The Center for Western Studies Presents

The Forty-First Annual Dakota Conference
A National Conference on the Northern Plains
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Abraham Lincoln Looks West
Augustana College
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 24-25, 2009

Featuring the Twenty-Second Annual
Northern Plains Autograph Party
(Free and Open to the Public)
Saturday, April 25, 11:50 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Welcome, Dakota Conference Presenters and Attendees

Dedicated to examining contemporary issues in their historical and cultural contexts, the Dakota Conference is a signature event of the Center for Western Studies, which provides programming in Northern Plains studies at Augustana College.

The Dakota Conference has received two important recognitions recently. The first is the endorsement of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Washington, DC. The second is the specific reference to the conference's tradition of encouraging both academic and lay scholars by the National Endowment for the Humanities in its awarding of a $300,000 Challenge Grant to the Center for Western Studies.

Titled “Abraham Lincoln Looks West,” this year’s conference considers the impact of President Lincoln in bringing fundamental change to the Northern Plains by appointing two Dakota Territory governors; encouraging settlement through the passage of the Homestead Act of 1862; pardoning (and executing) Dakota Sioux following the Dakota Conflict of 1862; and authorizing the transcontinental railroad in 1864. Each of these developments resulted in controversy and repercussions that affect both indigenous peoples and immigrant descendants to this day.

Thank you to each presenter and session chair, whose dedication to research and writing makes this conference possible. Please plan to attend the next Dakota Conference on April 23-24, 2010.

– Harry F. Thompson, Ph.D., Dakota Conference Director

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Miles Browne began life from humble roots, one of six children born to a former school administrator and housewife in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, in January 1929. His father died suddenly when Miles was barely one-year old. From that day on, the determination and dedication not only of his mother, Ida, but also of his brothers, who dropped out of school and sacrificed their futures, are what enabled the family to stay together. After caring for her family during the day, Ida earned wages by cleaning homes and helping to prepare meals for Minnehaha Country Club members. During his grade-school years, Miles benefited from the caring interest of principal Nan Nelson, who gave him opportunities to develop self-confidence.

After graduating from Washington High School, Miles went to work at the John Morrell meat-packing plant. When businessman and state senator Art Anderson, father of his best friend, Cliff, learned of his circumstance, he gave Miles the financial support to attend Augustana College (Class of ‘55).

As an educator, Miles taught or counseled students from fifth through twelfth grades, but his interests extended beyond the classroom. Miles was a scoutmaster, YMCA Hi-Y leader, coordinator for a Y-Indian Guide program, YMCA camp counselor, and supervisor of a summer recreation program. He also developed and directed a summer program that found employment for 500 inner-city youth.

As president of two teacher unions, Miles was an active advocate for teachers and students in the Des Moines public schools. After retirement, he was employed by the Iowa State Education Association as a United Service Director, retiring in 1998.

Miles has been married to Marilyn for fifty-three golden years, and their marriage has been blessed with children Karen, Stan, and Steve. Son-in-law Brent Kowalsky and grandson Brandon have enhanced the family circle.

For the past forty years Miles’s hobby has been Abraham Lincoln and the men who served the Union Army. During that time he has made Springfield, Illinois, his second hometown as he attended Abraham Lincoln Association events. He has presented more than ten papers on Lincoln at the Dakota Conference. As the recipient of his large Lincoln and Civil War book collection, the Center for Western Studies has helped Miles to spread the good news about Lincoln.

2008 Recipient: Elaine Nelson McIntosh
### Friday, April 24

**Opening Reception** *(CWS Fantle Building)* Registration Desk Open 8:15 am – 5:00 p.m.

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<td>9:00 - 9:30 a.m.</td>
<td><em>Abraham Lincoln: The Western-bred President</em> Miles A. Browne, Urbandale, IA (author)</td>
<td><em>Kidder Family of Vermillion: An American Tragedy</em> Arthur L. Rusch, Vermillion, SD</td>
<td><em>Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane: A Mother-Daughter Writing Team</em> John E. Miller, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD</td>
<td><em>Arthur and Margaret Mellette</em> Experience Lincoln's Death <em>John (Jack) Timm, Sioux Falls, SD (author)</em></td>
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<td><em>Lincoln: Savior of the Union, May He Rest in Peace</em> Jean Elliot Rahja, Aberdeen, SD</td>
<td><em>West Bethany Lutheran Church: The Power of Homestead Faith</em> Marian Cramer, Bryant, SD</td>
<td><em>Vikings, Coyotes, Aggies, and Utes; Forty-four Years in the Gardens and Deserts of Academe (Part One: The Augustana Years)</em> Robert C. Steensma, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT</td>
<td><em>Saint Abraham, Martyr for Truth; His Legacy and Links to the Other Stone Faces Looking East</em> Gerald Lange, Madison, SD</td>
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### Session 5: Lunch (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)
Presiding: Harry F. Thompson, Augustana College

**The Papers of Abraham Lincoln—An Editor's Perspective** (Ed Bradley, *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln*, Silver Spring, MD)

