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GREAT PLAINS STUDIES SYMPOSIA

The program committee thanks all the scholars who presented papers and all other attendees at the nineteenth annual symposium, African Americans and the Great Plains.

The twentieth annual symposium, Politics and Culture of the Great Plains, will be held 11-13 April 1996 in Lincoln. Please note change of date from earlier announcements. The program committee thanks all scholars who submitted proposals. Our twenty-first annual symposium, on the topic of Great Plains literature, will be held in spring 1997. Look for the Call for Papers in the next issue of the Quarterly.

Frederick C. Luebke Award

For the first time since we started this award in 1988 we have a tie for the best article published in *Great Plains Quarterly* during the past volume year. Our winners for 1994 are David Murphy (Nebraska State Historical Society), for his article "Jejich Antonie: Czechs, the Land, Cather, and the Pavelka Homestead," and Don D. Walker (University of Utah) for "Plains and Prairie: Space, History, and the Literary Imagination in Australia and the United States." Many thanks to our discerning judges, Doreen Barrie, Howard R. Lamar, and David Wishart.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Missouri Valley History Conference welcomes proposals for papers and sessions for its thirty-ninth annual meeting, 7-9 March 1996. Please send proposals, accompanied by abstracts and vitas, by 15 October 1995 to Dale Gaeddert, Chair, MVHC, Department

of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182-0523.

The sixth biannual "Maple Leaf and Eagle Conference of North American Studies" on the topic "Visions and Divisions: The Changing Faces of Popular Culture" will be held in Helsinki, Finland, 20-23 May 1996. Those interested in participating should send a one-page abstract and short vita by 30 November 1995 to Seppo Tamminen, Renvall Institute, P.O. Box 4, 00014 University of Helsinki, Finland, or by e-mail to seppo.tamminen@helsinki.fi.

The Vernacular Architecture Forum is soliciting proposals—and particularly welcomes proposals investigating the landscape and built environment of the Plains—for presentations at its 1996 annual meeting to be held in Lawrence, Kansas, 22-25 May 1996. Please submit five copies of the proposal (maximum length 400 words) by 1 October 1995 to Edward S. Cooke, Jr., Department of the History of Art, Yale University, P.O. Box 208272, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8272, phone (203) 432-2724, FAX (203) 432-7462.

JOINT CONFERENCE

The Western Literature Association and the Western History Association will hold their first combined conference ever in Lincoln, 2-5 October 1996. For more information please contact Susanne George (WLA), Department of English, University of Nebraska at Kearney, Kearney, Nebraska 68849-1320, phone (308) 865-8294 or Paul Hutton (WHA), University of New Mexico, 1080 Mesa Vista Hall, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1181, phone (505) 277-5234, FAX (505) 277-6023.