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NOTES AND NEWS

DISSERTATION AWARD IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

The Organization of American Historians seeks nominations for the 2009 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize. The Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize is given for the best doctoral dissertation in U.S. women's history. The prize is named for Gerda Lerner and Anne Firor Scott, both pioneers in women's history and past presidents of the Organization of American Historians. A dissertation must be completed during the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 to be eligible for the 2009 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize. Each application must contain a letter of support from a faculty member at the degree-granting institution, along with an abstract, table of contents and sample chapter from the dissertation. Please also include email addresses for both the applicant and the adviser, if available. One complete copy of each entry must be received by each member of the prize committee by October 1, 2009. Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date. The prize will be presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the OAH in Washington, DC, April 7-10. One copy of each entry, clearly labeled "2010 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Entry," must be mailed directly to each member of the committee: (1) Linda Reed (Committee Chair), Department of History, 524 Agnes Arnold Hall, The University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, TX 77004; (2) Heidi Ardizzone, 517 West Main Street, Niles, MI 49120; (3) Alecia P. Long, Department of History, 223-B Himes Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 50th Annual Conference of the Western History Association will be held in Incline Village, Nevada (Lake Tahoe), October 13-16, 2010. The theme of the conference is "Many Wests: Comparisons and Connections." For the 50th anniversary of WHA, the conference will chart the pasts and futures of the field and draw upon western history's rich and varied insights, one of the most profound of which is the realization that there is not just one but many Wests. The conference is interested in the parallel and diverse ways in which histories, literary traditions, and popular images of the peoples of the American, Canadian, and Mexican Wests have evolved over time. There is also an interest in looking beyond North America to the Wests of Australia, South Africa, Brazil, New Zealand, Argentina, China, Russia, Europe, and elsewhere for illuminating comparisons. Submissions may be for an entire session of papers, a panel discussion, or an individual paper. When submitting an entire session or panel, include a brief abstract that outlines the purpose of the session and designates one participant as the contact person. Each paper proposal, whether individual or part of a session, should include a one-paragraph abstract and a one page c.v., including the address, phone, and email address for each participant. Indicate equipment needs, if any. The committee will assume that all listed individuals have agreed to participate. Email each submission, with supporting materials, as a single document (Word or PDF) to: <wha2010proposals@gmail.com> or send by mail service to:

Pekka Hämäläinen, Department of History, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-9410. Submission deadline is September 1, 2009. Electronic submissions are preferred. The 2010 Program Committee Co-chairs are: Pekka Hämäläinen, University of California, Santa Barbara; Susan A. Miller, Norman, Oklahoma; and Sarah Carter, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 53rd Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 4-6, 2010, in Omaha, Nebraska. Proposals for papers and sessions on all areas of history welcomed. Send one page proposals, including short curriculum vitas for each participant, by November 1, 2009, to the program chair: Charles W. King, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. Email: <cwking@mail.unomaha.edu>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln's Center for Great Plains Studies will host its 36th Great Plains Interdisciplinary Symposium, April 7-10, 2010, on the UNL campus. The theme is "Czech and Slovak Americans: International Perspectives from the Great Plains." Symposium co-chairs are Bruce Garver, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Míla Šašková-Pierce, Department of Modern Languages, UNL. Send proposals/abstracts of 150-200 words with a brief resume by November 1, 2009, to the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, P.O. Box 0214, Lincoln, NE 68588-0214. Email: <cgps@unl.edu>. Website:

www.unl.edu/plains. See complete call for papers on page 263.

VISITING SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma seeks applicants for its Visiting Scholars Program. The purpose of this program is to assist researchers by providing financial awards for on-campus work in the Center's archives. Awards are normally from \$500 to \$1000 to defray the cost of travel and lodging. Included in the Center's collections is information on government agriculture programs, flood control activities, water and soil conservation projects, federal-Native American relations, drought relief, and rural development and electrification. The Center's collections are described at <<http://www.ou.edu/special/albertctr/archives>>. The Visiting Scholars Program is open to any applicant. Emphasis is given to those doing postdoctoral research in history, political science, and other fields. Graduate students involved in research for publication, thesis, or dissertation are encouraged to apply. Interested undergraduates and lay researchers are also invited to apply. Those interested in apply for the program should send: (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. There is an open deadline for applications. To obtain more information, please contact 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>.