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The Great War and the Northern Plains (1914-2014)

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Welcome, Dakota Conference Presenters and Attendees!

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 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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| 9:00 –     | **Session 1**  
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|            | Chair: John McIntyre, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member                                    |
| 9:35 –     | **Session 2**  
| 10:05 am   | *World War I Era II*  
|            | Chair: Ron Laycock, Benson, MN                                                            |
| 10:10 –    | **Session 3**  
| 10:40 am   | *World War I Era III*  
|            | Chair: Jamie Volin, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member                                     |
| 10:45 –    | **Session 4**  
| 11:15 am   | *Curio Cabinet I*  
|            | Chair: Ronelle Thompson, Augustana College, CWS Board Member                              |
| 11:30 am   | **Session 5: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)**  
| – 1:00 pm  | Presiding: Harry Thompson, Executive Director, Center for Western Studies  
<p>|            | Address: Anti-German Sentiment and World War I, Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD |</p>
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| 1:15 – 2:30 pm | Session 24: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)  
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