



50th Annual Northern Great Plains History Conference
September 30 through October 3, 2015

Bismarck, North Dakota



North Dakota Heritage Center – Bismarck State College
– Radisson Hotel –

WELCOME

Bismarck State College and the State Historical Society of North Dakota extend a heartfelt welcome to the participants in the 2015 Northern Great Plains History Conference (NGPHC).
Enjoy your stay in Bismarck!



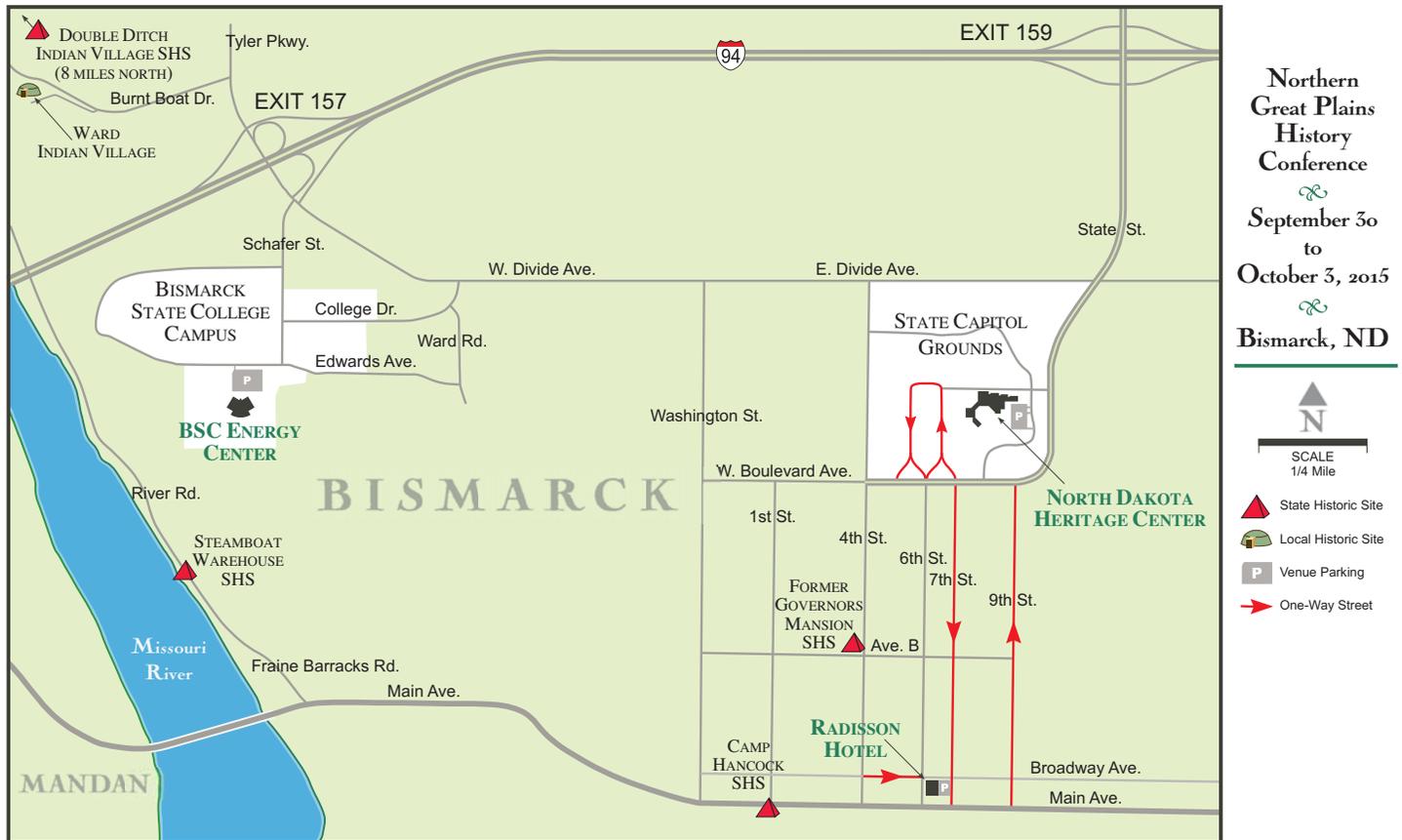
J. Michael McCormack — Bismarck State College
2015 Conference Organizer



Lodging and Travel Information

The Northern Great Plains History Conference headquarters are at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Bismarck (701) 255-6000. <http://www.radisson.com/bismarck-hotel-nd-58501/ndbisdt>

The Radisson hotel is located on the corner of 6th and Broadway. If you are coming in on I-94, take the State Street exit 159 south, past the North Dakota Heritage Center and the state Capitol, curving your way south on 7th Street, turn right (west) onto Broadway, where you'll see the Radisson and its underground parking on your left.



