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## NEWS AND NOTES

### ***GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH* SCIENCE AWARD**

On April 29 the Center for Great Plains Studies presented two awards at the Nebraska Academy of Sciences 1995 annual meeting at Nebraska Wesleyan University. The awards went to participants of the Junior Academy of Sciences who presented the best papers with a Great Plains focus.

Elizabeth Turner of McCook Senior High School won the first place *Great Plains Research* Science Award for her paper, "A Microfossil Assemblage from the Ash Hollow Formation of Webster County, South-Central Nebraska." Turner received \$100 and her school received a complete set of back issues of *Great Plains Research* plus a one-year subscription to the journal. Turner's teacher is Jim Fitzgibbon.

Robyn Nisi of Omaha Burke High School received the honorable mention award for her paper, "A Study of Heavy Metal Contamination in Soil from a Nineteenth-Century Railroad Dump." Nisi received \$25 and her school also received a complete set of back issues of *Great Plains Research* and a one-year subscription to the journal. Nisi's teacher is Greg Pavlik.

### **CALLS FOR PAPERS**

**The Plains Anthropological Society Announces the 1995 Student Paper Competition** to be awarded October 18-21, 1995, at the 53rd Plains Anthropological Conference at Laramie, Wyoming. Students should submit three copies of the abstract and manuscript to Marvin Kay, Editor, *Plains Anthropologist*, Department of Anthropology, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR 72701. E-mail: MK24910@uafsysb.uark.edu. Deadline for submission is October 6, 1995.

**The 20th Annual Great Plains Interdisciplinary Symposium** will be held April, 11-13, 1996, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme is *Politics and Culture of the Great Plains*. Contact: Professor John Hibbing, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314. PH: 402-472-3082. FAX: 402-472-0463. E-mail: cgps@unlinfo.unl.edu. Deadline for submission is July 30, 1995.

**The 36th Annual Conference of the Western History Association** will be held October 9-12, 1996, in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme is *Grasslands and Heartlands: Remembering and Representing the Great Plains in History and Literature*. Contact: Committee Chair John Mack Fargher, Department of

History, Yale University, Box 1504A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520-7425. PH: 203-432-0727 (voice). FAX: 203-432-7587. Deadline for submission of proposals to the committee chair is September 1, 1995.

## CONFERENCES

August 8-10, 1995

### **Sustainable Development on the Great Plains Conference '95**

Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

The conference will integrate the three basic components of sustainable development: environment, society, and economy. Contact: Garry Enns, 6th Floor, 167 Lombard Ave., Winnipeg, MB, Canada, R3B 3E5. PH: 204-944-8484.

August 12-16, 1995

### **Canadian Parks/Recreation Association 50th Jubilee Symposium**

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

The theme is *Voyageur*. Contact: Josée Helie, City of Ottawa, Department of Recreation and Culture, 111 Sussex Drive, Rideau Pavilion, Ottawa, ON, Canada, K1N 5A1. PH: 613-564-3511. FAX: 613-564-8428.

August 17-20, 1995

### **Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting**

Washington, D.C.

The theme is *Restructuring Rural Society and Rural Sociology*. Contact: Max Pfeffer, Dept. of Rural Sociology, Warren Hall, Cornell, Ithaca, NY 14853. PH: 607-255-1676.

September 7-9, 1995

### **1995 American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Annual Meeting**

Saratoga Springs, New York

The theme is: *Place, Past, Perspective: Local History and Communities*. Chair: T. Allan Comp, America's Industrial Heritage Project, Technical Assistance Center, 319 Washington Street, Suite 370, Johnstown, PA 15901.

September 14-16, 1995

### **Seventeenth Mid-America Conference on History**

Contact: Worth Robert Miller, Department of History, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, MO 65804.

September 21-23, 1995

**American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta: Great Plains Regional Meeting**

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nebraska Center for Continuing Education  
The theme is: *Our Place on the Plains*. Hosted by The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. Several local tours are planned. Featured speaker is Gary Moulton, Editor of the *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition*, talking on the botanical discoveries of Lewis and Clark. For registration packet, contact: Jim Locklear, Director, Nebraska Statewide Arboretum, P.O. Box 830715, Lincoln, NE 68583-0715. Phone: 402-472-2971.

September 27-29, 1995

**15th Annual National Rural Families Conference**

K-State Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

The theme is: *Building Healthy Families and Communities*. Contact: Conference Co-directors, Steve Bollman, PH: 913-532-6984 (or) 1-800-227-3578. Charlie Griffin, PH: 913-532-6958 (or) 1-800-321-3276. Conference Coordinator, Janice Nikkel, PH: 913-532-5747.

