail: <rhoard@kshs.org>.

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The annual meeting of The American Society for Ethnohistory will be November 12-16, 2008,

in Eugene, Oregon. The deadline for applications is June 15, 2008, and applicants will be notified of the status of their proposals by September 1, 2008. The theme for this year's conference is "Coalitions, Collaborations, Conflicts," which focuses on coalitions and collaborations of various forms, both across and within racial, ethnic, tribal, state, and national boundaries, across and within professional and institutional settings, the likely as well as the unlikely, the productive and the vexed.

Ethnohistory as a field began as a collaboration among lawyers and scholars of several disciplines, though such work was sometimes in coalition and sometimes in conflict with tribes during the Indian Claims Commission era in the United States. We invite participants to reflect on the past, present, and future of such coalitions, collaborations, and conflicts in ethnohistorical work, as they relate to legal claims, political efforts, museum representations, archaeological ethics, and crafting community ethnohistories. We encourage panels and papers that explore these complex histories across all periods and geographies. Panels and papers on other themes are also welcome. Individuals may submit proposals for a single paper, though complete panel submissions are preferred.

The necessary forms for submissions are available on the website of the American Society for Ethnohistory <<http://ethnohistory.org>>. Preference is for submission of proposals by e-mail attachment to <kloptek@uoregon.edu> and <jostler@uoregon.edu>. For those submitting by regular mail, please provide three copies of the panel/paper abstracts, cover letter, and c.v. for each participant to: Brian Kloptek and Jeff Ostler, c/o Department of History, University of Oregon, 1288 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403-1288.