Conference rates are \$119.00 for NGPHC participants, so please identify yourself as such when making your reservation. The cutoff for hotel rooms at this rate is August 27, 2015.

ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SESSION ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

Registration Information

Conference registration and fees (registration, luncheons, banquet) can be paid at <http://www.history.nd.gov/ngphc2015/registration.html>

The Northern Great Plains History Conference 2015 does **not** refund registration and fees (registration, luncheons, banquet).

Registration Table & Hours

LOBBY: RADISSON HOTEL

Conference badges, maps, etc., are found at the registration table, located in the lobby of the Radisson Hotel.

❖ Wednesday: 4:30 - 7:00 PM

❖ Thursday: 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

❖ Friday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

❖ Saturday: As required

Publication Exhibit

ROOM: REMBRANDT

❖ Germans from Russia Collection, NDSU Library

❖ Minnesota Historical Society Press

❖ South Dakota State Historical Society Press

❖ State Historical Society of North Dakota

Continuing Education Credit

Ed 500—**Northern Great Plains History**—1 credit (University of North Dakota, North Dakota State University, or Minot State University)

Erik Holland, Curator of Education, Teacher of Record

Dr. Perry Hornbacher, facilitator

This is a general survey course of North Dakota history that is geared to correspond to the Northern Great Plains History Conference being held September 30 through October 3, 2015. This is the 50th year of the Northern Great Plains History Conference. Together the State Historical Society of North Dakota and Bismarck State College are hosting the conference this year. Both Mr. Holland and Dr. Hornbacher serve on the planning committee for the conference. From the initial meeting the planning committee it was agreed that a teacher track (recognized papers that would be of value for elementary, middle, and high school teachers) would be a part of the conference.

This teacher track at the Northern Great Plains History Conference will highlight specific topics that will aid in the teaching of North Dakota history in the classroom. Participants will also be introduced to ways to develop and introduce subjects into daily classes.

A field trip to Fort Clark State Historic Site and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site (right) will be led by Erik Holland as part of the conference. Mr. Holland was site supervisor at Fort Clark State Historic Site in the 1970s, and was the interpretive Ranger at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in the 1980s.



The purpose of this class is to provide participants with a basic understanding of their own history. This course will look at North Dakota through a variety of subjects, with supporting web content and sharing of articles. The goal of this course is to introduce and provide information.

This course will work towards qualifying the participant to teach North Dakota Studies in elementary and middle schools and will also be useful in other related fields. North Dakota Studies is a requirement for Junior high and middle school certification.

Ideas and information for the teachers to take back for use in their classroom will be an outcome of this course. An objective is to provide resources to teachers interested in getting more information on specific topics to be taught in North Dakota studies classes, so they can provide information to their students in more detail. Another emphasis will be to provide a vehicle that encourages teachers to share their own knowledge and provide personal experiences to other teachers—helping them to incorporate topics into their classrooms.

The Saturday field trip will be counted as five hours of face time. The travel time between Bismarck, Fort Clark will be accompanied by an onboard lecture provided by Mr. Holland relating to the culture of the Mandans, the American for trade, natural history and archaeology of the Missouri trench. At both Fort Clark and Knife River Indian Villages participants will explore the resources available and engage in discussions of how they can effectively extend the experience of their course content using on-site visits. At Knife River Indian Villages they will become familiar with the distance learning opportunities available to them.

In order to meet the criteria to equal one credit, the participants will be expected to attend enough sessions to equal 15 hours of contact time. Following this they will be required to either write a lesson plan that can be used in the classroom in a subject they attended or on another subject approved by Holland. If additional time is needed beyond the attendance of sessions reading of assigned articles and materials may be substituted.

