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**The 74th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society** in conjunction with the Community Development Society will take place at the Boise Center, The Grove Hotel, and Hampton Inn in Boise, ID. The theme for this meeting is “Shifting Boundaries: Rural Diversity and Change in an Urbanizing Society.” For more information, see the website: [www.ruralsociology.org](http://www.ruralsociology.org).

August 7–12, 2011

**The 96th Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America** will be at the Austin Convention Center, Austin, TX. The theme is “Earth Stewardship: Preserving and Enhancing the Earth’s Life-Support Systems.” Website: [www.esa.org/austin](http://www.esa.org/austin).

October 6–8, 2011

The annual meeting of the **Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division of the Association of American Geographers** will take place in the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences at the University of Colorado–Denver. Chair: Deborah Thomas, <[deborah.thomas@ucdenver.edu](mailto:deborah.thomas@ucdenver.edu)>. Website: [www.aag.org/cs/events/event\\_detail?eventId=233](http://www.aag.org/cs/events/event_detail?eventId=233).

October 9–12, 2011

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**The 59th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America** will be held at the Reno Sparks Convention Center in Reno, NV. The theme is “Identify . . . Clarify . . . Speak Out!” Website: [www.entsoc.org](http://www.entsoc.org).

November 16–20, 2011

**The 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association** will be held in Montreal,

QC, Canada. The theme is “Traces, Tidemarks and Legacies,” words that evoke the shifting and changeable character of differences. Website: [www.aaanet.org/meetings/](http://www.aaanet.org/meetings/).

### CALL FOR PAPERS

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The federal government acted in 1862 to implement its vision for the development of the Great Plains. Congress passed the **Homestead Act**, the **Morrill Act**, the **Pacific Railroad Act**, and the act establishing the **U.S. Department of Agriculture**. The **Dakota Conflict**, which ended with the defeat and forcible removal of the Dakota, also inadvertently provoked more general hostilities with the Lakotas and Yanktonais. How did these acts and events drive regional development over the ensuing decades in some directions and foreclose it in others? How did they shape the culture, economy, environment, social customs, land use, demography, history, technology, literature, and politics of the Great Plains as well as the nation? How do they continue to have relevance today and in the future?

We invite presentations on any topics exploring the influence of these acts and events on the Great Plains and beyond. Eligible topics include but are not limited to: settlement patterns; gender relations; regional and national literature; university research; urban development; Indian–white relations; land tenure and land use; economic development; impact of railroads; Native American culture; agriculture and conservation; art and culture; natural resources; attitudes, work habits, values; and politics.

The Symposium Committee also invites submissions of proposals for papers, panels, and posters fo-

cusing on the impact of these events on the subsequent historical development of the Great Plains and on its present and future.

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Program co-chairs are Richard Edwards and Mark Engler. Edwards is professor of economics and Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Engler is superintendent of Homestead National Monument of America. Contact the Center through the website at [www.unl.edu/plains](http://www.unl.edu/plains) or e-mail <[cgps@unl.edu](mailto:cgps@unl.edu)>.

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*Great Plains Research* 20, no. 2 (Fall 2010):229–48. The annual award includes a cash prize of \$250.

Keables is associate professor of geography at the University of Denver, and Mehta is with ESRI in Redlands, CA.

#### LESLIE HEWES AWARD

The winners of the Leslie Hewes Award for the best paper in social sciences published in *Great Plains Research* during the volume year 2010 are Richard Edwards and Eric Thompson for their paper, “The Role of Conservation Research and Education Centers in Growing Nature-Based Tourism,” *Great Plains Research* 20, no. 1 (Spring 2010):51–70. This annual award also includes a cash prize of \$250.

Edwards is professor of economics, interim chair of management, and fellow of the Center for Great Plains Studies, and Thompson is director of the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

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