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Where the West Begins?
Geography, Identity, and Promise

Augustana College | April 24-25, 2015

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Welcome, Dakota Conference Presenters and Attendees!

“Great American Desert,” “Dakota Territory,” “Middle Border,” “Midwest,” “Great Plains,” “High Plains,” “Western Plains,” “Northern Plains,” “Central Plains,” “Missouri River Basin,” “flyover country,” “the heartland,” “Siouxland,” “the big empty,” “the lost region.” These are some of the terms writers have used to identify the central region of the United States. For its 47th annual meeting, April 24-25, 2015, the Dakota Conference has taken as its theme “Where the West Begins?” with the intention of exploring the geography, identity, and promise of the Dakotas and the prairie-plains areas of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana.

Is the Northern Plains where the Midwest ends and the West begins? What geographical and demographic characteristics help us identify the northern region of the Great Plains? In what ways is the Northern Plains changing? Do these changes bode well or ill for the region and its traditional and new inhabitants? The “hollowing out” of small towns and rural areas in the plains has led to such responses as the buffalo commons, Pleistocene rewilding, and the American Prairie Reserve. Not all rural areas, however, are in decline—reservation populations are increasing. What issues confront Native American communities, and how will these communities respond to future challenges?

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 staffs of Mikkelsen Library, Logistics, and Dining Services for their assistance. Get the latest conference news at www.augie.edu/cws or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Arthur and Willmeta Johnson Amateur Award ($150)
JoLavae Gunville, "More Than Names: Honoring Lakota Warriors of World War I from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation"

Herbert W. Blakely Professional Award ($150)
Kimberly K. Porter, "The Shadow Huns: Theodore Roosevelt and the Nonpartisan League"
Richard Cropp Amateur Award ($100)
Myron Sougstad, "Anna Thompson: A Prairie Woman's Journey through the Great War Years"

Ernest Teagarden Professional Award ($100)
Bill R. Douglas, "Truly a Dangerous Character: The Iverson Family's Resistance to World War I"

Western Studies Student Award ($250)
Ruth Page Jones, "Banishing Loneliness by Creating Community: The Golden Age of Agriculture, 1910-1920"

Carol Mashek Award in Women's History ($100)
Carol Jean Swanson, "Dearest Ida of the Wild West: One Woman's Journey of Life and Love"

Ardyce Samp Award ($100)
Charles T. Wise, "I Had a Bird Named Enza (The Spanish Flu in the Dakotas, 1918)"
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**Friday, April 24**

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<td><strong>Digging for History’s Roots</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Shows that Cather and Cleary Created Great Plains Heroines</strong>&lt;br&gt;Marilyn Carlson Aronson, Sioux Falls</td>
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<td><strong>Topographical Emphases in Hugh Glass Narratives, 1825-2015</strong>&lt;br&gt;Thomas E. Simmons, University of South Dakota School of Law</td>
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<td><strong>Oglala Lakota Perspective: Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend and Other Works</strong>&lt;br&gt;Donald F. Montileaux, Rapid City, SD (author)</td>
<td>** Mirage Flats, Old Jules’ Women and the Lay of the Land**&lt;br&gt;Ann E. Lundberg, Northwestern College</td>
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Kali Walsh, Brandon Rudnick, and Troy Huber, Minot State University (students)  
Scott McGregor (senior aide to Governors Kneip and Wollman)  
Don Dahlin (Secretary of Public Safety for the State of South Dakota, 1975-1978)  
Mark Meierhenry (South Dakota Attorney General, 1978-1986)  
Bob Burns (South Dakota government reorganization commission)  
Frank Brost (advisor to Senator Abdnor) | The Great(er) Plains: Beyond Dust, Drought, Declension, and Dismissal  
Julie Courtwright, Iowa State University | Where the Lady on the Wagon Said “Far Enough,” the Homestead West Began  
Marian Cramer, Bryant, SD | The Influence of the Lutheran Church on German Assimilation in America  
Sarah Dirks, Augustana College (student) |
| 4:25 – 4:55 pm | North Dakota: An Enduring Nuclear Landscape  
John Robertson, Minot State University (student)  
(Read by Jacob Sowers) | The Sioux Falls Sisters of Cheer: Letter Writing and Domestic Ideals on the World War I Home Front  
Carolyn Johnson, Augustana College (student) | Where the Lady on the Wagon Said “Far Enough,” the Homestead West Began  
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| 5:00 – 5:30 pm | Rural Taverns: Watering Hole or Social Centers?  
Bob Schwartz, Minot State University (student) | Cold War Comes to North Dakota  
Bradley Carlson and Jonah Rosin, Valley City State University (students) | University of Manitoba and the Weakening of French Language Rights, 1877-1890  
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Presiding: Kristi Thomas, Education Assistant, and Elizabeth Thrond, Collections Assistant, Center for Western Studies  
Recognition of Authors and Presentation of Awards for 2014 Papers  
Address: “Economics on the Pine Ridge,” Ivan Sorbel, Executive Director of the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce and Member of the Board of Directors of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation |  |  |  |

