

**Harry F. Thompson, Ph.D.**  
Executive Director  
The Center for Western Studies  
AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY

**Chief Responsibilities**

**Liaison** between Center for Western Studies Board of Directors (community/university board) and Office of Academic Affairs

**Fundraiser**, annually, of \$200,000 for staff salaries/benefits and programs; since 2009, of \$450,000 in special projects and \$2 million in endowment (including \$300,000 NEH challenge grant)

**Publisher** of 60 books for the Center for Western Studies press

**Administrator** of programs in public affairs, research and publishing, and cultural diversity awareness: Boe Forum on Public Affairs, Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, Artists of the Plains Art Show, gallery exhibits, internships; liaison with university's honors program (Civitas)

**Manager** of two-story 22,000 square-foot building with art and museum galleries, archives and library, offices, classroom, and store

**Publications**

*Voices from the Northern Plains Exhibition Catalogue*, with Michael Nelson, design, and Elizabeth Cisar, photographs. Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies, 2017

"The New Radicals: Manifestos from the Western Plains," *Journal of the West*, 53:1 (Winter 2014): 60-68.

"This Is Not a Plough: Magritte, Foucault, and Resisting Authenticity in Cather's *My Ántonia*," *Interdisciplinary Literary Studies*, 15 (2013), 203-20.

Editorial Consultant and Contributor, *Impressions of Tribal Life*. Rochester, NY: Eastman Kodak Co., 2007.

General Editor, *A New South Dakota History*. Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies, 2005. Second Edition, 2009.

"History, Historicity, and the Western American Novel: Frederick Manfred's *Scarlet Plume* and the Dakota War of 1862," *Western American Literature* (2002): 50-82.

"Meriwether Lewis and His Son: The Claim of Joseph DeSomet Lewis and the Problem of History," *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains* 60 (2000): 24-37

"Women's History Sources at the Center for Western Studies, Augustana College." *Women Historians of the Midwest Newsletter* 27 (Fall 1998): 5-6.

*Resources for the Study of the Big Sioux River: A Bibliography*. Sioux Falls: Center for Western Studies, 1994.

"The Riggs Family Papers at the Center for Western Studies," *South Dakota History* 22 (Spring 1992): 64-74.

"Best Novels of the American West," *South Dakota Review* 29 (Autumn 1991): 90-91.

*Guide to Collections Relating to South Dakota Norwegian-Americans*. Sioux Falls:

Center for Western Studies, 1991.

"Stephen Return Riggs and the Sibley-Sully Campaign of 1863." *Papers of the Nineteenth Annual Dakota History Conference*. Ed. Herbert W. Blakely. Madison: Karl E. Mundt Historical and Educational Foundation, 1988. XVIII.B1-8.

*A Common Land, A Diverse People: Ethnic Identity on the Prairie Plains*. Sioux Falls: Nordland Heritage Foundation, 1987.

"Duell, Sloan and Pearce." *American Literary Publishing Houses, 1900-1980: Trade and Paperback*. Vol. 46 of *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Detroit: Bruccoli Clark/Gale Research, 1986. 127-30.

"Mitchell Kennerley." *American Literary Publishing Houses, 1900-1980: Trade and Paperback*. Vol. 46 of *Dictionary of Literary Biography*. Detroit: Bruccoli Clark/Gale Research, 1986. 200-02.

"Historical Collections at the Center for Western Studies," *South Dakota History* 15 (Fall 1985): 234-42.

