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NOTES AND NEWS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mid-America Conference on History will be held 19-21 September 2002 at the Center for Continuing Education in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Department of History at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, invites submissions for individual papers and panels in all areas of history. Graduate students are particularly encouraged to submit. Please send one-page abstracts, along with curriculum vitae, by 30 April 2002 to: Trish Starks, Department of History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701. For more information, you may send e-mail to: < tstars@uark.edu >.

CATHER SYMPOSIUM

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will host the Cather symposium, 4-5 April 2002. This year's theme is *Great Passions and Great Aspirations: Willa Cather and World War I*. The symposium will focus on Cather's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *One of Ours*, and introduce the recently acquired George Cather Ray Collection. The symposium will also include panel and paper presentations, exhibits including a World War I poster collection, and musical performances. For more information contact: Margie Rine, Cather Project, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE 68588 (402) 472-1919; e-mail: < mrine@unlserve.unl.edu >.

SUMMER INSTITUTE ON LEWIS & CLARK

The Larom Summer Institute in Western American Studies at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, Wyoming, will present four two-week courses focusing on Lewis & Clark. Session I (3-14 June 2002) will include *Pioneering Naturalists: The Natural History of the*

Lewis & Clark Expedition and Exploration and Encounter: Lewis & Clark in Indian Country. Session II (17-28 June 2002) will include *Charting the Course of Empire: Mapping the American West with Lewis & Clark and Beyond* and *From Lewis & Clark: The U.S. Army in the West*. For more information, contact: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Director, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY 82414-3428, e-mail: < programs@bbhc.org >; web site: < www.bbhc.org >.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

Motivated by the urgent need to collect the stories and experiences of war veterans while they are still among us, the US Congress created the Veterans History Project in October 2000. The legislation calls upon the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to collect and preserve audio- and videotaped oral histories, along with documents such as letters, diaries, maps, photographs, and home movies, of America's war veterans and those who served in support of them during World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars. For more information, including a Project Kit which will help you participate as a volunteer interviewer in the Veterans History Project, contact the American Folklife Center: < http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/ >.

CENTRAL STATES COMMUNICATION CONFERENCE

The 70th Annual Convention of the Central States Communication Association will be held from 4-7 April in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In addition to the over 700 presentations, the convention will include the CSCA Undergrad-

uate Honors Conference. The theme will be *Our Stories . . . Our Legacy: Family Stories*. For more information, see < <http://www.csc-net.org> >.

INTERNET RESOURCES ON THE GREAT PLAINS

[The *Great Plains Quarterly* lists interesting and informative web sites related to the history, culture, and literature of the Great Plains. If you know of sites that should be included, please forward them to < gpq@unl.edu >.]

NATIVE CULTURE

< <http://www.nativeculture.com/home> >
Nativeculture.com focuses on the history and culture of Native Americans. You can read news from the perspective of Native American people and find links to official tribal web

sites. The Learning Section of the site provides sources for information on *Tribes and Nations*, *Arts, Expression and Learning*, and *Teaching and Information Sharing*. Recent features include articles on Navajo Coyote stories, US Native American data from the 2000 Census, and the role of Native Women in the military.

KANSAS BATTLE FLAGS

< <http://www.ksks.org/exhibits/flags/index.htm> >
The Kansas Museum of History web site now includes an on-line tour of *Keep the Flag to the Front: Battle Flags of Kansas*. The tour is divided into eight sections: *The Civil War, 1861-1865*; *Rally 'Round the Flag: Stories From the Front Lines*; *The "Colored" Soldiers*; *On the Border*; *Chickamauga*; *The Confederacy*, and *Save the Flags!*