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IMAGES OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS

The US Library of Congress American Memory project, in conjunction with the Institute for Regional Studies at North Dakota State University has made available over 900 images of the northern plains on the worldwide web. The Northern Great Plains, 1880-1920: Photographs from the Fred Hultstrand and F.A. Pazandak Photograph Collections is available for viewing at http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ndfahtml/hult_home.html

The Hultstrand is the larger of the two collections available on the site, containing some 550 images. Subjects include bison, automobiles, sod houses, and rural women. The Pazandak collection concentrates on turn of the century agriculture. The overall collection can be searched or browsed on-line. Photos are accompanied by date and medium information as well as explanatory notes.

VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The Carl Albert Center for Congressional Research and Studies provides financial support for scholars wishing to visit their archives. The Center's collection includes the papers of 52 members of Congress, as well as information on government agriculture programs, flood control activities, water and soil conservation projects, federal-Native American relations, drought relief, and much more. Awards range from $500-$1000 and are intended to defray the costs of travel and accommodation. For more information contact: Archivist, Carl Albert Center, University of Oklahoma, 630 Parrington Oval, Room 101, Norman, OK 73019-4031; voice (405)325-5401; fax: (405)325-6419; email <kosmerick@ou.edu>

COMMUNITIES AND TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The Northern Planning and Development Studies group at the Arctic Institute of North America are hosting a conference from 21-22 August at the University of Calgary entitled “Community Development from the Inside Out.” This conference will explore the incorporation of traditional knowledge into community development and features First Nations speakers from across Canada and around the world. For more information contact Heidi Hoernig, Arctic Institute of North America, University of Calgary, 2500 University Drive, Calgary, AB, Canada, T2N 1N4; voice (403) 220-4051; fax (403)282-4609; email: <hjhoerni@acs.ucalgary.ca> or visit their website: http://www.acs.ucalgary.ca/~hjhoerni/

WESTERN HISTORY CONFERENCES

The Western History Association (WHA) will meet in Sacramento from 14-17 October for its annual conference. This year's theme is "Claims and Prospects: The West in 1998." The detailed program for the conference is posted on the WHA website: http://www.unm.edu/~wha

Meanwhile, the WHA invites proposals for next year's conference to be held in Portland, Oregon, 6-9 October 1999. Next year's theme is "The American West, Promise and Prospect." Panels and individuals papers devoted to the history of the west, as well as those imagining a future for the region are welcome. Papers on topics relating to Portland and environs are also encouraged. Please submit proposals in a one or two-page abstract to Professor L. G. Moses, Cochair, 1999 Program Committee, Department of History, LSW 501, Okla-
Mid-America American Studies Association has released the call for papers for its fifteenth annual meeting to be held at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, 16-17 April 1999. The conference theme is "Both Sides Against the Middle: American Culture in Middle America" and the program committee welcomes proposals for papers and panels on the past, present, or future of American culture in mid-America; the meaning of the term "Heartland"; coping with eastern and/or western cultural forces; and the significance of middle-American culture. Send proposals and a short vita by 1 December 1998 to Greg Zacharias, Department of English, Creighton University, Omaha, NE, 68178. By email <gwzach@creighton.edu>.