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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 43rd Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains will be held April 29–30, 2012, in The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The 2012 Dakota Conference theme is “The Civil War & The Northern Plains: A Sesquicentennial Observance.” Although largely an eastern conflict, the Civil War and its immediate aftermath changed the Northern Plains in significant ways. In observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War, the Center for Western Studies is seeking papers that will address questions related to this conflict in a regional context. Recognizing that 2012 is also Augustana College’s sesquicentennial, we welcome proposals for papers or sessions on early Norwegian-American settlement in the plains. Cash Awards of $150 and $100 in academic, non-academic, student, and women’s history categories are available. Send a one-page paper or session proposal with title, brief description, and biographical sketch, along with presenter name, address, phone number, and e-mail address to: Outreach and Communication Director Tim Hoheisel, the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, 2001 S. Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57197 (tim.hoheisel@augie.edu). Proposals are due on or before February 4, 2012.

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“real” first novel, O Pioneers!, yet her actual first book, April Twilights (1903), and its contexts, have received much less critical attention. In much the same way, the scholarly edition of Cather’s Poems, now in preparation, will be among the last volumes published in that series by the University of Nebraska Press. The 2012 Spring Conference will be a celebration of poets and poetry on the Great Plains with readings and performances, discussions, and a “Passing Show” panel devoted to Cather as a writer who began as a poet and then established herself as a writer of prose. A one-day scholarly symposium preceding the conference (Thursday, May 31) will focus on Cather as an engaged fin de siècle poet-aesthete intent on making her mark in literature. Proposals, inquiries, and expressions of interest should be sent by February 15, 2012, to: Robert Thacker, Canadian Studies Program, St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York 13617, rthacker@stlawu.edu.
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