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NOTES AND NEWS

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Mari Sandoz Heritage Society Annual Meeting and Conference will be held March 26-28, 2009 at The Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Center, Chadron State College, Chadron, Nebraska. The topic of this year's conference is *Mari Sandoz and Her Literary Contemporaries*. Proposals for papers on Mari Sandoz's works are invited for presentation on Friday, March 27, 2009. We are especially interested in papers dealing with Sandoz and her literary contemporaries from the High Plains, such as John Neihardt, Bess Streeter Aldrich, Weldon Kees, Angie Debo, Wright Morris, Willa Cather, and others. However, presentations focusing exclusively on the Sandoz works will be considered as well. We also welcome submissions concerned with Wright Morris's literary works and/or photography since there will be a special exhibit of Morris's photographs at the Mari Sandoz Heritage Center. The keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Joseph J. "Joe" Wydeven. Dr. Wydeven is an expert on Nebraska literature and Nebraska authors, particularly on the novelist and photographer Wright Morris. Please e-mail inquiries or a short abstract for your proposed paper or presentation to Katherine Bahr, Department of English and Humanities, Chadron State College at < kbahr@csc.edu >. The deadline for submissions is December 31, 2008.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The First Meeting of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association will be held May 21-23, 2009 at the University of Minnesota – Twin Cities, hosted by The American Indian Studies

Department at the University of Minnesota. Proposals are invited from scholars around the globe for submissions of individual papers, panel sessions, or roundtables on any topic in Native American and Indigenous Studies. Only complete proposals will receive full consideration. Proposals are to be submitted electronically by December 1, 2008, to < <http://www.amin.umn.edu/NAISA2009/> >. Panel proposals must contain a title of the panel, presenter names and affiliations, titles of individual presentations, and a brief précis for all individual presentations, a person designed as chair, and an abstract of no more than 250 words for the panel. Roundtable proposals must include the same information as a panel presentation, except the individual presentation titles. All presenters will be notified by late January 2009. For more information, please contact: Heather Dorr, College of Continuing Education, University of Minnesota, at < cceconf3@umn.edu >.

MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The 52nd Missouri Valley History Conference Annual Meeting will be held March 5-7, 2009 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Omaha, Nebraska. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference. The Society for Military History will also sponsor a full slate of sessions at the Missouri Valley History Conference. The Society for Military History sponsors the Kevin J. Carroll award for the best graduate student paper in Military History. For more information, please contact Maria S. Arbelaez, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182, (402) 554-2593, < marbelaez@mail.unomaha.edu >.