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

Augustana College | April 25-26, 2014

Featuring The Northern Plains Autograph Party and the exhibit

*En Plein Air: The Art of Catbleen Benberg and Steve Beaubien*
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 deducing 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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Cover illustration: U.S. soldiers parading down Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls, 1919.  
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Award for Distinguished Contribution to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage of the Northern Plains

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.

**Award Recipients for 2013 Conference Papers**

Arthur and Willmeta Johnson Award (Amateur), **Jean Rahja**
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John Miller, Brookings, SD, CWS National Council Member | Digital Sources for World War I  
Lisa Brunick, Augustana College | World War I Registration Cards and Service Parade Photographs as Primary Source Documents in Ethnic Research  
Steve Cusulos, Minneapolis, MN | Dearest Ida of the Wild West: One Woman's Journey of Life and Love  
Carol Jean Swanson, Greenville, IL |
| 1:50 – 2:20 pm | Journey Up the Missouri River in 1833  
Darwin Sletten, Sioux Falls, SD | “Truly a Dangerous Character!”: The Iverson Family's Resistance to World War I  
Bill Douglas, Des Moines, IA | Over Here, Over There: The World War I Correspondence of John and Anna Warns  
John Timm, Sioux Falls, SD |
| 2:25 – 2:55 pm | Banishing Loneliness by Creating Community: The Golden Age of Agriculture, 1910-1920  
Ruth Page Jones, University of Milwaukee-Wisconsin | German-American Treatment in South Dakota During World War I  
Benjamin Devlin, Siouxland Heritage Museums, Sioux Falls, SD | Badger Clark on War (and a Queer Addendum)  
Wayne Kvam, Kent State University | French Language Persistence in Manitoba  
Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa |
| 3:00 – 3:30 pm | Harmonies of the Homefront: Music and Propaganda of WWI  
Lora Vogt, National World War I Museum, Kansas City, MO | Warrior in the Family: My Grandfather's Experience in World War I  
Aaron Woodard, Kilian Community College | Ethnic Americans in the New Era: World War I and American Lutherans, 1918-1930  
Anna Amundson, Tallahassee, FL | The Orphan Trains: How Thousands of America's Young Poor Became Plainsmen and Women  
Liz Thrond, Augustana College, CWS Collections Assistant |
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South Dakota Politics during the 1970s  
Chair: Jon Lauck, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS National Council Member  
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Making Sense of the U.S. Experience in the Great War  
Chair: Liz Thro, Augustana College, CWS Collections Assistant  
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World War I Era VII  
Chair: Lisa Brunick, Augustana College |
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What a Woman's Vote Would Do: The South Dakota Woman's Christian Temperance Union's Rise and Decline, 1914-1933  
Chuck Vollen, South Dakota State University  
**Session 12**  
“Sammies Have No Epidemics”  
Sioux Falls Experiences the Great War and the Coming of a World-Wide Pandemic  
Margaret Preston, Augustana College  
**Session 13**  
Emma Goldman: Anti-Conscriptionist “Conspirator”  
Rebecca Sunde, Augustana College, CWS Intern |
| 5:00 – 5:30 pm | **Session 12**  
Fred C. Christopherson: World War I Bomber Pilot and South Dakota Native  
Stan Christopherson, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member  
**Session 13**  
Scott McGregor, Rapid City, SD, Senior Aid to Governor Richard Kneip and Governor Harvey Wollman  
Don Barnett, Littleton, CO, Former Mayor of Rapid City  
**Session 13**  
Anna Gilbertson and the Gold Star Mothers’ Pilgrimage after the Great War  
Sue Schrader, Augustana College  
**Session 13**  
Entrepreneurship in the Sunshine State During the Great War  
Robert Wright, Augustana College |
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The Diary of Peder Phillips: Gauging the Post-Armistice Feelings of Soldiers and Civilians  
Sebastian Forbush, Augustana College, CWS Intern  
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Defending American Womanhood: Gender Constructions in Great-War Propaganda  
Matthew Pehl, Augustana College  
**Session 13**  
Writing Everyday History in the Shadows of a World War  
Joseph Amato, Minnesota State University (author)  
**Session 14:** Dinner (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)  
Presiding: Kristi Thomas, Education Assistant, and Elizabeth Thrond, Collections Assistant, Center for Western Studies  
**Session 14:** Recognition of Authors Attending Conference and Presentation of Awards for 2013 Papers |
# Conference Schedule

**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

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Chair: Shon Cronk, Sioux Falls, SD, CWS Board Member  
Session 18 Writing the Plains I  
Chair: Arlen Viste, Augustana College, CWS Board Member  |
| 8:30 – 9:00 am | The Little Engine that Could: The Sioux Falls Stockyards in the Aftermath of World War I  
Michael Mullin, Augustana College, CWS Board Member  
Huron-Born World War I Ballooning Hero  
Arley Fadness, Custer, SD (author)  
Progressivism, Pacifism, and World War I: The Nebraska Peace Society, 1912-1918  
Frank Edler, Metropolitan Community College-Omaha  
Death of a Dream: One Family’s Experience of the 1862 US/Dakota War  
Paul Lundborg, Olympia, WA (author)  |
| 9:05 – 9:35 am | South Dakota and the Birth of Free Speech  
Thomas Healy, Seton Hall Law School (author), and Joe P. Kirby, Sioux Falls, SD  
A Microhistory of South Dakota Agriculture, 1919-1920  
Grant Anderson, LeCenter, MN  
Martyrs of Rockport  
John Andrews, Yankton, SD  
Bringing Kindness to Medicine: Stories from the Prairie  
Jerome Freeman, Sioux Falls, SD (author)  |
| 9:40 – 10:10 am | South Dakota and the Birth of Free Speech (continued)  
Thomas Healy, Seton Hall Law School (author), and Joe P. Kirby, Sioux Falls, SD  
The Kaiser’s Totebag: Fundraising, German-Americans, and World War I  
Richard Muller, University of South Dakota, CWS Board Member  
The Great War and the Stained Glass of the American West  
Barbara Johnson, Aberdeen, SD  
Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities, and Identities  
Lori Lahlum, Minnesota State University-Mankato (author)  |
| 10:15 – 10:30 am | Refreshments  
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**Session 24: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)**

**Presiding:** Stan Christopherson, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Center for Western Studies

**Award for Distinguished Contribution:** Loren Amundson, M.D., Sioux Falls

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