Northern Great Plains History Conference Council

- ❖ Betsy Glade (Chair), St. Cloud State University
- ❖ Steven Bucklin, University of South Dakota
- ❖ Carole Butcher, Society for Military History (SMH)
- ❖ Harl A. Dalstrom, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- ❖ Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- ❖ Mark Harvey, North Dakota State University
- ❖ Steven R. Hoffbeck, Minnesota State University, Moorhead
- ❖ Perry Hornbacher, Bismarck State College
- ❖ Christopher W. Kimball, California Lutheran University

- ❖ Nancy Tystad Koupal, South Dakota State Historical Society
- ❖ Lori Ann Lahlum, Women's History Interest Group (WHIG)
- ❖ Lawrence H. Larsen, University of Missouri, Kansas City
- ❖ William E. Lass, Minnesota State University, Mankato
- ❖ James Naylor, Brandon University
- ❖ Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota
- ❖ Pamela K. Berreth Smokey, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Wednesday Evening

FORMER GOVERNORS' MANSION S.H.S.

Conference participants are invited to a reception on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at the Former Governor's Mansion State Historic Site from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. The site is located at 320 East Avenue B, just eight blocks west by north-west of the Radisson (see map on page 1).

Built in 1884 for Bismarck businessman Asa Fisher, the home (right) was purchased by the State of North Dakota in 1893. Governor Eli Shortridge (Populist) was the first governor to occupy the house in late May of 1893. Twenty governors used it as their official residence. The last governor to reside in the house was Governor John E. Davis (Republican), who moved into a newly constructed governor's residence on the Capitol grounds in 1960.



Thursday Reception

NORTH DAKOTA HERITAGE CENTER

Conference participants are invited to a reception on Thursday, October 1, 2015 at the North Dakota Heritage Center from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The site is located at 612 East Boulevard, on the state capitol grounds. Buses will leave the Radisson for the reception at 6:30 PM and return to the Radisson, leaving the reception at 8:30 with last bus leaving at 9:00 PM.

Built in 1980, the North Dakota Heritage Center is the third home for the State Museum and the State Historical Society of North Dakota. From 1905-1924, the museum was housed on the lower level of the state capital. From 1924 to 1980, the Liberty Memorial Building served as the headquarters for the growing State Historical Society. The North Dakota Heritage Center serves as the home of the State Museum, State Archives, and other functions of the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

The reception will feature light hors'd oeuvres and cash bar from the James River Café. Two free drink tickets per registrant are provided.



The photo above was taken Christmas Eve night, 2013, nearly a year before the grand opening, November 2, 2014.

Council Breakfast

ROOM: TBD

The council will hold a breakfast meeting on Friday, October 2, 2015 from 7:00 - 8:30 AM. Institutional or organizational representatives wanting to discuss any matter with the council, including hosting future conferences, should contact NGPHC Council Chair Betsy Glade, beglade@stcloudstate.edu at least one month ahead of the conference to be placed on the agenda.

Friday Conference Banquet

ENERGY CENTER, BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE

The banquet is Friday, October 2, 2015 with a reception from 6:00 - 7:00 PM hosted by Larry Skogen, President, Bismarck State College and the Bismarck State College Foundation. The reception and banquet will be in the Bavendick Stateroom, National Energy Center of Excellence (right), Bismarck State College. The banquet will be from 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Menu items include pork, chicken, or vegetarian fare. Two free drink tickets per registrant are provided. Prices are listed on the registration form. We must receive your banquet registration by September 23, 2015.



Left to right: General Henry H. Sibley; Conference Speaker, Dr. Paul Beck, and General Alfred Sully.

Our banquet speaker is Dr. Paul Beck, the author of many books on interactions between Native Americans and the military during the 1860s, including his most recent work, *Columns of Vengeance: Soldiers, Sioux, and the Punitive Expeditions, 1863-1864*. Beck is Professor of History at Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.



Buses will leave the Radisson for the banquet at Bismarck State College at 5:30 PM. The buses will leave Bismarck State College and return to the Radisson, leaving the reception at 8:30 with the last bus leaving at 9:00 PM.

Saturday Tour

FORT CLARK S.H.S. & KNIFE RIVER INDIAN VILLAGES N.H.S.

Conference participants are encouraged to register for the post-conference tour on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Transports will leave the Radisson at 12:30 PM and return by 5:30 PM and will visit Fort Clark State Historic Site and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site. Registration includes a box lunch.

Right: SHSND 2608 Dance of Mandan Women, Bodmer.