### **Presentations**

Western History Association Annual Conference, St. Paul, MN, 2016

Downtown Kiwanis, 2016

Western Literature Association Annual Conference, University of Victoria, B.C., 2014

Northern Great Plains History Conference, Mankato, MN, 2011

International Willa Cather Seminar, Smith College, MA, 2011

Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, 2009

After Auschwitz: Memory, Meaning and Representation of the Holocaust Symposium, 2008

Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science, 2007

Augustana Senior Academy, 2007

Downtown Kiwanis, 2006

South Dakota Archaeological Society, 2005

South Dakota Festival of Books, 2004

Minnehaha County Historical Society, 2004, 2001, 1994

Association of South Dakota Museums Annual Meeting, Chamberlain, 2002, 1991

Dakotah Corral of Westerners International, 2002, 1994

Western Literature Association Annual Conference, 2001, 1996, 1987

Annual Meeting of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, Pierre, 2001

Northern Great Plains History Conference, 1998, 1987

West River History Conference, Rapid City, 1998

Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, 1998

Conference on Church Archives and Anniversaries, 1997

Peace Prize Forum, Norwegian Nobel Institute, 1997

National Third World Studies Conference, University of Nebraska-Omaha, 1996

South Dakota State Historical Society Annual Meeting, Pierre, 1996

Dakota History Conference, 1991, 1987

St. Cloud State University, 1990

Nordland Heritage Foundation Annual Meeting, 1990

South Dakota State University, Brookings, 1989  
Augustana College/Bush Foundation Luncheon, 1987

**Teaching** (Northern Plains Studies)

“Finding the Great Plains” (introduction to Northern Plains Studies)  
“The Search for Authenticity” (cultural anthropology)

**Book and Manuscript Reviews**

*Great Plains Quarterly*, 2014  
*The Public Historian*, 2010  
*Great Plains Quarterly*, 2010, 2009  
*South Dakota History*, 2001, 1997, 1996, 1995  
*Montana: The Magazine of Western History*, 2000  
*Western Historical Quarterly*, 1993  
*Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*, 1990  
*Great Plains Newsletter*, 1990

**Grant Directorships**

Heritage Preservation Conservation Assessment Program/IMLS, 2012-present  
National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant, 2008-2013  
Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission, 2003-present  
South Dakota Humanities Council, 1985-2007  
Mellon Fund Committee, 1995-present  
Mary Chilton Chapter, DAR Foundation, 2003, 1999, 1989  
Sheldon Reese Foundation, 2003, 1995, 1991  
3M Corporation, 1988  
South Dakota Arts Council, 1989, 1987, 1986

**Project Directorships**

Voices of the Northern Plains Exhibit Expansion, 2013-15  
Native American Initiative, 2009-10, 2012-13  
Art Collection Initiative, 2011-13  
A New South Dakota History, 2001-2005, 2009  
Internship Program in Archives Management, 1991-2010  
Dakota Conference on the Northern Plains, 1990-2013  
History of the Arts in South Dakota, 1986-89

**Board Directorships**

South Dakota State Historical Records Advisory Board,  
National Historical Publications and Records Commission, 1989-present  
Nordland Heritage Foundation, 1989-present

City of Sioux Falls Board of Preservation, 2000-2006  
Vice President, South Dakota State Historical Society, 1998-2004  
Board of Trustees, South Dakota State Historical Society, 1989-2004  
Archives Advisory Committee, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1998-2001  
Frontier Heritage Alliance Board of Directors, 1998-2002

### **Committees**

Dean's Council, 2010-present  
*Civitas* (Honors Program), 2010-present  
Higher Learning Commission Sub-committee on Preparing for the Future, 2010-2011  
Higher Learning Commission Self-Study, 2009-11

### **Awards and Biographical Listings**

Associate Fellow, Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Carole Bland Cultivating Faculty Excellence Award, Augustana College  
*Who's Who in America*, Marquis  
*Contemporary Authors*, Thomson Gale  
Merit Award for *A New South Dakota History*, American Association for State and Local History  
Granskou Award in Professional Development, Augustana College  
Selz Memorial Scholarship in English, University of South Dakota  
Wecter Fellowship in American Studies, Baylor University

### **Degrees and Certificates**

Ph.D., English, University of South Dakota  
M.A., English, University of Rochester  
M.A.T., English, Colgate University  
M.A., American Studies, Baylor University  
B.A., English, Houghton College  
Certificate in Archives Administration, National Archives and Records Administration  
Teaching Certificate, New York State Department of Education

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