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NOTES AND NEWS

IN MEMORIAM

Paul Wallace Gates, noted American land law historian, has died at the age of 97. Among his many works is the definitive History of Public Land Law Development. Paul Gates was also noted for his fiery spirit and his championship of equality for all, from leading a 1930s walkout of a professional conference held in a hotel that barred blacks to his consistent mentoring of woman historians—including his first wife, Lillian F. Gates—over the last half-century.

FREDERICK C. LUEBKE AWARD

The 1998 Frederick C. Luebke Award for the best article in volume 18 of the Great Plains Quarterly goes to Blake Gumprecht for his article, “Giants on the Plains: Grain Elevators and the Making of Enid, Oklahoma.” Congratulations to Dr. Gumprecht and heartfelt thanks to our judges Richard Etulain, John Hudson, Howard Lamar, and Bill Pratt.

THE PAST AND PROMISE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

The American Society for Environmental History invites proposals for its 2000 meeting in Tacoma, WA. Paper and session proposals that examine any aspect of human interaction with the physical environment over time are welcome. The program committee especially encourages proposals that focus on the relationships among the practice of environmental history and environmental problems and solutions and that suggest possibilities for future environmental histories. The submission of entire panels that include all presenters, chair, and commentator are preferred, though individual proposals will be considered. Proposals should be postmarked no later than 15 July 1999. For more information and guidelines for proposal submission, contact Mart Stewart, program chair, at Western Washington University. Ph. (360) 650-3455; e-mail <smar4@cc.wwu.edu>.

ACSUS AWARD AND FELLOWSHIP

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) honors outstanding doctoral research on Canada at American institutions with their annual Distinguished Dissertation Award. Nominees must have completed the Ph.D. degree between August 1997 and August 1999; nominated dissertations should represent original work that makes a significant contribution to the nominees discipline and to the study of Canada, and must contain at least 50% content on Canada. Submission materials, including dissertation, letters of support, abstract, and resume should be submitted no later than 1 September 1999.

The Thomas O. Enders Endowment Fellowship, established to encourage advanced scholarship on Canada and Canadian-US relations with the goal of increasing mutual understanding between the two countries on diverse bilateral issues, has been announced for the 2000-2001 term. The Fellowship provides up to US $30,000 for up to nine months
to support research on some aspect of Canadian studies or Canada-US relations and will be hosted by the University of Calgary. Senior scholars, doctoral students enrolled in a US university graduate program, post-doctoral candidates, able professionals in government or the diplomatic service, and scholars at research institutions are eligible for the fellowship. Recipients must be US citizens or permanent residents of the United States. The deadline for applications is 20 September 1990. For guidelines and more information, contact ACSUS, 1317 F Street NW, Suite 920, Washington, DC 20004-1105. E-mail <info@acsus.org>, or consult their web page <www.acsus.org>.

CLEMENTS-DEGOLYER LIBRARY GRANT

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies offers an annual grant to encourage broader and more intensive use of the special collections at DeGolyer Library, Southern Methodist University. The DeGolyer Library consists of titles, photographs, and archival materials pertaining to the trans-Mississippi West, the Spanish Borderlands, and the history of transportation (especially railroads). The grant is awarded to facilitate scholarly research on any aspect of the Southwestern experience on an uninterrupted basis in the DeGolyer library, and provides either a stipend of $400 a week for a maximum of four weeks, or an in-kind award of lodging, travel, and research. Deadline for application is 15 September. For application requirements, further details of award terms and obligations upon acceptance, and other information, contact Jane Elder, Associate Director, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275-0176. Ph. (214) 768-3684, fax (214) 768-4129; e-mail <swcenter@mail.smu.edu>.

RURAL WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Rural Women's Studies Association (RWSA) invites proposals for individual papers, presentations, sessions, and workshops for its conference at the Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, Minnesota, 22-25 June 2000. The Program Committee welcomes proposals from an interdisciplinary perspective exploring all aspects of the lives of rural women, and the historical interpretations of their lives, including rural women and: work, technology, agrarian culture, developing economies, government policy, sustainable agriculture, small towns, and literature. Participation by farm activists and presentations which address rural activism are encouraged, and the committee welcomes papers which consider the role of historical agencies, museums and historic sites in preserving the records of rural women and in interpreting their lives. Local, international, and cross-cultural papers are especially welcome, as are alternative presentation formats. Submission deadline is 15 October 1999. For more information about the conference or RWSA membership, contact Ann McCleary <amcclear@westga.edu> or Sarah Warren <stwarren@social.chass.ncsu.edu>.