### Session 6: People
Chair: Tony Haga, Edgerton, MN

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Tom Kilian, Sioux Falls, SD |                                                                                   |
| 1:50 - 2:20 p.m. | **The Dr. Harry "Bill" Farrell Letters**  
Loren H. Amundson, Sioux Falls, SD |                                                                                   |
| 2:25 - 2:55 p.m. | **My Illinois Grandmother Speaks**  
Barbara Aspaas, Sioux Falls, SD |                                                                                   |
| 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. | **John Dillinger and the Sioux Falls Bank Robbery of 1934**  
Emma Abbot, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student) |                                                                                   |

### Session 7: Lincoln III
Chair: Alan R. Woolworth, Minnesota Historical Society

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| 1:15 - 1:45 p.m. | **Minnesota's Involvement in Dakota Territory in the Abraham Lincoln Years**  
The Williamson Missionary Family in Minnesota and Dakota, 1835-1870 |                                                                                   |
| 1:50 - 2:20 p.m. | **Jeff Williamson, Gideon H. Pond House, Bloomington, MN** |                                                                                   |
| 2:25 - 2:55 p.m. | **Abraham Lincoln Looks West: Minnesota's Involvements with Dakota Territory** |                                                                                   |
| 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. | **Lincoln’s Influence on the Settlement of Bend in the River (Wakpalpakis)**  
William J. Ellingson, Flandreau, SD |                                                                                   |

### Session 8: Native American
Chair: David Wolff, Black Hills State University

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Richmond L. Clow, University of Montana, Missoula, MT (author) |                                                                                   |
| 1:50 - 2:20 p.m. | **Indians and Abe Lincoln**  
Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, Rapid City, SD (author) |                                                                                   |
| 2:25 - 2:55 p.m. | **Lincoln’s Influence on the Settlement of Bend in the River (Wakpalpakis)**  
William J. Ellingson, Flandreau, SD |                                                                                   |

### Session 9: Lincoln IV
Chair: Robert C. Steensma, University of Utah

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Memory, Recovery, and Self-Determination |                                                                                   |
| 1:50 - 2:20 p.m. | **Things Lincoln Might Have Seen in the Dakotas (slides)**  
Robert Kolbe, Minnehaha County Historical Society, Sioux Falls, SD |                                                                                   |
| 2:25 - 2:55 p.m. | **Stories of Lincoln: Ghosts, Mysteries, and Conspirators**  
Lillian Johnsson, Chamberlain, SD |                                                                                   |
| 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. | **In the Camera’s Eye: Lincoln's Appearance and His Presidency**  
Gil Johnsson, Chamberlain, SD |                                                                                   |

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**Refreshments (CWS Fantle Building)**
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<td>The Intersection of Ethnicity, Religion, and Agriculture in Central Minnesota, 1852-1889 Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
<td>American Cousins; J.B.S. Todd and the Lincolns Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD</td>
<td>The Women's Suffrage Debate and Statehood in South Dakota Claire Jaenisch, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</td>
<td>Wallace Stegner; A Documentary Film Narrated by Peter Coyote (57 min.) Remarks by Robert C. Steensma, University of Utah</td>
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<td>4:25 - 4:55 p.m.</td>
<td>Women at Work, Women at Play; Rural Women in Southwest Minnesota a Century Ago Anita Talsma Gaul, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (grad student)</td>
<td>Developing the Plains: A Look Back at Lincoln Sebastian Braun, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND (author)</td>
<td>How Todd Lost His County (And Got It Back Again) Barbara A. White, Herrick, SD</td>
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<td>A Political Samson, Arisen in the Land of Israel; Mayor A.A. Ames and the Corruption of Minneapolis Dan Schoen, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</td>
<td>Abraham Lincoln Changes the Frontier Funeral (slides) Jeff Gould, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
<td>Waiting for Coyote's Call: Homesteading and Re-homesteading the Prairie Jerry Wilson, Vermillion, SD (author)</td>
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<td>Bob Dylan: An Eighth Midwest Writer of Place David Pichaske, Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN (author)</td>
<td>Abraham Lincoln Changes the Frontier Funeral (continued) Jeff Gould, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
<td>Beaver Bales and Steamboat Walls; The American Fur Company and Steampower on the Upper Missouri in the 1830s Aaron Woodard, Kilian Community College, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
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**Session 14: Dinner** *(Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)* Presiding: Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College  
Recognition of Authors Attending Conference  
*Abraham Lincoln and the Execution of the Thirty-eight Sioux* (Gary Clayton Anderson, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK)

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### Saturday, April 25

**Trail Breakfast** *(CWS Fantle Building)* Registration Desk Open 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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#### 8:05 - 8:35 a.m.
- **The Yankees are Coming, the Yankees are Coming** *(Babe Ruth and Bob Meusel)*  
  Grant K. Anderson, LeCenter, MN  
- **Abraham Lincoln’s Cabinet, 1860-1864**  
  Clarissa Thompson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)  
- **Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane: Deadwood Legends**  
  James McLaird, Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD  
- **Medicine and Illness on the Prairie: From the Lincoln and Sandburg Point of View**  
  Richard P. Holm, Brookings, SD (author)

