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With the approach in August 2014 of the international centennial of World War I, the Center for Western Studies has chosen to observe this momentous event by dedicating the 46th Annual Dakota Conference to the theme of *The Great War and the Northern Plains, 1914-2014*. Although the United States did not officially enter the war until 1917, Americans across the country felt the impact of the war long before engagement, none more so than those of German descent living in the Plains, who were often viewed as German sympathizers. As noted in the CWS publication *A New South Dakota History* (2nd ed.), in reference to the Hutterites, or communal Mennonites, "Their religious doctrine of nonresistance and nonviolence forbade Hutterites to serve in the military or take part in any activity that contributed to the war effort. In the hysteria of wartime, state and federal authorities did not tolerate these religious convictions, and several young Hutterite men were sentenced to long prison terms for refusing to support the war effort."

For others, World War I brought affluence as the price of crops and agricultural land soared. The federal government urged intensive planting using such slogans as "Plow to the fence for national defense," "If you can't fight, farm," and "Wheat will win the war." The advent of the tractor at this time contributed to an economic boom during and after the war. Plowing up the Plains and over-mortgaging farms, combined with extended drought years and the Great Depression, resulted in the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. World War I and its immediate aftermath changed the people of the Plains and their values in many ways. This year's conference will examine many issues of the World War I Era as well as other topics related to the Northern Plains.

Dedicated to examining contemporary issues in their historical and cultural contexts, the Dakota Conference is a signature event of the Center for Western Studies, whose programming focuses on the Northern Plains region of the American West. Thank you to each presenter and session chair and to the staff of Mikkelsen Library for their assistance. Get the latest conference news at [www.augie.edu/cws](http://www.augie.edu/cws) or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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**Loren H. Amundson, M.D.**



Dr. Loren H. Amundson is a proud native of Colton, Minnehaha County, South Dakota. His great-great-grandparents rest in five cemeteries in the county. His long career in clinical family practice and academic family medicine saw him edit and publish medical quarterlies and over fifty peer-reviewed chapters and papers in refereed medical journals and books.

Loren retired as Professor Emeritus of Family Medicine from the USD School of Medicine in 1996, having founded the department in 1974. In retirement, genealogy has become a way of life for him. He completed his six-volume family history series, *Norwegians, Swedes, and More*, in 2007. Since then he has produced several monographs for extended families, and in 2009 published a book, *Huntimer*, for the families who homesteaded this hamlet three miles

north of his hometown. He has authored and co-authored many Minnehaha County Historical Markers and presented several papers at the Dakota Conference.

Loren and his wife, Mavis, volunteer in the Sioux Valley Genealogical Society at the Old Courthouse Museum, and since January 2008, Loren has been a valued volunteer in the archives at the Center for Western Studies. Through the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, Loren and Mavis have established an endowment to support the archives and the Dakota Conference.

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# The Great War and the Northern Plains

The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 25-26, 2014

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**Friday, April 25 (updated Dakota Conference program, 4.24.14)**

