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# NOTES AND NEWS

## SYMPOSIUM ON THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The 36th Annual Symposium on the American Indian will be held April 16- 20, 2008, at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The theme of the symposium is *The Sun, the Moon, the Stars: Rhythms of Life*, and will pay homage to the power of light in appreciation for the rhythms of life that it gives. The keynote speaker will be Dr. N. Scott Momaday (Kiowa/Cherokee), Oklahoma Centennial Poet Laureate, and Pulitzer Prize winning author. The agenda of the symposium will include seminars on Native Language Revitalization, workshops on North American Indigenous Languages, and media by Native filmmakers. Additional information is available at: < <http://www.cts.nsuok.edu/symposium>>.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Western Literature Association's 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be held October 1-4, 2008, in Boulder, Colorado. Presented in cooperation with the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, Boulder, the conference theme for 2008 is: *Western Collaborations*. Topics appropriate for the conference include interdisciplinary approaches to western American literature and culture, immigration past and present, Latino heritage, and intersecting landscapes. Papers on all aspects of western literature are welcome, as are presentations and panels. Deadline for submissions is June 15, 2008. 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 e-mail to: Karen Ramirez <[Karen.ramirez@colorado.edu](mailto:Karen.ramirez@colorado.edu)> and Nicolas Witschi <[Nicolas.witschi@wmich.edu](mailto:Nicolas.witschi@wmich.edu)>, WLA Co-Presidents. Submissions by regular mail can be sent to: Karen Ramirez and Nicolas Witschi, WLA Co-Presidents, Center of the American West, University of Colorado, Boulder, 282 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309. Additional information can be found at: < <http://www.usu.edu/westlit/>>.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held September 24-27, 2008, in Brandon, Manitoba. Papers in ALL AREAS OF HISTORY are welcome. A prize will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference. Please send proposals for individual papers or for panels to: James Naylor, Department of History, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada R7A 6A9; E-mail: [History@BrandonU.ca](mailto:History@BrandonU.ca). Paper proposals or session proposals should include a brief vita, contact information for all presenters, and a list of audio-visual requirements. Additional information can be found at: <[www.brandonu.ca/history/ngphc.mht](http://www.brandonu.ca/history/ngphc.mht)>.

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

The 50th Annual Convention of the Midwest Modern Language Association will be held November 13-16, 2008, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This year's theme is "Fame/Infamy." MMLA has 32 divisions or topics in modern language scholarship. Session topics and organizers can be found at: <<http://www.uiowa.edu/~mmla>>. If you are interested in submitting a paper for one of these sessions, please contact the session organizer directly. The suggested deadline for submitting proposals to session organizers is April 15, 2008. You may participate in no more than two sessions unless special permission is granted. Individual paper proposals (250 words or less) on the general theme of the conference ("Fame / Infamy") may be submitted directly to the M/MLA office either through the mail or through e-mail ([mmla@uiowa.edu](mailto:mmla@uiowa.edu)). Those accepted will be organized into sessions.

#### 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; Tel.: (405) 325-5835; FAX: (405) 325-6419; E-mail: [channeman@ou.edu](mailto:channeman@ou.edu).