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NEWS AND NOTES

CONFERENCES

October 28-31, 2007
The Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America will be at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. The theme is “Earth Sciences for Society—Beginning of the International Year of Planet Earth.” Website: www.geosociety.org/meeting/2007/.

November 28 - December 2, 2007
The 106th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. The theme is “Difference, (In)equality & Justice.” Website: www.aaanet.org/.

December 9-12, 2007
The Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America will be held at the Town and Country Resort Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego, CA. The theme is “Making Connections.” Website: www.entsoc.org/annual%5Fmeeting/current%5Fmeeting/.

January 26-31, 2008
The 61st Annual Meeting of the Society for Range Management will be held at the Galt House Hotel & Suites in Louisville, Kentucky. Website: www.range­lands.org/events.shtml.

March 28-29, 2008
The 140th Annual meeting of the Kansas Academy of Science will be held at Emporia State University. Website: www.washburn.edu/kas/.

April 15-19, 2008
The Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers will be held in Boston, MA, at the Marriott Copley Place and the Westin Copley Place Hotel. Website: www.aag.org/annualmeetings/.

April 18, 2008
The Annual Meeting of the Nebraska Academy of Sciences will be held at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, NE. Website: www.neacadsci.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 16, 2008
The Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, announces the deadline for its 2007 Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize. Five copies of each nominated book with a cover letter stating the book is to be considered for the prize should be submitted by January 16, 2008. The award will be announced in May 2008. For more information, see the ad on page 132.

March 25, 2008
The Plains Humanities Alliance, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln, will present a “Research and Region” lecture by Thomas C. Frank. Frank is the author of What’s the Matter with Kansas (2004). The lecture will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets, Lincoln.

CALL FOR PAPERS

April 16-19, 2008
Death, Murder, and Mayhem: Stories of Violence and Healing on the Plains is the title of the 34th Interdisciplinary Symposium co-sponsored by the Department of English, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Omaha–Downtown/Old Market.

The haunted land of the Great Plains has long suggested stories of conflict and loss, of wrenching change and difficult healing. Indeed, the Plains themselves have carried the projections of a nation eager to dramatize fantasies of violence and prurient desires in its newspapers, fiction, television, and cinema. From the Indian Wars to the BTK killings, the Great Plains have provided a narrative stage for violent action. The nature of the Plains incites such stories as well, as if climate and geography—brutal drought, tornadoes, killing blizzards, unyielding soils—conspire against the humans who live there. Yet the Dime Novel appeal of gunsmingers and true crime, the sensationalism of cultural conflict, and the headlines of environmental catastrophe elide the counter stories of justice sought, communities built, and healing found.
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. Violence that runs the gamut from the psychopathic to the socially sanctioned, from the environmental to the communal, will be probed and discussed. Participants are encouraged to share their own unique perspectives.

Interested contributors should submit proposals/abstracts of 150-200 words with a brief resume by October 15, 2007.

Electronic submission is preferred [cgps@unl.edu]. Please state the contact person, affiliation, address, telephone, 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 at the address in the column to the right.

Persons whose proposals/abstracts are accepted will be expected to submit final papers at the conference. Great Plains Quarterly and Great Plains Research, the Center’s scholarly journals, have the first right to publish papers presented at the symposium.

Submit your proposal and brief resume by October 15, 2007 to:

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