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NEWS AND NOTES

CONFERENCES

May 19-20, 2005

The 39th Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, North-Central Section will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota, at the Radisson Metrodome on the University of Minnesota campus. Website: www.ncgsa.unl.edu or www.geosociety.org.

May 23-25, 2005

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Rocky Mountain Section will be at Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado. Website: <http://www.mesastate.edu/schools/snsn/geology/index.htm> or www.geosociety.org.

August 7-12, 2005

The 90th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America will be in Montréal, Canada, at the Palais des congrès de Montréal. Website: www.esa.org/montreal/

August 8-12, 2005

The 68th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society will be at the Hyatt Regency Tampa, Tampa, Florida. The theme is "Reaching Out, Reaching Ahead, Reaching Beyond." Website: www.ruralsociology.org

August 8-11, 2005

Earth System Process 2, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, an interdisciplinary, integrative scientific meeting exploring the interactions among Earth's lithosphere, atmosphere, hydrosphere, cryosphere, and biota. Co-convened by Geological Society of American and Geological Association of Canada. Co-sponsored by European Geosciences Union (EGU). Website: www.geosociety.org/meetings/esp2/

August 13-16, 2005

The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting will be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Philadelphia Marriott. Website: www.asanet.org/meetings/meetings/html

September 21-24, 2005

Changing Natural Landscapes: Ecological and Human Dimensions

is the theme for the University of Nebraska's Center for Great Plains Studies 29th annual interdisciplinary symposium in cosponsorship with the 32nd annual conference by the Natural Areas Association (NAA). The joint conference will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska, on September 21-24, 2005. Website: www.unl.edu/plains/

October 16-19, 2005

The Geological Society of America's Annual Meeting will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. website: www.geosociety.org/meetings/

CHARLES E. BESSEY AWARD

Great Plains Research is pleased to announce the article by Mark P. Vrtiska and Nick Lyman, "Wintering Canada Geese along the Platte Rivers of Nebraska, 1960-2000," is the winner of the Charles E. Bessey Award for the best paper in natural sciences published during the volume year of 2004. This paper was featured in Volume 14 (Spring 2004): 115-28. The annual award includes a cash stipend of \$250.

LESLIE HEWES AWARD

The winner of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in *Great Plains Research* during the volume year 2004, is "A View of Sudanese Refugee Resettlement through Nebraska's Print Media" by Mary S. Willis and Constance J. Fernald. The article was published in Volume 14 (Fall 2004): 271-92. The annual award includes a cash stipend of \$250.