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# NOTES AND NEWS

## MARGARET LAURENCE MUSIC

The *Great Plains Quarterly* is pleased to announce that Ian Cameron's recordings of the songs for Margaret Laurence's novel *The Diviners* are now available on our website at <http://www.unl.edu/plains/gpq.htm>. The music, which has long been unavailable, is intended to accompany the essays in the special issue on Margaret Laurence published in *Great Plains Quarterly* 19:3 (summer 1999). Thank you Martin Rapati in Edmonton, Ian Cameron in England, and Wes Mantooth in Washington, DC for making this possible.

## GPQ EDITOR WINS BOOK PRIZE

At the meeting of the Western History Association in Portland, Oregon, in October, Charlene Porsild, editor of *Great Plains Quarterly*, received the W. Turrentine Jackson Prize for her recent book, *Gamblers and Dreamers: Women, Men, and Community in the Klondike* (UBC Press, 1998). The W. Turrentine Jackson Prize is a biennial award of \$1,000 for a professional historian's first book on the history of the American West.

## CLEMENTS BOOK PRIZE

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at Southern Methodist University announces the creation of the William P. Clements Prize for the best non-fiction book on Southwestern America. The competition is open to any non-fiction book on any aspect

of Southwestern life with a 1999 copyright. The author will receive \$1,000 and an invitation to give the annual Clements Prize Lecture at Southern Methodist University. Submissions must be postmarked by 21 January 2000. For more information contact Jane Elder, Associate Director, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX 75275-0176, or <jelder@mail.smu.edu>.

## SCARECROW PRESS SEEKS AUTHOR(S)

Jon Woronoff, series editor at Scarecrow Press, Preveessin, France, is interested in publishing a historical dictionary of the Great Plains states as part of a new series of American historical dictionaries. He is seeking an author or team of co-authors interested in pursuing such a project. For more information, contact him at 419 route de Vesegnin, 01280 Preveessin, France. Voice: (33)(4)50-40-15-38 and Fax: (33)(4)50-40-48-79.

## ROBERT S. WEDDLE AWARDS NOMINATIONS

The Texas Catholic Historical Society is accepting nominations for two Robert S. Weddle Awards. The Robert S. Weddle Book Manuscript Award consists of a \$500 prize and publication of the manuscript in the Studies in Southwestern Catholic History series. The Article Manuscript Award consists of a \$200

prize and publication of the manuscript in the Catholic Southwest. The deadline for submissions is 31 December 1999. For more information contact Professor J. F. de la Teja, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666. Voice: (512)245-2149.

#### NEW JOURNAL ON ABORIGINAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The *CANDO Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development* published its premiere issue this September. It is the first journal devoted exclusively to issues and practices in the field of economic development and Aboriginal peoples' communities in Canada and around the world. Published twice yearly by the Captus Press at York University, Toronto and the Council for the Advancement of Native Development Officers (CANDO) in Edmonton, the journal is directed toward teachers and field officers. The Lessons from Research section is peer reviewed. Visit them online at <http://www.captus.com/jaed> (the password is JAED and user id is mehyini) or contact David Newhouse <[dnewhouse@trentu.ca](mailto:dnewhouse@trentu.ca)> for more information.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS: MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from 9-11 March 2000. Proposals for papers and sessions in all areas of history are welcome. Proposals consisting of a cover letter, abstract(s), and vitae should be sent by 1 December 1999 to Oliver B. Pollak, MVHC Program Coordinator, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182 or by email <[Oliver\\_Pollak@unomaha.edu](mailto:Oliver_Pollak@unomaha.edu)>.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS: SOUTHWESTER POPULAR CULTURE

The Southwest/Texas regional conference of the Popular Culture Association will have a series of papers and panels treating any aspect of Folklore for its annual meeting to be held at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico (9-12 February 2000). Please submit a one-page abstract or panel proposal and CV by 1 December 1999 to James Whitlark, Professor of English, Texas Tech University, Box 43091, Lubbock, TX 79409-3091; <[ditjw@ttacs.ttu.edu](mailto:ditjw@ttacs.ttu.edu)> .