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NOTES AND NEWS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Western Literature Association 44th Annual Conference will be held September 30-October 3, 2009, in Spearfish, South Dakota. The conference theme for 2009 is: *High Plains Drifting: Which Way(s) West?* Topics appropriate for the conference include interdisciplinary approaches to western American literature and culture; South Dakota writers; film and television portrayals of the region, e.g., *Deadwood*, *North by Northwest*; literature and history of the Lakota Sioux; the writings of Cormac McCarthy (2009 Distinguished Achievement Award recipient). Papers on all aspects of western literature are welcome, as are presentations and panels. Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2009. All submissions must include a 250-word abstract, name, address, affiliation, contact information (email, phone, fax), and audio-visual requirements. To be considered for the J. Golden Taylor Award for the best paper presented by a graduate student, or the Frederick Manfred Prize for best creative writing presentation, please submit a full paper (up to 15 pages). Send materials via email to: <davidcremean@bhsu.edu>. Submissions by regular mail can be sent to: David Cremean, 2009 WLA President, Unit 9003, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD 57799.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM GRANTS

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program. Awards are normally from \$500 to \$1000 to defray the cost of travel and lodging. The Center's collections are described on the World Wide Web at <<http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives>>. Graduate students involved in research for publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply.

No standardized form is needed for application. Instead, a series of documents should be sent to the Center, including: (1) a description of the research proposal in fewer than 1000 words; (2) a personal vita; (3) an explanation of how the Center's resources will assist the researcher; (4) a budget proposal; and (5) a letter of reference from an established scholar in the discipline attesting to the significance of the research. Applications are accepted at any time. To obtain more information, please contact Carolyn G. Hanneman, Archivist, Carl Albert Center, 630 Parrington Oval, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Telephone: (405) 325-5835. FAX: (405) 325-6419. E-mail: <channeman@ou.edu>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 44th Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held October 14-17, 2009, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. The deadline for proposals is April 3, 2009. Please send proposals for individual papers or for panels to: Betsy Glade, Department of History, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN 56301-4498. E-mail: <beblade@stcloudstate.edu>. The Northern Great Plains History Conference website can be found at: <<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/history/NGPHC>>.

CENTER FOR GREAT PLAINS STUDIES CONFERENCE

"Celebrating Darwin's Legacy" is the theme of the 35th Interdisciplinary Great Plains Studies Symposium sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies to be held March 26-28, 2009, at the Nebraska Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. Early registration is due March 12. For more information, see the website: <<http://www.unl.edu/plains>>; or e-mail: <cgps@unl.edu>; or the ad on page 86.