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FREDERICK C. LUEBKE AWARD

We are pleased to announce that the 2003 Frederick C. Luebke Award for outstanding regional scholarship has been awarded to Bernard Lemelin, Associate Professor, Department of History, Laval University, Quebec City, Canada, for his essay, “Congressman Usher Burdick of North Dakota and the ‘Ungodly Menace’: Anti-United Nations Rhetoric, 1950-1958” [Great Plains Quarterly 22.3 (2002): 163-81]. The prize, named for the founder of the Quarterly, is given each volume year for the best article published in the Great Plains Quarterly. One judge remarked that Dr. Lemelin’s essay was a good example of what the Quarterly should do: publish articles on topics that inform us about the past of the Great Plains, yet cover topics that are relevant to contemporary issues. Lemelin’s essay related the xenophobic and demagogue rhetoric of the 1950s to the same sort of rhetoric you still hear today. The Frederick C. Luebke Award includes a cash stipend of $250.

NATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

The 2003 Plains Indian Seminar at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center will be held 2-5 October 2003. The seminar will address the theme: Native Perspectives on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Thomas Jefferson viewed the American West as a chosen country suitable for territorial expansion and colonization by generations of Euro-Americans. The western lands explored through the expedition, however, were homes for the hunting, farming and fishing indigenous nations of the Central and Northern Plains, the Plateau, and the Northwest. As the Corps of Discovery pursued geographic, political, commercial, and diplomatic objectives, how much of the complex cultural landscape observed and encountered did members comprehend? What were the historical repercussions of the expedition and what is its significance to contemporary Native Americans? Topics of papers being presented at the seminar include Native oral history related to Lewis & Clark, the role of Sacagawea, how tribal colleges teach the story of the expedition, and impact and effects of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Historians, anthropologists, educators, art historians, folklorists, artists, and educators from tribal communities will be presenting.

For more information contact: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Director, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY 82414-3428 <http://www.bbhc.org/pis/2001speakers.html>. 
CALL FOR PAPERS:
NATIVE AMERICAN PERSPECTIVES OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION

Great Plains Quarterly will be publishing a special thematic issue on Native American perspectives of the Lewis & Clark expedition into the Great Plains. Submissions may include descriptions and analyses of encounters between Lewis & Clark and the tribal people on the Plains, how these encounters affected Native people (both in the past and today), Native perspectives on the Lewis & Clark commemoration activities, and other topics that address the convergence of Native people and the expedition. Native people encountered by Lewis & Clark on the Plains include Arikara, Assiniboine, Blackfeet, Cheyenne, Chinook, Clatsop, Crow, Hidatsa, Iowa, Kansa, Lakota, Mandan, Missouria, Nez Perce, Omaha, Osage, Otoe, Pawnee, Ponca, Salish, Shoshone, Spokane, Teton, Tiliamook, Yakima, and Yankton-Yanktonai.

Please send submissions by 15 October 2003. For more information, contact Charles A. Braithwaite, Editor, Great Plains Quarterly, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, P.O. Box 880245, Lincoln, NE 68588-0245; (402) 472-6178; cbraithwaite2@unl.edu. Our submission guidelines can also be found at <http://www.unl.edu/plains/gpq.htm>

CALL FOR PAPERS: MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE

The 47th Annual Missouri Valley History Conference will be held 4-6 March 2004, in Omaha, Nebraska. Proposals for individual papers or panels in all areas of history, including public history, are welcome. A prize of $200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper. Proposals, consisting of abstract(s), and a one-page vitae, should be sent by 15 October 2003 to the program coordinator, Dr. Tom Buchanan, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. See <http://www.unomaha.edu/Uno/history/mvhchome.htm> for additional details. The conference email is <mvhc@unomaha.edu>.

The Society for Military History will sponsor several sessions at the 2004 Missouri Valley History Conference [see above] Please send proposals related to military history directly to Dr. Kevin K. Carroll, Department of History, P.O. Box 872501, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-2501; email <kcarroll@asu.edu>.

RESEARCH FACILITIES:
MUSEUM OF THE GREAT PLAINS

The Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton, Oklahoma is dedicated to the collection, preservation, interpretation and exhibition of materials pertaining to the cultural and natural history of the Great Plains of North America. The Museum of the Great Plains Archives holds over 570,000 primary documents donated by area residents. The private research library of Dr. Waldo Wedel, archaeologist emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution, contains archaeological and historical reports, monographs, journals and books amassed by Waldo and Mildred Wedel. The Museum of the Great Plains Research Library holds over 25,000 volumes and monographs specializing in the prehistory, natural history, and regional history of the Great Plains. The Photographic Collection includes over 80,000 images donated from area residents, local photographic studios, the Lawton Constitution, and other early newspapers. Images include early settlement of the Southwest, North American Indian culture, local military involvement, wildlife and outdoor scenes, and daily family life in rural and urban Oklahoma and Texas. Prints are available for personal use, publications, and exhibitions. For more information contact the Special Collections Curator at <http://mgp@museumgreatplains.org>.