The 38th Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska Lincoln, in collaboration with Homestead National Monument of America, National Park Service

March 28-30, 2012

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE  (updated January 10, 2012)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

5:30 p.m.  WELCOMING RECEPTION, Great Plains Art Museum, 1155 Q Street

7:00 p.m.  FEATURED SPEAKER — Lied Center for the Performing Arts, 12th & Q Streets
(*requires special event ticket)

“An Unquenchable Thirst: How the Great Plains Created a Water Abundance and Then Lost It”
Speaker: Donald Worster, University of Kansas

Co-sponsored by the E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:30 a.m  REGISTRATION OPENS, Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets

8:30–9:45 a.m.  FEATURED SPEAKER — Auditorium

"1862: Another Year of Decision"
Speaker: Elliott West, University of Arkansas
9:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.  **ELECTRONIC POSTER SESSION** — Centennial Room

9:45–10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15–11:45 a.m.  **CONCURRENT PAPER SESSIONS**

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### 12:00–1:15 p.m. **LUNCHEON** — Nebraska Union Ballroom

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“The Morrill Land Grant Act: Investing in America’s Future”

Speaker: *Martin Jischke, Purdue University*
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Alan L. Neville  
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| Woody Guthrie’s Dust Bowl Ballads (1940) and the Unmaking of the Great Plains  
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3:00−3:15 p.m.  
**Break**

3:15−4:45 p.m.  
**FEATURED SPEAKER** — Auditorium

“Too Early? Too Many? Too Bad?: Railroads and American Settlement on the Great Plains”  
Speaker: *Richard White, Stanford University*

7:00 p.m.  
**FEATURED SPEAKER** — Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, 12 & R Streets  
(*requires special event ticket*)

“Railroads, Art, and the Making of Modern America”  
Speaker: *William Thomas, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
7:30 a.m  
REGISTRATION OPENS, Nebraska Union, 14th & R Streets

8:30–9:45 a.m.  
FEATURED SPEAKER — Auditorium

“Do People Matter? Population, farming, and environmental change in the settlement of the Plains”
Speaker: Myron Gutman, University of Michigan

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Rebekah Crowe |
| The Economic Impact of the Homestead Act on the American West  
Tyler Watts | Traveling by Rail Across the Overland Trail  
Sarah Keyes |
| Land Selection on the Upland Prairie in Antelope County Nebraska 1871-1891  
Terry Ahlstedt | Omaha’s Costly Signaling at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition  
Courtney Ziska |

### 12:00–1:30 p.m.  | **LUNCHEON** — Nebraska Union Ballroom  
(*requires luncheon ticket)

“So Many Important Questions: The 37th Congress and the New America”  
Speaker: *David Von Drehle, Time Magazine*
1:45–3:30 p.m.  
**FEATURED SPEAKERS** — Auditorium

“Indian-White Relations in Historical Perspective”

Speakers:

Erasing and Replacing: Prairie First Nations and the Homestead Order  
*Sarah Carter, University of Alberta*

The Coming Tribal Reclamation of the Great Plains  
*Daniel Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations University*

The Dispossession of the Eastern Nebraska Indians, Genocide, Ethnic Cleansing, and Cultural Genocide  
*David Wishart, University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

4:00 p.m.

**TRAVEL TO SPECIAL EVENT AT HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT OF AMERICA**  
(*requires special event ticket*)

**Hors d’oeuvres Reception**

“What Have We Learned?”  
*Speaker: Elliott West, University of Arkansas*

Buses will leave Beatrice to return to Lincoln around 8:00 p.m.
FEATURED SPEAKERS
Sarah Carter, Henry Marshall Tory Professor and Chair, Department of History and Classics, and Faculty of Native Studies, University of Alberta
Myron Gutmann, Head, Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation; Professor of History and Director of Population and Environment in the U.S. Great Plains Project, University of Michigan
Martin Jischke, President Emeritus, Purdue University
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Richard White, Margaret Byrne Professor of American History, Stanford University
Daniel Wildcat, Director, American Indian Studies Program, Haskell Indian Nations University
David Wishart, Professor of Geography and GIS Science Faculty, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Donald Worster, Joyce and Elizabeth Hall Professor of U.S. History, University of Kansas

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Richard Edwards, Director, Center for Great Plains Studies and Professor of Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
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LOCATION
All sessions of the symposium will take place in the Nebraska Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Campus, located at 14th & R Streets, unless otherwise noted. The symposium packets will include the final program and event locations.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Tickets for the following events are included free with your advance registration fee; all special events and luncheons require a ticket.

