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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. One complete copy of each entry must be received by October 1, 2008. Finalists will be asked to submit a complete copy of the dissertation at a later date. The winner of the prize will receive \$1,000, and the prize will be presented at the 2009 annual meeting of the OAH in Seattle, Washington, March 26-29. Each entry, clearly labeled "2009 Lerner-Scott Dissertation Prize Entry, should be mailed to: Kari Frederickson (Committee Chair), Department of History, Box 870212, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 354871; tel.: (205) 348-7100; e-mail: <kfederi@bama.ua.edu>.

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Great Plains Sociological Association seeks nomination for two awards to be presented at the 2009 annual conference. The awards are (1) Excellence in Teaching, and (2) Excellence in Service. If you know a colleague

deserving of one of these awards, you will find a nomination form at <<http://sociology.sdstate.edu/gpsa/news-su08.pdf>>, or you may contact the chair of the GPSA Honors and Awards Committee: Olu Oyinlade, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 6001 Dodge Street Omaha, NE 68182-0291; tel.: (402) 554-3371; e-mail: <aoyinlade@mail.unomaha.edu>.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 49th Annual Conference of the Western History Association will be held in Denver, Colorado, October 7-10, 2009. The theme of the conference is "Wired West." Wire conducts and symbolizes western history. We seek papers that explore the development and interconnection of the North American West, a region divided by barbed wire and border wire and yet one of the first whose sub-regions were united by telegraph, telephone, electric line, and fiber optic cable. Our interests encompass the changing relations of western peoples with the earth, from which wire itself is made, and over which western peoples have fought to determine how best to live. We are equally compelled by the social and cultural wiring of the West—the struggles of natives and immigrants for justice, equity, and autonomy, of women and men to understand sexual, racial, ethnic, and class identity and connections from the most intimate human bonds to the most formal relations, and the constant effort to make and re-make the good society. We encourage innovative presentations, including performances, workshops or moderated discussions. Submissions may be for an entire session, a panel discussion, or an individual paper. When submitting an entire session, include

an abstract that outlines the purpose of the session, if any, and designate one panelist or participant as the contact person. Each paper proposal, whether individual or part of a session, should include a one-page abstract and a one page c.v., including the address, phone, and e-mail address for each participant. Indicate equipment needs, if any. The committee will assume that all listed individuals have agreed to participate. Send all program submission materials to Colleen O'Neill either electronically: <colleen.oneill@usu.edu> or by mail service: Colleen O'Neill, History Department, Utah State University, 0710 Old Main Hill, Logan, UT 84322-0710. Submissions should be postmarked by September 1, 2008.

#### CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 11th Annual Meeting of the Great Plains Political Science Association will be held

September 27, 2008, at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA. This conference will serve as a substitute for the conference originally scheduled to be held in March 2008 at the University of Mary, Bismarck, North Dakota. The Great Plains Political Science Association was created in 1997 to promote the study of political science and public affairs. The Association has been particularly interested in supporting academic study of these topics and does so through its annual conference that serves as a forum for both faculty and student presentations, faculty development and public affairs workshops. For additional information please contact either: Chris Larimer, Department of Political Science, University of Northern Iowa, (319) 273-6047; e-mail: <christopher.larimer@uni.edu>; or Rich Braunstein, Department of Political Science, University of South Dakota, (605) 677-5244; e-mail: <rbraunst@usd.edu>.