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Czech and Slovak Americans



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Call for papers

Submit your proposal and brief résumé by **NOVEMBER 1, 2009**.

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INTERESTED CONTRIBUTORS should submit proposals/abstracts of 150-200 words with a brief résumé in a Word document by **NOVEMBER 1, 2009**.

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Please state the contact person, affiliation, address, telephone, and e-mail address in your submission and indicate in the subject line: **2010 Symposium: CZECH & SLOVAK AMERICANS**. If sending by standard mail, please send two unfolded copies of the abstract and résumé/curriculum vita.

All presenters must register for the symposium through the website or by mail.

Persons whose proposals/abstracts are accepted will be expected to submit final papers at the conference. *Great Plains Quarterly* and *Great Plains Research*, the Center's scholarly journals, have the first right to publish papers presented at the symposium.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Toni Brendel, author, Phillips, Wisconsin

Martin Mejstřík, former Parliament Senator, Czech Republic

Daniel E. Miller, Professor of History, University of West Florida

Martin Palouš, Czech Republic Permanent Representative to the United Nations

Milada Polišíenská, Vice-President for Educational development, Chair, School of International Relations & Diplomacy, New Anglo-American College, Prague.

SYMPOSIUM THEME: Czech and Slovak immigrants and their descendants in the North American Great Plains region; their relationships with other Czech- and Slovak-Americans, and with Czechs and Slovaks in Europe and other parts of the world. Possible topics for papers/panels/presentations should be related to Czech and/or Slovak Americans and immigration with an emphasis on the North American Great Plains (See **Great Plains Map** on website). Topics may include but are not limited to:

IMMIGRATION

- The era of mass immigration to the Great Plains, 1865-1925.
- September 1938 through World War II.
- The post-February 1948 emigration from Communist Czechoslovakia.
- The post-August 1968 emigration from the "normalized" Czechoslovak Socialist Republic.
- Czech or Slovak rural or urban communities in the Great Plains and nearby states or provinces.
- A comparison of Czech and/or Slovak immigrants to one or more other immigrant groups in the Great Plains.
- The acculturation of Czech or Slovak American immigrants and their descendants.

EDUCATION

- U.S. and Canadian students' experiences in Czechoslovakia or the Czech or Slovak Republics during any of the following periods: (a) 1919-1938, (b) 1966-1989, (c) 1990 to the present.
- Czech and Slovak students' experiences in the Great Plains from 1990 to the present.
- The teaching of Czech and Slovak languages on the plains.

GENDER STUDIES

- Women's and gender history as related to the history of Czech and Slovak Americans.
- Czech or Slovak Americans who have excelled in one or more professions or activities and who have spent some time in the Great Plains.

FARMING

- Czech or Slovak American farmers and farming practices since 1865.
- New World modifications of Old World farming practices.

FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

- Czech or Slovak folk or classical music among Czech and Slovak Americans.
- Jazz, rock, or bluegrass American-style music in Czechoslovakia.
- Art, photography, and architecture, from the Old World to the New.

POLITICS

- Czechoslovak-American governmental relations from 1918 through 1992.
- Post-Communist relationships between Czech and Slovak Americans and the Czech Republic and Slovakia.
- Great Plains community governments.

POPULAR CULTURE

- The literature, theatre, journalism, or scholarship of Czech or Slovak Americans.
- Cuisine, folk arts, and crafts in the Old World and the New.
- Cultural organizations, associations, and museums.

RELIGION

- Catholicism, Jews or Judaism, or Protestantism among Czech or Slovak Americans.
- Fraternal or benevolent associations, religious, free-thinking, or secular.

TECHNOLOGY

- Modern technology and industry by Czech and Slovak Americans and citizens of Czechoslovakia or the Czech and Slovak Republics.

TOURISM

- Tourism, past and/or present and prospects for tourism to and from the U.S. or Canada and the Czech and Slovak Republics.

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