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NEWS AND NOTES

CALL FOR PAPERS

Missouri Valley History Conference will be held March 6-8, 1997 in Omaha, Nebraska. Contact: Dr. Lorraine Gesick, Department of History, 231 Arts & Sciences Hall, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182-0213. Tel: (402) 554-2593. Deadline for submission is October 15, 1996.

CONFERENCES

October 2-5, 1996

Joint Conference of the Western History Association and Western Literature Association will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme is *Grasslands and Heartlands: Remembering and Representing the Great Plains in History and Literature*. Contact: Chair John Mack Faragher, Department of History, Yale University, Box 1504A Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520-7425. Tel: (203) 432-0727.

October 30-November 2, 1996

54th Annual Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Iowa City, Iowa. Contact: Joseph Tiffany, Plains Conference Program Chair, Department of Anthropology, 319 Curtiss Hall, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011-1050. Tel: (515) 294-1108, E-mail: jtiffany@iastate.edu.

November 7-8, 1996

Southwest Division of the Association of American Geographers will be held in Norman, Oklahoma. Contact: Richard L. Norstrand, Department of Geography, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019-0628. Tel: (405) 325-5325, Fax: (405) 325-3148.

April 3-5, 1997

The 21st Annual Great Plains Interdisciplinary Symposium will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska. The theme is *Literature of the Great Plains*. Contact: Professor Frances W. Kaye, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1213 Oldfather Hall, Lincoln, NE 68588-0314. Tel: (402) 472-3082, Fax (402) 472-0463, E-mail: cgps@unlinfo.unl.edu.

PAUL A. OLSON SEMINARS IN GREAT PLAINS STUDIES

In April 1995 the Center for Great Plains Studies announced it would rename its monthly seminar series "The Paul A. Olson Seminars in Great Plains Studies." This honors the professor who began and directed the seminars over a period of two decades.

Paul Olson, Foundation Professor of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was chosen by University administrators in 1976 to plan and develop the Center for Great Plains Studies. One of his program ideas was to create a public seminar series presenting research work on Great Plains topics by faculty who are Fellows of the Center.

NEH GRANT FOR ENCYCLOPEDIA

In September 1995 the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) presented a three-year grant of \$140,000 to the Center for Great Plains Studies to write and publish an *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*. The University of Nebraska Foundation also supported the project with an additional grant of \$50,000.

David Wishart, Professor of Geography, was chosen general editor of the project. The three local editors-at-large from the Center for Great Plains Studies and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are Frances W. Kaye, Editor of *Great Plains Quarterly* and Professor of English; Martha Kennedy, Curator of the Great Plains Art Collection; and John R. Wunder, Director of the Center and Professor of History.

Three regional editors have also been appointed. Pamela E. Brink, president of Associated Authors & Editors Inc. of Lubbock, Texas, will act as managing editor as well as regional editor for the southern U.S. Plains. Editor for the northern U.S. Plains is Nancy Tystad Koupal, Director of publications of the South Dakota State Historical Society and Editor of *South Dakota History*. Theodore Regehr, Professor of History at the University of Saskatchewan, is the regional editor for the Canadian Plains.

BOOK AWARDS

Faculty in the Center for Great Plains Studies have won awards for recently published books.

Phi Alpha Theta, a national history honorary society, presented John R. Wunder, Director of the Center for Great Plains Studies and Professor of

History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, with the 1995 Award for the Best History Book published by an established scholar. Wunder won the award for *Retained by The People: A History of American Indians and the Bill of Rights* published by Oxford University Press in 1995.

David J. Wishart, Professor of Geography at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, won the 1996 John Brinckerhoff Jackson Prize for his book, *An Unspeakable Sadness: The Dispossession of the Nebraska Indians*, published by the University of Nebraska Press in 1995.

FULBRIGHTS AND OTHER AWARDS

Three Center faculty members received Fulbrights and other awards the past two years. Gary Moulton, Editor of *Journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition* and Professor of History, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Germany for April to July 1994. He taught American history courses at Hannover University.

Frances W. Kaye, Editor of *Great Plains Quarterly* and Professor of English, received a Fulbright Fellowship to Canada, as well as a Canadian Studies Sabbatical Fellowship from the Canadian Government, and a Research Fellowship from the Humanities Institute at the University of Calgary. She did research for a book and taught at the University of Calgary during the summer and fall of 1994 and at the University of Montreal in the spring of 1995.

John R. Wunder, Director of the Center and Professor of History, was selected to hold the Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies in Finland for 1995-96. He taught courses on the history of the American West, American Indians, and American Legal History to Finnish students at the University of Helsinki. He also gave public lectures at other universities.

David Wishart, Editor of *Encyclopedia of the Great Plains*, and Professor of Geography, received a Visiting Lectureship from the University of Waikato, Hamilton, North Island, New Zealand for September 1996.

GREAT PLAINS RESEARCH SCIENCE AWARDS

On April 26 *Great Plains Research* presented two awards at the 1996 Nebraska Academy of Sciences 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. Heather Placke of Central City High School won the first place *Great Plains Research Science*

Award and \$100 for her paper, "Does the Contaminant Make a Difference?" Michael Olson of Laurel-Concord Public School received honorable mention and \$50 for his paper, "The Preliminary Study on the Use of *Psuedomonas aureofascians* as a Biological Control Against Damping Off in *Glycine max*."

IN MEMORIAM

Erwin H. Goldenstein, 1921-1996. Erv Goldenstein was the former Chair and Professor Emeritus of History and Philosophy of Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He was a former president of the National Society of College Teachers of Education, the Nebraska State Conference of the American Association of University Professors, and the Nebraska Council on Teacher Education. He was one of the original Fellows of the Center for Great Plains Studies in 1979. His latest publication was a co-authored article with L. James Walter, "Secondary School Curriculum Change in Rural Nebraska," that appeared in the Fall 1995 issue of *Great Plains Research*.