The Center for Western Studies  
Faculty-Student Research Award  
ANNOUNCEMENT for 2020-2021

The Center for Western Studies at Augustana University, founded in 1964 by writer and English professor Herbert Krause and expanded in 1970 by the Augustana Board of Trustees, invites applications for a **$2,500** research award made possible, in part, by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The award provides **$2,000** for the researcher and **$500** for a student assistant. The proposed research must be based, in part, on the use of primary-source documents in the archives of the Center for Western Studies and address a topic related to the northern Great Plains (defined as including but not limited to the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, and Wyoming). Use of the Center’s Krause Library of books and periodicals about the Great Plains and American West is also encouraged.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be full-time faculty members at Augustana University who have been issued (or have a reasonable expectation of being issued) a contract for the academic year following award notification. Both new and on-going projects are eligible.

**Student Engagement:** Applicants are strongly encouraged but not required to involve a student in some aspect of the proposed research. Upon the recommendation of the faculty member receiving the award, the student will be granted a separate award commensurate with his/her participation up to **$500**.

**Award Committee:** The Center for Western Studies’ Executive Director and Collections Committee serve as the Award Committee.

**Available Collections:** The award recipient will confer with the CWS Collections Assistant to identify suitable research materials. A descriptive list of collections is available at www.augie.edu/cws/archives.

**Requirements:** The recipient will deliver a report of work completed to date at the Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, sponsored by the Center for Western Studies, in April 2021. The recipient will also be encouraged to seek publication in such scholarly journals as *South Dakota History*, *North Dakota History*, *Great Plains Quarterly*, *Western American Literature*, *Western Historical Quarterly*, *Journal of the West*, or *Social Science Journal*. The recipient must acknowledge the Center for Western Studies and the National Endowment for the Humanities in any publication.

**Schedule:** The award will be given annually, and a recipient may not apply again for three years. Applications must be submitted to the Executive Director by **April 30, 2020**. The award recipient will be notified by **May 14, 2020**. One-half of the award amount will be available shortly thereafter, and the balance upon submission of a final report, due by **June 30, 2021**. The final report should be a draft of an article intended for submission to a scholarly journal.

[See Application Below]
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Please complete this application and send as a Word.doc attachment to Dr. Harry Thompson, Executive Director, Center for Western Studies, Augustana University (harry.thompson@augie.edu).

Applicant’s Name.

Departmental Affiliation.

Describe your proposed project (250 words).

Indicate the specific collections in the CWS archives you will consult. For guidance and access, contact Collections Assistant Liz Cisar (elizabeth.cisar@augie.edu). A listing of collections is available online at www.augie.edu/cws-archives-and-manuscript-collections.

If your project requires the assistance of an Augustana student, for which funding is available, explain how this student will participate in a substantive way. For example, will the student’s name appear as co-author of the article? Do you recommend that the student receive a stipend?

Name of the professional journal(s) to which you plan to submit your article.

Important Dates

Application Due:        April 30, 2020
Award Notification:    May 14, 2020 ($1,000 payable)
Dakota Conference Paper Title: February 12, 2021
Dakota Conference Presentation: April 23-24, 2021 (tent.)
Final Report (or draft of article):       June 30, 2021 ($1,000 payable)