● OPENING FEATURED TALK — The Opening Featured Talk of the symposium will be Wednesday evening, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. Donald Worster, University of Kansas, will give a talk entitled “An Unquenchable Thirst: How the Great Plains Created a Water Abundance and Then Lost It”.

Please join us beforehand for a Welcoming Reception at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Plains Art Museum.

● THURSDAY LUNCHEON — The Thursday luncheon will be held in the Nebraska Union Ballroom from 12:00−1:15 p.m. Our speaker will be Martin Jischke, President Emeritus, Purdue University. His presentation is entitled “The Morrill Land Grant Act: Investing in America’s Future.” Tickets are only available with advance registration.
● THURSDAY EVENING FEATURED TALK — On Thursday evening, March 29, William Thomas, III, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, will give the featured talk “Railroads, Art, and the Making of Modern America”. The talk will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Ethel S. Abbott Auditorium in the Sheldon Museum of Art, 12th & R Streets, University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

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● SPECIAL FRIDAY EVENING EVENT — A special evening event will be held at Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, Nebraska. Buses will leave from the Center for Great Plains Studies, 1155 Q Street, at 4:00 p.m. Please indicate on the registration form if you will be taking the bus. An hors d’oeuvres reception will be followed by an informal talk by Elliott West, University of Arkansas, entitled “What Have We Learned?” Buses will leave Beatrice to return to Lincoln around 8:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION
Registration for the symposium may be done on-line or by mail. Payment may be made by credit card (Visa or MasterCard) or check (payable to the University of Nebraska). Please register only one person per form. Registration confirmation will be sent by email. Payment must accompany registration form. All fees are payable in U.S. funds.

Advance Registration must be postmarked by March 21, 2012

ADVANCE FULL REGISTRATION FEE — $85
Includes admission to all sessions, planned breaks, conference materials, and tickets for all luncheons and special events.

ADVANCE STUDENT REGISTRATION FEE — $30
Includes the same features as full registration at a reduced rate. Students must provide proof of current student status.

ADVANCE DAILY REGISTRATION FEE — $60
Includes admission to all sessions, planned breaks, conference materials, tickets for a luncheon and special event for the day. Please select Thursday or Friday on the registration form.

ADVANCE STUDENT DAILY REGISTRATION FEE — $20
Includes admission to all sessions, planned breaks, conference materials, tickets for a luncheon and special event for the day. Please select Thursday or Friday on the registration form. Students must provide proof of current student status.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION available after March 21, 2012.
Full Registration — $135  Student Registration — $45
Daily Registration — $85  Daily Student Registration — $30

REFUNDS
All requests for full refund of advance registration fees must be submitted in writing and postmarked by March 21, 2012. Refunds will be processed after the symposium.

SPECIAL NEEDS
Every effort will be made to accommodate the special needs of attendees. For lodging, please contact the Holiday Inn Downtown (402/475-4011); for symposium lectures, please contact the Center (402/472-3082).

WIRELESS ACCESS
The symposium facility has wireless capability. You will need to register your laptop but there will be no charge for access. Details for registering will be forthcoming.

TRAVEL
Lincoln is reached via Interstate 80, U.S. Hwy 77, or Interstate 29 by way of Nebraska Hwy 2. The Lincoln Airport is serviced by two airlines, United and Delta. Other airline carriers service Eppley Field in Omaha (55 miles northeast of Lincoln).

OMAliNK and Eppley Express provide shuttle service between the Omaha and Lincoln areas.
LODGING
You are responsible for your own lodging arrangements. A block of lodging rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Lincoln Downtown, 141 N. 9th Street.

Symposium lodging room rates (not including tax) are: $89 single or double occupancy; $77 government rate (must show a valid government ID) single or double occupancy. The hotel must have your reservation by Wednesday, March 14, 2012, to be guaranteed these symposium rates.

Use the following links to reserve your lodging room online.

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You may also reserve a room by dialing the following: 402-475-4011 (front desk) or 1-800-465-4329 (1-800 HOLIDAY—central reservations). Please refer to the group code "MGP" (1862 Symposium) or "GGP" (1862 Symposium government rate) when reserving your lodging.