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GREAT PLAINS STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

The program committee for the Center's twenty-first annual symposium, "Literatures of the Great Plains," to be held 3-5 April 1997, thanks all scholars and poets who sent proposals for papers and readings. For further program and other information, please contact the Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588-0314; (402) 472-3082; FAX (402) 472-0463; e-mail: cgps@unlinfo.unl.edu.

IN MEMORIAM

Erwin H. Goldenstein, 1921-1996. Erwin Goldenstein had an extremely active and influential career in education on the Great Plains, not only as a professor and chair of History and Philosophy of Education at UNL but also in his outreach to rural schools and to teachers all across the state. One of the most decent and humane colleagues a young professor could ever hope to know, he mentored me in our two years as officemates at UNL's experimental Centennial Education Program. He was funny, wise, and dedicated. We miss him all the more because his help was always so unstinting and so on the mark. Erv, we'll never forget you.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

"African Americans and Their Great Plains Experience," to be held in Lincoln 20-22 February 1997, is a continuation of the scholarship appearing in this issue of *Great Plains Quarterly*. The conference will address all aspects of African American life on the Great Plains and devote special attention to Aaron Douglas and the visual arts. Interested scholars are invited to submit proposals of 150-200 words, accompanied by a brief vita, to Professor Keith Parker, African American & African Studies, 730 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0320, (402) 472-2099, FAX (402) 472-6070, e-mail: blackstu@unlinfo.unl.edu. Deadline is 1 September 1996.

The fortieth annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, 6-8 March 1997. Please send proposals for papers and sessions, accompanied by a one-page abstract and vita, by 15 October 1996 to Lorraine Gesick, Program Chair, MVHC, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182-0213. Proposals in the field of military history should go to Mark R. Grandstaff, History Department, Brigham Young University, 414 KMB, P.O. Box 24446, Provo, Utah 84602.

The Department of English and Philosophy at Arkansas State University will hold an interdisciplinary Delta Studies Symposium on "The Blues and Beyond" 10-12 April 1997. Proposals for papers should include a 250-word summary; those for creative presentations should include a sampling of previous work; due 15 December 1996. Please direct proposals and inquiries to Delta Symposium Committee, Department of English and Philosophy, P.O. Box 1890, Arkansas State University, State University, Arkansas 72467; (501) 972-3043; FAX (501) 972-2795; e-mail: DELTA@TOLTEC.astate.edu.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS

The historical *Encyclopedia of African American Associations* is seeking scholars interested in contributing assigned entries. This single volume reference work will include associations established by African Americans and

interracial groups working in the interest of African Americans. For a list of entries and further information, please contact Nina Mjagkij, History Department, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana 47306; e-mail 00n0mjagkij@bsuvc.bsu.edu.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies in the Department of History at Southern Methodist University in Dallas welcomes applications for two research fellowships, one relating to the American Southwest, broadly conceived, the other in Texas history. Full applications must be received by 15 January 1997. Other fellowships and a symposium are also planned. For further information, please contact Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275-0176; (214) 768-3684; FAX (214) 768-4129; e-mail: swcenter@mail.smu.edu.