**NORTHERN PLAINS AUTOGRAPH PARTY**  
Saturday, April 25, 2015  
CWS Fantele Building • 12:20-1:00 P.M.  
• See session 23 for list of authors attending and book titles

**CWS Gift Shop**  
Jewelry and books by regional artists and authors at reduced prices during the conference.
### Session 15
**Book Panel: South Dakota Political Culture**  
Chair: Jon K. Lauck, University of South Dakota

- **8:30 – 9:00 am**
  - **Matthew Pehl**, Augustana College (author)
  - **John E. Miller**, Brookings, SD (author)
  - **Sean Flynn**, Dakota Wesleyan University (author)

### Session 16
**West from Here III**  
Chair: Michael Haug, South Dakota State University

- **9:05 – 9:35 am**
  - **A Landscape, Written and Read: The Voice of Midwestern Poetry**  
    - Alison Peymann, Sioux Falls
  - **Conservative and Tough as Nails: Plains Identities in the Post War Era**  
    - David Mills, Minnesota West Community College (author)
  - **From Okoboji to Mankato: Viewing Changes to the Minnesota Borderlands Region’s Dakota-Settler Relations through Women’s Captivity Narratives**  
    - Jessica Helmers, St. Paul, MN

### Session 17
**Plains Identity**  
Chair: Christel Gollnick, Trimble, MO

- **9:40 – 10:10 am**
  - **Settling the West: Overcoming All Odds**  
    - Casey Henry, Presentation College (student)
  - **From Okoboji to Mankato: Viewing Changes to the Minnesota Borderlands Region’s Dakota-Settler Relations through Women’s Captivity Narratives**  
    - Jessica Helmers, St. Paul, MN
  - **A Schism within the South Dakota Nonpartisan League in South Dakota**  
    - Grant Anderson, LeCenter, MN

### Session 18
**Myth and Politics**  
Chair: Shon Cronk, Sioux Falls, SD

- **10:15 – 10:30 am**
  - **Violence and Discrimination in Indian Country: A Reality for Native American Women**  
    - Karlie Bakke, Augustana College (student)
  - **The Roots of Violence against Native American Women**  
    - Michelle Ritter, Augustana College (student)

### Session Two
**Two Contemporary Issues on South Dakota’s Indian Reservations: Poverty and Gendered Violence**  
Chair: Michael Mullin, Augustana College  
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| Lynwood E. Oyos, **Reveille for Sioux Falls: A World War II Army Air Forces Technical School Changes a South Dakota City** (Center for Western Studies, 2014)  
| Arthur L. Rusch, **County Capitols: The Courthouses of South Dakota** (South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014)  
| Jennifer Soule, **Hiawatha Asylum: Poems** (Finishing Line Press, 2014)  
| Benjamin Thompson, **Mobridge in History: Lewis & Clark to Sitting Bull to the Mobridge State Bank** (Benji Books, 2015)  
| Norma C. Wilson, ed. (Lindy Obach, Rosemary Dunn Moeller, Brad Soule, and Jennifer Soule, contributors) **Memory Echo Words: The 2014 Scurfpea Publishing Anthology** (CreateSpace, 2014)  
| Robert E. Wright, **Little Business on the Prairie: Entrepreneurship, Prosperity, and Challenge in South Dakota** (Center for Western Studies, 2015)  
| **1:15 – 2:30 pm**  
| **Session 24: Luncheon** (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)  
| **Presiding:** Tony Haga, Chair of the Board of Directors, Center for Western Studies  
| **Address:** “The Other Two Dakotas,” Robert E. Wright, Nef Family Chair in Political Economy at Augustana College and author of **Little Business on the Prairie: Entrepreneurship, Prosperity, and Challenge in South Dakota** (Center for Western Studies, 2015), **Genealogy of American Finance** (Columbia University Press, 2015), and **Corporation Nation** (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014)
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