<b>8:15 am</b>	<b>Opening Registration (CWS Fantle Building) 8:15 am - 5:30 pm</b>			
	<p align="center"><b>Session 1</b>  <b>World War I Era I</b>            Chair: John McIntyre, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 2</b>  <b>World War I Era II</b>            Chair: Ron Laycock, Benson, MN</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 3</b>  <b>World War I Era III</b>            Chair: Jamie Volin, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 4</b>  <b>Curio Cabinet I</b>            Chair: Ronelle Thompson, Augustana College, CWS Board Member</p>
<b>9:00 - 9:30 am</b>	<p><b>German-Russian Doughboys from McIntosh County, North Dakota, in World War I</b>            Gordon Iseminger, University of North Dakota</p>	<p><b>The Clash Between Norwegian Ethnic Preservation and Anti-hyphenism in the Upper Midwest, 1914-1922</b>            Lynwood Oyos, Augustana College, CWS Board Member</p>	<p><b>Seven South Dakota Men Who Were Part of the Great War and Their Stories</b>            Marian Cramer, Bryant, SD</p>	<p><b>The Indian Commission of 1882: "A Cracker and Molasses Treaty"</b>            Wayne Fanebust, Sioux Falls, SD</p>
<b>9:35 - 10:05 am</b>	<p><b>The 89<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in World War I</b>            David Kvernes, Carbondale, IL</p>	<p><b>Name Changes as the Result of Anti-German Feeling in the Great War</b>            Thomas Gasque, Columbia, SC</p>	<p><b>The Home Front, 1918: Letters from Millie</b>            Esther Knutson, Vermillion, SD</p>	<p><b>America's Greatest Generation: The Defenders of the Union (Civil War)</b>            Miles Browne, Urbandale, IA</p>
<b>10:10 - 10:40 am</b>	<p><b>In Memory of World War I Veteran Pfc. Arvid Tormanen, 1893-1965</b>            Alvin Kangas, Lake Norden, SD</p>	<p><b>More Than Names: Honoring Lakota Warriors of World War I from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation</b>            JoLaVae Gunville, Eagle Butte, SD (Read by Brad Tennant)</p>	<p><b>I Had a Bird Named Enza: The Spanish Flu in the Dakotas, 1918</b>            Chuck Wise, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p><b>The International Harvester Building Fire of 1917</b>            Dave Kemp and Richard Gourley, Sioux Falls, SD</p>
<b>10:45 - 11:15 am</b>		<p><b>South Dakota on the Southern Border: Exploits of the South Dakota National Guard</b>            Robert Kolbe, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p><b>Letters from Home: World War I</b>            Charles Thompson, Leesburg, GA</p>	<p><b>Frank Farrar, Twenty-fourth Governor of South Dakota</b>            Jean Rahja, Aberdeen, SD</p>
<b>11:30 am - 1:00 pm</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)</b>  <b>Presiding:</b> Harry Thompson, Executive Director, Center for Western Studies  <b>Address:</b> <b>Anti-German Sentiment and World War I</b>, Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD</p>			

	<p align="center"><b>Session 6</b> <b>Curio Cabinet II</b> Chair: Christel Gollnick, Trimble, MO, CWS National Council Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 7</b> <b>World War I Era IV</b> Chair: Deb Hagemeyer, Augustana College, CWS Board Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 8</b> <b>World War I Era V</b> Chair: Loren Amundson, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 9</b> <b>Curio Cabinet III</b> Chair: Martin Oyos, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member</p>
<p><b>1:15 – 1:45 pm</b></p>	<p><b>South Dakota at 125: Interpreting the Past, Assessing the Present, and Imagining the Future</b> John Miller, Brookings, SD, CWS National Council Member</p>	<p><b>Digital Sources for World War I</b> Lisa Brunick, Augustana College</p>	<p><b>World War I Registration Cards and Service Parade Photographs as Primary Source Documents in Ethnic Research</b> Steve Cusulos, Minneapolis, MN</p>	<p><b>Dearest Ida of the Wild West: One Woman’s Journey of Life and Love</b> Carol Jean Swanson, Greenville, IL</p>
<p><b>1:50 – 2:20 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Journey Up the Missouri River in 1833</b> Darwin Sletten, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p><b>“Truly a Dangerous Character!”: The Iverson Family’s Resistance to World War I</b> Bill Douglas, Des Moines, IA</p>	<p><b>Over Here, Over There: The World War I Correspondence of John and Anna Warns</b> Rich Lofthus, Mount Marty College</p>	<p><b>Settlement of the Dakotas: Indian Wars, Gold, Bonanza Farms, Drought, and Governor Mellette’s Lonely Mission</b> John Timm, Sioux Falls, SD</p>
<p><b>2:25 – 2:55 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Banishing Loneliness by Creating Community: The Golden Age of Agriculture, 1910-1920</b> Ruth Page Jones, University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin</p>	<p><b>German-American Treatment in South Dakota During World War I</b> Benjamin Devlin, Siouxland Heritage Museums, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p><b>Badger Clark on War (and a Queer Addendum)</b> Wayne Kvam, Kent State University</p>	<p><b>French Language Persistence in Manitoba</b> Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa</p>
<p><b>3:00 – 3:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Harmonies of the Homefront: Music and Propaganda of WWI</b> Whitney Heinzmann, National World War I Museum, Kansas City, MO</p>	<p><b>Warrior in the Family: My Grandfather’s Experience in World War I</b> Aaron Woodard, Kilian Community College</p>	<p><b>Ethnic Americans in the New Era: World War I and American Lutherans, 1918-1930</b> Anna Amundson, Tallahassee, FL</p>	<p><b>The Orphan Trains: How Thousands of America's Young Poor Became Plainsmen and Women</b> Liz Thronnd, Augustana College, CWS Collections Assistant</p>

