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NOTES AND NEWS

FREDERICK C. LUEBKE AWARD

We are please to announce that the 2007 Frederick C. Luebke Award for outstanding regional scholarship has been awarded to Dr. Peter Fearon, Professor of Modern Economic and Social History at the University of Leicester, United Kingdom, for his essay "Relief for Wanderers: The Transient Service in Kansas, 1933-35" (Fall 2006, Vol. 26/No. 4; 245-64). The prize, named for the founder of the *Quarterly*, is given each year for the best article published in the *Great Plains Quarterly*. The award includes a cash stipend of \$250.00. Dr. Fearon's essay is a detailed examination of an important aspect of settlement in the Great Plains during the Great Depression. Because of the mass migration of people who were affected by economic depression and drought, federal grants became available for the relief of needy people who had no legal residence in any one state or community. For the first time in U.S. history attempts were made to improve the lives of needy migrants. By analyzing the provision of aid to transients in Kansas, Dr. Fearon's article provides a fresh insight into a neglected New Deal initiative. The examination of the Transient Service in Kansas provides a microcosm of the best practices that New Deal officials hoped to see in every state. Dr. Fearon's latest book is *Kansas in the Great Depression: Work Relief, the Dole, and Rehabilitation* (University of Missouri Press, 2007).

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The 65th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be held October 10-13, 2007, in Rapid City, South Dakota. The conference is hosted by the Archaeological Research Center, South Dakota State Historical Society. Meeting cosponsors are the U.S. Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas, and the University of South Dakota Anthropology Department. Sessions will symposia, contributed papers, and poster papers to allow participants to keep current with fieldwork, research, and preservation activities throughout the Great Plains. The conference is attended by a broad spectrum of anthropologists: professionals, avocationalists, and students. The Society encourages students to attend and present papers at the Conference. Monetary awards are offered in both the Native American Student and Student Paper competitions. For additional information please contact: Michael Fosha, <mike.fosha@state.sd.us>, South Dakota, Historical Society, Archaeological Research Center, Rapid City, SD, Tel.: (605) 394-1936. The Plains Anthropological Society web site is: <<http://www.ou.edu/cas/archsur/plain-santh/index.htm>>.

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR TEACHERS

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History will be awarding travel fellowships for precollegiate history teachers to attend the

2008 Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting in New York city, March 28-31, 2008. The annual meeting affords a unique opportunity for teachers to enhance their professional development by attending sessions specifically geared to classroom teaching, as well as scholarly research and public history, in the form of workshops, roundtables, panels, and other presentations. A minimum of fifty fellowships will be awarded for travel related expenses of up to \$400 each. The competition is open to all precollegiate history teachers. Application deadline is Friday, December 31, 2007. Please see the following website for details and application forms: <<http://www.oah.org/meetings/2008/index.html>>.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT SYMPOSIUM

Dickinson State University will host the 2007 Theodore Roosevelt Symposium, September 13-15, 2007, in Dickinson, North Dakota. The symposium theme is "Theodore Roosevelt and America's Place in the World Arena." This year's symposium will focus on the years 1880-1919, a period in which the United States increased the size of its armed forces, particularly the Navy, acquired its first off-shore colonies, and challenged the great powers of Europe in the world's arena. Roosevelt was the foremost advocate of this national movement in his capacities as Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Vice President, and ultimately President of the United States. For additional informa-

tion, please visit the website: <http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/TR_Symposium.asp>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Center for Great Plains Studies invites submissions for the 34th Interdisciplinary Symposium. The 2008 Symposium topic is *Death, Murder, and Mayhem: Stories of Violence and Healing on the Plains*, and the conference will be held April 16-19, 2008, in Omaha, Nebraska. The symposium will examine the representation of violence on the Plains from multiple perspectives, encouraging interdisciplinary analyses from the arts and humanities, social science, and natural science. Those interested in presenting papers should submit proposals and/or abstracts of 150-200 words with a brief resume no later than October 15, 2007. Electronic submissions are preferred [cgps@unl.edu]. Please state the contact person, affiliation, address, telephone, and e-mail address in your submission and indicate in the subject line: 2008 Death, Murder, and Mayhem Symposium. If sending by standard mail, please send two unfolded copies of the abstract to the Program Chair: Susan Maher, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1155 Q Street, P.O. Box 880214, Lincoln, NE 68588-0214, Tel.: (402) 472-3082, Fax: (402) 472-0463, E-mail: <cgps@unl.edu>. Additional information can be found at the conference website: <www.unl.edu/plains>. NOTE: See the ad on page 225.