#### 8:40 - 9:10 a.m.
- **Claremont’s Six-man Football Streak: Researching Sports History in Small-town South Dakota**  
  Wayne Kvam, Kent, OH  
- **Lincoln’s Pardon, Manfred’s Scarlet Plume, and the Search for Authenticity**  
  Harry F. Thompson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD  
- **Using Lincoln’s Name In Vain: Political Opportunism In the Black Hills**  
  David A. Wolff, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD  
- **Conscience and Circumstance: Lincoln’s Fight Against Slavery In the West**  
  Barbara A. White, Herrick, SD

#### 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
- **Mystery of the Tree Rings**  
  David Volk, Sioux Falls, SD (author)  
- **Dakota Refugees from the 1862 Minnesota War**  
  Herbert T. Hoover, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD  
- **Rediscovering the Black Hills**  
  Jay Kirschenmann, Sioux Falls, SD (author)  
- **Civil War Patronage In the West: Abraham Lincoln’s Appointment of William Jayne as Governor of the Dakota Territory**  
  Ed Bradley, *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln*, Silver Spring, MD
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<td><em>A Poet Looks West</em>&lt;br&gt;Christine Stewart-Nuñez, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD (author)</td>
<td><em>Colton: The Town</em>&lt;br&gt;Sponsored by the Minnehaha County Historical Society&lt;br&gt;Loren H. Amundson, Sioux Falls, SD (author)</td>
<td><em>Mamas, Please Let Your Cowboys Grow Up to be Filmmakers: The Western Folklife Center’s Old West, New West Project</em>&lt;br&gt;Debbie A. Hanson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
<td><em>Joshua Spies: A Retrospective</em></td>
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<td><em>Guy Fawkes Looks West: Burning a British Effigy in Sioux Falls</em>&lt;br&gt;Patrick Hicks, Augustana College Writer in Residence, Sioux Falls, SD (author)</td>
<td><em>Missouri River Colossus: The Story of Garrison Dam</em>&lt;br&gt;Robert K. Schneiders, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD</td>
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<td>11:10 - 11:40 a.m.</td>
<td><em>The Cowboy and the West: A Personal Exploration of the Cowboy’s Role in American Society</em>&lt;br&gt;Stephanie Johnson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</td>
<td><em>“They Are All Red Out Here”: Writing Socialist History</em>&lt;br&gt;Jeffrey A. Johnson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</td>
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11:50 - 1:00 p.m.  **Session 23: Northern Plains Autograph Party** *(CWS Fantle Building)*

Remarks by U.S. Senator George McGovern, author of *Abraham Lincoln* (The American Presidents Series)


Celia J. Benson, *Rural Schools of Minnehaha County, 1871-1971* (Anundsen)

Sebastian Braun, *Buffalo, Inc.: American Indians and Economic Development* (University of Oklahoma)


Richmond L. Clow, *The Sioux in South Dakota History* and *Chasing the Glitter* (South Dakota State Historical Society)

Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, *New Indians, Old Wars* (University of Illinois) and *Notebooks of Elizabeth Cook-Lynn* (University of Arizona)

Timothy Good, *The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Making of a President* (McFarland) and *We Saw Lincoln Shot* (University of Mississippi)

Erich Martin Hicks, *Rescue at Pine Ridge* (Outskirts)

Patrick Hicks, *Finding the Gossamer* (Salmon) and *The Kiss That Saved My Life* (Red Dragonfly)

Richard P. Holm, *The Picture of Health, A View from the Prairie* (South Dakota State University)

Jeffrey A. Johnson, “They Are All Red Out Here”: *Socialist Politics in the Pacific Northwest, 1895-1925* (University of Oklahoma)


James McLaird, *Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane: Deadwood Legends* (South Dakota State Historical Society)

David Martínez, *Dakota Philosopher: Charles Eastman and American Indian Thought* (Minnesota Historical Society)

John E. Miller, *Laura Ingalls Wilder and Rose Wilder Lane: Authorship, Place, Time, and Culture* (University of Missouri)

David Pichaske, *Rooted: Seven Midwestern Writers of Place* (University of Iowa)

Christine Stewart-Nuñez, *Postcard on Parchment* (ABZ)

John Timm, “…And the First Shall Be Last” (Pine Hill Press)

David Volk, *Mystery of the Tree Rings* (South Dakota State Historical Society)

Jerry Wilson, *Waiting for Coyote’s Call: An Eco-memoir from the Missouri River Bluff* (South Dakota State Historical Society)

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.  **Session 24: Awards Luncheon** *(Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)* Presiding: Harry F. Thompson, Augustana College

Welcome by Lynn Aspaas, Chair, CWS Board of Directors

Presentation of Awards: *Amateur:* Arthur I. and Willmeta Johnson Award and Richard Cropp Award;  
*Professional:* Herbert W. Blakely Award and Ernest M. Teagarden Award; *Student:* Cedric Cummins Award

Award for Distinguished Contribution: Miles A. Browne, Urbandale, IA

The Lincoln-Douglas Debates and the Making of a President (Timothy Good, National Park Service, Omaha, NE)