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CONFERENCES

August 12-15, 2010
The 73rd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society will take place at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme for this meeting is “How Flat is Rural? Diversity in the Age of Globalization.” For more information, see the website: www.ruralsociology.org.

August 1-6, 2010
The 95th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America will be at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Pittsburgh, PA. The theme is “Global Warming: The Legacy of Our Past, the Challenge for Our Future.” Website: www.esa.org/pittsburgh/.

August 14-17, 2010
The 105th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association will be at the Hilton Atlanta and the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia. The theme is “Toward a Sociology of Citizenship: Inclusion, Participation, and Rights.” See the ASA website for more information: www.asanet.org/meetings/2010Home.cfm.

August 16-20, 2010
The Geological Society of America will host the Penrose Conference in Bridgeport, CA. The theme is “Origin and Uplift of the Sierra Nevada, California.” Deadline for registration is April 26. Conveners: Cathy J. Busby <busby@geol.ucsb.edu> and Keith D. Putirka <kputirka@csufresno.edu>. See the GSA website for more information: www.geosociety.org/meetings/

September 9-11, 2010
In celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Lisa/Henry establishment of a Fur Trade post at the three forks area of the Missouri River in 1810, the Three Forks Montana Historical Society will host a three day Fur Trade History Symposium. For more information, contact Clay Landry via email at <historicalre@gmail.com>.

October 4-8, 2010
The Geological Society of America will host a specialty meeting in Ankara Turkey at the Middle East Technical University. The theme is “Tectonic Crossroads: Evolving Orogens of Eurasia-Africa-Arabia.” Abstracts deadline: May 25. See the GSA website for more information: www.geosociety.org/meetings/

October 8-9, 2010
The annual meeting of the Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division of the Association of American Geographers will meet at the University of Kansas in Lawrence. Chair: Jerome E. Dobson, Department of Geography, University of Kansas, <dobson@ku.edu>. Website: www.aag.org/Regions/Great_plains.cfm.

October 31-November 3, 2010
The 2010 Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America will be in Denver, CO. The theme is “Reaching New Peaks in Geoscience.” Website: www.geosociety.org/meetings/.

November 17-21, 2010
The 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held at the Merriott in New Orleans. New Orleans has inspired the theme: “Circulation.” This theme is meant to encourage us to think about what happens when movement is the organizing trope of our questions, methodologies, analyses and accounts. We can think in terms of circulation across time as well as space, through different organizing principles, and in a variety of shapes and forms. Website: www.aaanet.org/meetings/.

December 12-15, 2010
The 58th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America will be held at the Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center in San Diego, CA. The theme is “Entodiversity: Disciplinary, Biological, Geographical.” Website: www.entsoc.org/am/index.htm.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Grasslands Foundation announces its conservation program, “Grasslands 2010.” This is an action plan for creating grassland reserves and sustaining healthy grasslands and communities in the Northern Great Plains. Grasslands 2010 is a joint project of the Grassland
Foundation and the Northern Great Plains Program of World Wildlife Fund in collaboration with other partners. The following are long-term goals for the Northern Great Plains:

- Increase to 10% from the current 1.5% the amount of land in grassland reserves.
- Conserve native prairie and wildlife by avoiding loss to cultivation and by expanding biodiversity friendly grazing practices.

For more information, contact Tyler Sutton, president, at <info@grasslandfoundation.org> or see the website: http://www.grasslandfoundation.org/index.html

CHARLES E. BESSEY AWARD

The winners of the Charles E. Bessey Award for the best paper in natural sciences published during the volume year of 2009 are Mark P. Vrtiska and Susan Sullivan for their paper, “Abundance and Distribution of Lesser Snow and Ross’s Geese in the Rainwater Basin and Central Platte River Valley of Nebraska,” Great Plains Research, 19 (Fall 2009):147-55. The annual award includes a cash prize of $250.

Vrtiska is Waterfowl Program Manager with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, and Sullivan was a wildlife biologist with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

LESLIE HEWES AWARD

The winner of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in Great Plains Research during the volume year 2009 is “Archeological Interpretation of the Frontier Battle at Mud Springs, Nebraska,” by Peter Bleed and Douglas D. Scott. Their article was published in Volume 19 (Spring 2009):13-25. This annual award also includes a cash prize of $250.

Bleed is professor of anthropology at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and Scott is adjunct professor of anthropology at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.
The University of Nebraska–Lincoln’s Center for Great Plains Studies will present its annual Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize in May 2010 to the most significant book on the Great Plains. Only first edition nonfiction full-length books published in 2009 will be considered for the award.

- The annual book prize includes a $5,000 cash award.
- The winner of the 2005 Great Plains Distinguished Book Prize was *Buffalo Bill’s America: William Cody and The Wild West Show* by Louis S. Warren (Knopf 2005).
- The 2006 winner was *Indians and Emigrants: Encounters on the Overland Trails* by Michael L. Tate (University of Oklahoma Press 2006).
- The 2007 winner was *Ruling Pine Ridge: Oglala Lakota Politics from the IRA to Wounded Knee* by Akim D. Reinhardt (Texas Tech University Press 2007).
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Grasslands of the World

The World’s Temperate Grasslands Conservation Priorities

Plate 2. Identified priorities for conservation of the world’s temperate grasslands. Figure produced by Department of Geography, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada, 2009.