3:30 – 3:45 pm	<b>Refreshments (CWS Fantle Building)</b> <b>Sponsored by Jamie and Penny Volin</b>			
	<p align="center"><b>Session 10</b> <b>World War I Era VI</b> Chair: Lynn Aspaas, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 11</b> <b>South Dakota Politics during the 1970s</b> Chair: Jon Lauck Sioux Falls, SD, CWS National Council Member</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 12</b> <b>Making Sense of the U.S. Experience in the Great War</b> Chair: Liz Thron, Augustana College, CWS Collections Assistant</p>	<p align="center"><b>Session 13</b> <b>World War I Era VII</b> Chair: Lisa Brunick, Augustana College</p>
3:50 – 4:20 pm	<p><b>What a Woman’s Vote Would Do: The South Dakota Woman’s Christian Temperance Union’s Rise and Decline, 1914-1933</b> Chuck Vollan, South Dakota State University</p>	<p><b>Ted Muenster, Vermillion, SD, Chief of Staff to Governor Richard Kneip</b>  <b>Rolly Samp, Sioux Falls, SD, Chief of Staff to Governor Frank Farrar and Political Advisor to Governor Bill Janklow</b></p>	<p><b>“Sammies Have No Epidemics”:</b> <b>Sioux Falls Experiences the Great War and the Coming of a World-Wide Pandemic</b> Margaret Preston, Augustana College</p>	<p><b>Emma Goldman: Anti-Conscriptionist “Conspirator”</b> Rebecca Sunde, Augustana College, CWS Intern</p>
4:25 – 4:55 pm	<p><b>Fred C. Christopherson: World War I Bomber Pilot and South Dakota Native</b> Stan Christopherson, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member</p>	<p><b>Don Barnett, Littleton, CO, Former Mayor of Rapid City</b></p>	<p><b>Anna Gilbertson and the Gold Star Mothers’ Pilgrimage after the Great War</b> Sue Schrader, Augustana College</p>	<p><b>Entrepreneurship in the Sunshine State During the Great War</b> Robert Wright, Augustana College</p>
5:00 – 5:30 pm	<p><b>The Diary of Peder Phillips: Gauging the Post-Armistice Feelings of Soldiers and Civilians</b> Sebastian Forbush, Augustana College, CWS Intern</p>		<p><b>Defending American Womanhood: Gender Constructions in Great-War Propaganda</b> Matthew Pehl, Augustana College</p>	<p><b>Writing Everyday History in the Shadows of a World War</b> Joseph Amato, Minnesota State University (author)</p>
5:45 – 7:00 pm	<p><b>Session 14: Dinner (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)</b> <b>Presiding:</b> Kristi Thomas, Education Assistant, and Elizabeth Thron, Collections Assistant, Center for Western Studies <b>Recognition of Authors Attending Conference and Presentation of Awards for 2013 Papers</b></p>			

**Address: Over There: Missouri and the Great War (Digitizing Historical Resources),** Whitney Heinzmann, National World War I Museum, Kansas City, MO, and Claire Presley Marks, State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia, MO