This tour will be led by Erik Holland, Curator of Education at the State Historical Society and formerly Site Supervisor at Fort Clark State Historic Site and Lead Interpretive Ranger at Knife River Indian Villages. The people living on these sites experienced Lewis and Clark, the fur trade, significant cultural change following 600 years of agriculture and trade. By participating in this tour you will better understand some of the experiences, people, lifeways, and changes that happened at these protected places.



AWARDS & PRIZES

Larry Rowen Remele Award

The Northern Great Plains History Conference Council established this award to honor the memory of Larry Rowen Remele. A longtime editor of *North Dakota History: Journal of the Northern Plains*, Remele was serving as Council Chair at the time of his death in 1988. A founder of the council, program coordinator and conference promoter, he made significant contributions to the vibrant intellectual atmosphere of the conference.

The **Larry Rowen Remele Award** is granted annually to a person who, in the Remele tradition, has performed outstanding work for the Northern Great Plains History Conference. This year's recipient is Gordon L. Iseminger of the University of North Dakota History Department.



The 2015 Selection Committee consisted of Perry Hornbacher, Kimberly K. Porter, and Jan Daley Jury. Previous recipients of the Larry Rowen Remele Award:

- 1989: D. Jerome Tweton - University of North Dakota
- 1990: Archer Jones - University of North Dakota
- 1991: Lawrence H. Larsen - University of Missouri, Kansas City
- 1992: James M. Skinner - Brandon University
- 1993: William E. Lass - Minnesota State University, Mankato
- 1994: William C. Pratt - University of Nebraska, Omaha
- 1995: R. Alton Lee - University of South Dakota
- 1996: David B. Danbom - North Dakota State University
- 1997: Hans Burmeister - Brandon University
- 1998: Dana Miller - Iron Range Research Center
- 1999: Malcom Muir, Jr. - Austin Peay State University and Society for Military History
- 2000: Nancy Tystad Koupal - South Dakota State Historical Society
- 2001: Harl A. Dalstrom - University of Nebraska, Omaha
- 2002: J. Michael McCormack - Bismarck State College
- 2003: Charles M. Barber - Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago

- 2004: Janet F. Daley - State Historical Society of North Dakota
 2005: Edward J. Pluth - St. Cloud State University
 2006: Gerald D. Anderson - North Dakota State University
 2007: Robert C. Hilderbrand - University of South Dakota
 2008: Frank E. Vyzralek - Great Plains Research, Bismarck
 2009: Joseph C. Fitzharris - University of St. Thomas and Society for Military History
 2010: James Naylor - Brandon University
 2011: Kathleen K. Davison - State Historical Society of North Dakota
 2012: Lori Ann Lahlum - Minnesota State University, Mankato, and Women's History Interest Group
 2013: Anne Kaplan - Minnesota Historical Society
 2014: Kimberly K. Porter - University of North Dakota

Graduate Student Prizes

The Northern Great Plains History Conference awards a \$200.00 prize, a plaque, and a banquet ticket for the **Best Graduate Student Paper** *presented at the conference*. The recipient is recognized at the conference banquet. To be eligible for this award, authors must be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited college or university at the time the paper is presented. Authors must verify enrollment status with a statement from an appropriate departmental official. Papers must be submitted to Betsy Glade beblade@stcloudstate.edu in electronic or paper format by September 1, 2015 to be eligible for consideration. See the conference website www.history.nd.gov/ngphc2015 for complete information about the prize and judges. If you are interested in donating to the prize, please fill in the amount at the time you register for the conference.

The **Society for Military History-First Division Museum Prize** is awarded for the best graduate paper on Military History presented at the Northern Great Plains History Conference. The prize is currently valued at \$800.00 (\$400.00 from SMH and \$400.00 from the First Division Museum Cantigny) and is judged and conferred by the SMH. **Papers must be submitted in electronic format by September 1, 2015** to Carole Butcher, smhatngphc@gmail.com.