September 27-30, 1995

**The 30th Northern Great Plains History Conference**

Victoria Inn, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada

Contact: Hans Burmeister, Dept. of History, Brandon University, Brandon, MB, Canada, R7A 6A9. PH: 204-727-9718. FAX: 204-726-0473. E-mail: History@BrandonU.ca.

September 29-October 1, 1995.

**Buffalo Bill Historical Center Annual Plains Indian Seminar**

Cody, Wyoming

*Art of the Plains — Voices of the Present*

Contact: Lillian Turner, Public Programs Coordinator, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, P.O. Box 1000, Cody, WY 82414. PH: 307-587-4771, ext. 248.

October 6-7, 1995

**Nebraska State Historical Society Annual Meeting**

Nebraska City, Nebraska

*Nebraska in the Nuclear Age, 1945-1963*

Contact: Paul Eisloeffel, Nebraska State Historical Society, P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501-2554. PH: 402-471-4750.

October 12-14, 1995

**Great Plains Popular Culture Association and  
American Culture Association First Annual Meeting**

Morningside College, Sioux City, Iowa

The conference theme is: *Teaching and Researching Popular Culture*. Contact: Marty Knepper, Great Plains PCA/ACA, Department of English, Morningside College, 1501 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, IA 51106. PH: 712-274-5264. FAX: 712-274-5101. E-mail: msk001@chief.morningside.edu

October 13-15, 1995

**University of Alberta Conference**

University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

The theme is: *Sense of Place: Re-evaluating Regionalism in Canadian and American Writing*. Contact: Karen Overbye and/or Christian Riegel, Department of English, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada, T6G 2E5. FAX: 403-492-8142. E-mail: criegel@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca (or) koverbye@gpu.srv.ualberta.ca

November 15-19, 1995

**1995 Biennial Conference of the Association of Canadian Studies in the  
United States**

Stouffer Madison Hotel, Seattle, Washington

Contact: ACSUS, One Dupont Circle, Suite 620, Washington, DC 20036. PH: 202-887-6375. FAX: 202-296-8379. E-mail: acsus@umail.umd.edu

November 2-5, 1995

**1995 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory**

Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Contact: Donald L. Fixico, ASE 1995 Program Chair, Department of History, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5020. PH: 616-387-4629. FAX: 616-387-3999.

**REPORTS ON PAST CONFERENCES**

**The 19th Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium**, "African Americans and the Great Plains," sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska, was held February 23-25, 1995, in Lincoln, Nebraska. More than 300 participants registered for the conference. Pulitzer-prize

winning *Chicago Tribune* columnist Clarence Page opened the conference with a look at America and its historical and current practices of viewing diversity. Yvette Huginnie, assistant professor of history at the University of Colorado-Boulder, narrowed the theme to a Great Plains historic experience. Sessions covered migration, settlement, military, women, education, writers, art, music, museums, activism, and civil rights. A panel discussed Plains and African comparisons, while a workshop for teachers covered multiculturalism. Clayborne Carson, professor of history at Stanford University and editor of the Malcolm X papers and the Martin Luther King papers, gave a presentation comparing the two men. A highlight of the conference was an evening of jazz and blues by "Queen Bey and Quartet" from Kansas City. The 1996 symposium topic will be "Politics and Culture of the Great Plains." The 1997 symposium topic will be "Literatures of the Great Plains."

**The Fifth Annual National Forum for Agriculture** was held February 27-28, 1995, in Des Moines, Iowa. There were over 750 participants in attendance. The theme was "The Power and Politics of Information." Keynote speaker General Paul Gorman included a dazzling multimedia show along with his presentation on how the information technology developed for military use is now being adapted for agricultural use. Senator Bob Dole and Iowa Governor Terry Branstad also addressed the group. Panels of specialists explained the information technologies that are coming to crop production, livestock production, and agribusiness. They also touched on the issues of who will control the information and who has proprietary rights to the information. The 1995 Agricultural Vision Award was presented to retired Iowa Congressman Neal Smith. The 1996 National Forum of Agriculture will be held March 4-5, 1996, in Des Moines, Iowa.

**The Women's Studies Association of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln** held a regional Women's Studies conference, "No Limits: Reclaiming Women's Voices," March 3-4, 1995. The conference was attended by over 150 participants. The keynote speaker was Laureen Riedesel, Head Librarian of the Public Library in Beatrice, Nebraska. Riedesel's presentation focused on Nebraska's very own famous suffragette Clara Colby. Other papers and presentations were given by members of regional academic institutions, creative writers, poets, and performance artists. A "No Limits" conference is being contemplated for early 1996.