**Saturday, April 26**

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Trail Breakfast 7:30-8:15 am (CWS Fantele Building) Registration Desk Open 7:30 am – 1:00 pm</b> <b>Sponsored by the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission</b>			
	<b>Session 15</b> <b>World War I Era VIII</b> Chair: Michael Haug, South Dakota State University, CWS Board Member	<b>Session 16</b> <b>World War I Era IX</b> Chair: Aaron Woodard, Kilian Community College	<b>Session 17</b> <b>World War I Era X</b> Chair: Shon Cronk, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member	<b>Session 18</b> <b>Writing the Plains I</b> Chair: Arlen Viste, Augustana College, CWS Board Member
<b>8:30 – 9:00 am</b>	<b>The Little Engine that Could: The Sioux Falls Stockyards in the Aftermath of World War I</b> Michael Mullin, Augustana College, CWS Board Member	<b>Huron-Born World War I Ballooning Hero</b> Arley Fadness, Custer, SD (author)	<b>Progressivism, Pacifism, and World War I: The Nebraska Peace Society, 1912-1918</b> Frank Edler, Metropolitan Community College-Omaha	<b><i>Death of a Dream: One Family's Experience of the 1862 US/Dakota War</i></b> Paul Lundborg, Olympia, WA (author)
<b>9:05 – 9:35 am</b>	<b>South Dakota and the Birth of Free Speech</b> Thomas Healy, Seton Hall Law School (author), and Joe P. Kirby, Sioux Falls, SD	<b>A Microhistory of South Dakota Agriculture, 1919- 1920</b> Grant Anderson, LeCenter, MN	<b>Martyrs of Rockport</b> John Andrews, Yankton, SD	<b><i>Bringing Kindness to Medicine: Stories from the Prairie</i></b> Jerome Freeman, Sioux Falls, SD (author)
<b>9:40 – 10:10 am</b>	<b>South Dakota and the Birth of Free Speech (continued)</b> Thomas Healy, Seton Hall Law School (author), and Joe P. Kirby, Sioux Falls, SD	<b>The Kaiser's Totebag: Fundraising, German- Americans, and World War I</b> Richard Muller, University of South Dakota, CWS Board Member	<b>The Great War and the Stained Glass of the American West</b> Barbara Johnson, Aberdeen, SD	<b><i>Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities, and Identities</i></b> Lori Lahlum, Minnesota State University-Mankato (author)
<b>10:15 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Refreshments</b> <b>Sponsored by Joyce Nelson, in Memory of V.R. Nelson</b>			



