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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2008 Willa Cather Spring Conference & Symposium will be held at the Willa Cather Historic Site in Red Cloud, Nebraska, June 5-6-7, 2008. The topic of the Conference is *Cather and Her Contemporaries*. Paper proposals on Cather's works are invited for presentation on Thursday, June 5th. Special consideration will be given to papers dealing with Cather and Her Contemporaries—for example, Faulkner, Glasgow, Hemingway, Mencken, Stein, Steinbeck, Wharton and many others—or on the contexts of *One of Ours*. Proposals and inquiries should be sent to: Robert Thacker, Canadian Studies Program, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617; E-mail: <rthacker@stlawu.edu>.

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The Fortieth Annual Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains will be held April 25-26, 2008, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The 2008 Dakota Conference theme, *Rivers and Plains*, will examine the varied historical and literary responses to river transportation and related issues on the Northern Plains. This is the second in a series on transportation, following the 2007 conference on railroads. Proposals for papers and sessions addressing the theme of river transportation are especially welcome, as are papers on other topics relating to the Northern Plains. Send one-page paper or session proposal with title, brief description, and biographical sketch, along with presenter name, address, phone number, and e-mail address, to: Dr. Harry F. Thompson, Dakota Conference Director, The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD 57197; E-mail: <harry.thompson@augie.edu>. Proposals are due on or before February 1,

2008. Please indicate whether you would also serve as a session chair. Cash Awards of \$150 and \$100 in professional, amateur, and student categories.

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The 51st Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 6-8, 2008 at the Embassy Suites, Downtown/Old Market, Omaha, Nebraska. Proposals, consisting of abstract(s) and one-page vitae, should be sent to: Professor Maria S. Arbelaez, Program Chair, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. Those wishing to have their proposals acknowledged should include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference. E-mail for questions or if you would like to chair or comment on a session: <marbelaez@mail.unomaha.edu>. The conference web site is <http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.html>.

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The Eleventh Annual Red River Conference on World Literature will be held at North Dakota State University. April 4-6, 2008. The topic of the Conference is: *Infinite Divisions and Transnational Identities*. Papers and panel proposals related to world literature are invited, with a special interest on topics such as: Migration; Ex-patriot/Expatriate; Cartographies/new explorations; Stories of revolution, diaspora and exile; Cultural betrayal: treason against race, gender and class; Interrogating the Postcolonial: Past, present and future; Postcolonial and its Narratives. Individual presenters should submit a 250-word abstract; include your name, professional title,

complete mailing address, and e-mail address. Proposals for panels must include an abstract for each presenter, as well as names, professional titles, addresses, and e-mail addresses of all participants. Abstracts submitted as e-mail attachments in Word or WordPerfect are preferred but hard copies will also be accepted. Additional information can be found at the web site: <http://www.ndsu.edu/ndsu/rrcwl/>. Submissions must be received by December 7, 2007. Address all submissions or inquiries to: <Carol.Pearson@ndsu.edu>.

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The 43rd Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference will be held September 24-27, 2008, at the Victoria Inn, Brandon, Manitoba. Proposals for individual papers or panels in all areas of history are welcome. Please send brief abstracts and a one-page curriculum vita to: James Naylor, Department of History, Brandon University, 270 18th Street, Brandon, MB R7A 6A9, Canada; E-mail: <History@BrandonU.ca>. The deadline for proposals is March 31, 2008. A prize will be awarded to the best graduate student paper

presented at the conference. The Conference Website can be found at: www.brandonu.ca/history/ngphc.mht.

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The Seventh Native American Symposium will be held November 1-2, 2007, at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma. The symposium theme is *Sixty-Seven Nations and Counting*, emphasizing the multiplicity and heterogeneity of Oklahoma's Native heritage, but papers, presentations, panel sessions, and creative productions addressing all aspects of Native American studies are welcome, including history, literature, law, medicine, education, religion, politics, social sciences, and fine arts. The keynote speaker will be Rennard Strickland, a distinguished expert in Native American legal issues. All papers presented at the symposium will be eligible for inclusion in a volume of published proceedings. For more information, please contact: Dr. Mark B. Spencer, Department of English, Humanities, and Languages, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK 74701-0609; E-mail: <mspencer@sosu.edu>.