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NOTES AND NEWS

Frederick C. Luebke Award

We are please to announce that the 2005 Frederick C. Luebke Award for outstanding regional scholarship has been awarded to Andrea G. Radke, of Brigham Young University–Idaho, for her essay, " Refining Rural Space: Women and Vernacular Gentility in the Great Plains, 1880-1920," (Fall 2004, Vol. 24/No. 4: 227-48). The prize, named for the founder of the *Quarterly*, is given each year for the best article published in the *Great Plains Quarterly*. The Frederick C. Luebke Award includes a cash stipend of $250.00.

Great Plains Symposium 2005

The 29th Annual Center for Great Plains Studies Symposium will be a joint conference with the Natural Areas Association. The topic this year is *Changing Natural Landscapes: Ecological and Human Dimensions* and the symposium will be held September 21-24, 2005, at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. This interdisciplinary conference will focus on both the ecological and human dimension of our changing natural areas. The keynote speaker will be Richard Manning, award-winning journalist, environmentalist, and author of *Grassland: The History, Biology, Politics and Promise of the American Prairie*. For additional information, please contact Dr. James Stubbendieck, Program Chair, 2005 Natural Areas Conference, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, PO Box 880214, Lincoln, NE 68588-0214. E-mail address: cgps@unl.edu. Additional information can be found at: http://www.unl.edu/plains/seminars/2005/sympindex.html, or at www.naturalarea.org.

International Cather Seminar 2005

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln & the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation will present the 10th International Cather Seminar 2005, June 18-25, 2005. "Violence, the Arts, and Cather" will be the theme of the Cather Seminar. This will be a joint-sited seminar based in the two prominent places of Cather's Nebraska experience—Red Cloud and Lincoln. Keynote speakers will be Terry Eagleton, Professor of Cultural Theory & John Rylands Fellow at the University of Manchester, and Michèle Barale, Professor of English and Women's and Gender Studies at Amherst College. For more information, please contact Guy Reynolds, International Seminar, Dept. of English, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0693. You can also visit the web site at www.unl.edu/cather or email Beth Burke, Cather Project Program Coordinator at eburke3@unl.edu.

Call for Papers: Western History Association 2006 Conference

The Hyatt Regency St. Louis at Union Station in St. Louis, Missouri, will be the site of the 2006 WHA conference. Deadline for paper proposals is August 31, 2005. The theme is "Making Common Ground." The committee says, "we propose this theme to encourage all participants to look beyond our particular specialties to imagine, study, and know the West in its variety and richness." For more information, contact one or more of the committee members, including the chair and co-chair—all listed on the website: http://www.unm.edu/~wha/conf/2006/cfp06.html. Please submit all preliminary proposals via

e-mail [plain text or MS Word only, please] by August 31 to: WHA06-PROGRAM-COMMITTEE@listserv.nd.edu.

Northern Great Plains History and The Society for Military History 2005 Conference

The 40th Northern Great Plains History Conference, sponsored by the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, will be held September 29–October 1, 2005, at the Plaza Hotel and Suites in Eau Claire. The keynote speaker for the banquet will be Donald Ritche of the U.S. Senate Historian's office. For more information, please contact Robert Gough, Department of History, University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4004, goughrj@uwec.edu. For information on the sessions sponsored by the Society for Military History, please contact: Joe Fitzharris, Department of History, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN 55105, jcfitzharris@stthomas.edu.

Western History Association 2005 Conference

The Western History Association's 45th Annual Conference will be held October 13-16, 2005, in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the Marriott's Camelback Inn. The theme is "Western Traditions and Transitions: Cultural Diversity and Demographic Change." See the website for more information: www.unm.edu/~wha/conf/confinfo.html.