	<b>Session 19</b> <b>World War I Era XI</b> Chair: Richard Muller, University of South Dakota, CWS Board Member	<b>Session 20</b> <b>Panel: Rebirth of the Midwest</b> Chair: Harry Thompson, CWS Executive Director	<b>Session 21</b> <b>Two World Wars</b> Chair: Gerry Law, Clear Lake, SD, CWS Board Member	<b>Session 22</b> <b>Writing the Plains II</b> Chair: Ann Smith, Sioux Falls School District, CWS Board Member
10:35 – 11:05 am	<b>The “Shadow Huns” and the Nonpartisan League: Theodore Roosevelt Expostulates</b> Kimberley Porter, University of North Dakota	<b><i>Small-Town Dreams: Stories of Midwestern Boys Who Shaped America</i>, by John E. Miller</b>	<b>Black Soldiers Answer the Call (World War I)</b> Miles Browne, Urbandale, IA	<b><i>South Dakota 125: A Pictorial History</i></b> Bernie Hunhoff, Yankton, SD (author)
11:10 – 11:40 am	<b>Anna Thompson: A Prairie Woman’s Journey through the Great War Years</b> Myron Sougstad, Rapid City, SD	<b>Respondents:</b> <b>James C. Schaap, Dordt College</b>  <b>Pamela Riney-Kehrberg, Iowa State University</b>	<b><i>Reveille for Sioux Falls: A World War II Army Air Forces Technical School Changes a South Dakota City</i></b> Lynwood Oyos, Augustana College, CWS Board Member (author)	<b><i>The Last American Highway: A Journey through Time Down U.S. Route 83: The Dakotas</i></b> Stew Magnuson, Arlington, VA (author)
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	<b>“Frisco Really Knows How”: World War I Objectivism in San Francisco</b> Jeffrey Johnson, Providence College, CWS National Council Member (author)	<b><i>The Lost Region: Toward a Revival of Midwestern History</i>, by Jon K. Lauck</b>  <b>Respondents:</b> <b>David Pichaske, Southwest Minnesota State University</b>  <b>Gary Olson, Augustana College</b>	<b>“Dear Unforgettable Brother”: The Stavig Letters from Norway and America, 1881-1937</b> Jane Torness Rasmussen and John Rasmussen, Sisseton, SD (authors)	<b><i>Twelve Thousand Years of Human History as Recorded on Historical Markers in Minnehaha County, SD</i></b> Bruce Blake and Ron Robinson Sioux Falls, SD (authors)
12:20 – 1:00 pm	<b>Session 23: Northern Plains Autograph Party (CWS Fantle Building)</b>  Joseph Amato, <b>Surfaces: A History</b> (U California P, 2013), <b>Rethinking Home: A Case for Writing Local History</b> (U California P, 2002) Arley Fadness, <b>Balloons Aloft: Flying South Dakota Skies</b> (Xulon Press, 2013) Bruce Blake, Ron Robinson, et al., <b>Twelve Thousand Years of Human History as Recorded on Historical Markers in Minnehaha County, South Dakota</b> (Sioux Falls: Ex Machina P, 2014) Jerome Freeman, <b>Bringing Kindness to Medicine: Stories from the Prairie</b> (Heroic Yes!, 2014) Thomas Healy, <b>The Great Dissent: How Oliver Wendell Holmes Changed His Mind—and Changed the History of Free Speech in America</b> (Metropolitan Books, 2013) Bernie Hunhoff, John Andrews, and Roger Holtzman, <b>South Dakota 125: A Pictorial History</b> (South Dakota Magazine, 2013) Jeffrey A. Johnson, <b>“They Are All Red Out Here”: Socialist Politics in the Pacific Northwest, 1895-1925</b> (University of Oklahoma Press, 2008)			

	<p>Lori Lahlum, <b>Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities, and Identities</b> (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2011)</p> <p>Jon K. Lauck, <b>The Lost Region: Toward a Revival of Midwestern History</b> (U of Iowa Press, 2013)</p> <p>Paul Lundborg, <b>Death of a Dream: One Family's Experience of the 1862 US/Dakota War</b> (CreateSpace, 2013)</p> <p>Stew Magnuson, <b>The Last American Highway: A Journey Through Time Down U.S. Route 83: The Dakotas</b> (Court Bridge Publishing, 2014)</p> <p>John E. Miller, <b>Small-Town Dreams: Stories of Midwestern Boys Who Shaped America</b> (UP of Kansas, 2014)</p> <p>Lynwood E. Oyos, <b>Reveille for Sioux Falls: A World War II Army Air Forces Technical School Changes a South Dakota City</b> (Center for Western Studies, 2014)</p> <p>David Pichaske, <b>Song of the North Country: A Midwest Framework to the Songs of Bob Dylan</b> (Bloomsbury, 2010), <b>Rooted: Seven Midwest Writers of Place</b> (University of Iowa Press, 2006)</p> <p>Jane Torness Rasmussen and John Rasmussen, <b>"Dear Unforgettable Brother": The Stavig Letters from Norway and America, 1881-1937</b> (SD State Historical Society Press, 2013)</p> <p>Robert E. Wright, <b>Corporation Nation</b> (U of Pennsylvania P, 2014)</p>
<p><b>1:15 – 2:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>Session 24: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)</b></p> <p><b>Presiding:</b> Stan Christopherson, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Center for Western Studies</p> <p><b>Award for Distinguished Contribution:</b> Loren Amundson, M.D., Sioux Falls</p> <p><b>Address:</b> "Camp Dodge: Home Away from Home, 1917-1918," Michael Vogt, Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Johnston, IA</p>

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