Undergraduate Student Prizes

The Northern Great Plains History Conference awards a \$200.00 prize, a plaque, and a banquet ticket for the **Best Undergraduate Student Paper** *presented at the conference*. The judges reserve the right to withhold this award in the event none of the submissions meet conference standards of scholarship and length. To be eligible for this award, authors must be enrolled in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university at the time the paper is presented. Authors must verify enrollment status with a statement from an appropriate departmental official, sent to Michael Mullin mullin@augie.edu to be eligible for consideration. See the conference website www.history.nd.gov/ngphc2015 for complete information about the prize and judges

The **Society for Military History-First Division Museum Prize** is awarded for the best undergraduate paper on Military History presented at the Northern Great Plains History Conference. Ideally, the winning paper should demonstrate the benefit of primary research as well as secondary research. The usual scholarly expectations of format, citations, bibliography, et., apply. In addition, the paper should not be/ have been presented at another conference. The winner must be present at the NGPHC. If the judging results in a tie and one of the papers addresses a military subject, that paper will receive preference. To be considered for this award, **papers must be submitted in electronic format by September 1, 2015** to Carole Butcher, smhatngphc@gmail.com.

COMMITTEE FOR BEST GRADUATE PAPER:

Betsy Glade, St. Cloud State University

COMMITTEE FOR BEST UNDERGRADUATE PAPER:

Michael Mullin, Augustana College

Acknowledgements

The Local Committee, the faculty of the Department of History at Bismarck State College, and the State Historical Society of North Dakota thank the following people and organizations for the contributions to the conference:

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- ❖ The Society for Military History (SMH)
- ❖ The Women's History Interest Group (WHIG)
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- ❖ Session Chairs, Commentators, and Presenters
- ❖ Local Arrangements: Perry Hornbacher, Mike McCormack, Mark J. Halvorson, Bonnie T. Johnson, Erik Holland, Beth Campbell
- ❖ Program Committee: Perry Hornbacher, Mike McCormack, Mark J. Halvorson, Bonnie T. Johnson, Barbara Handy-Marchello, Jan Daley Jury, Erik Holland

Session Cheat-Sheet

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Society for Military History (SMH) sessions 

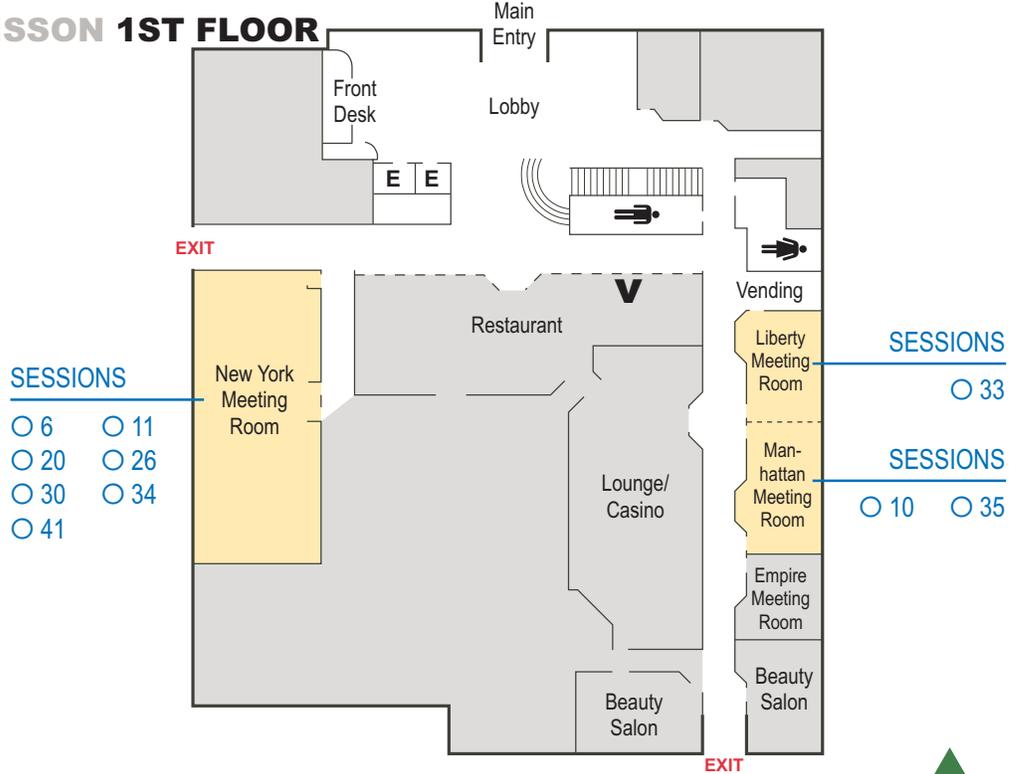
Women's History Interest Group (WHIG) sessions 

Continuing Education Credit sessions 

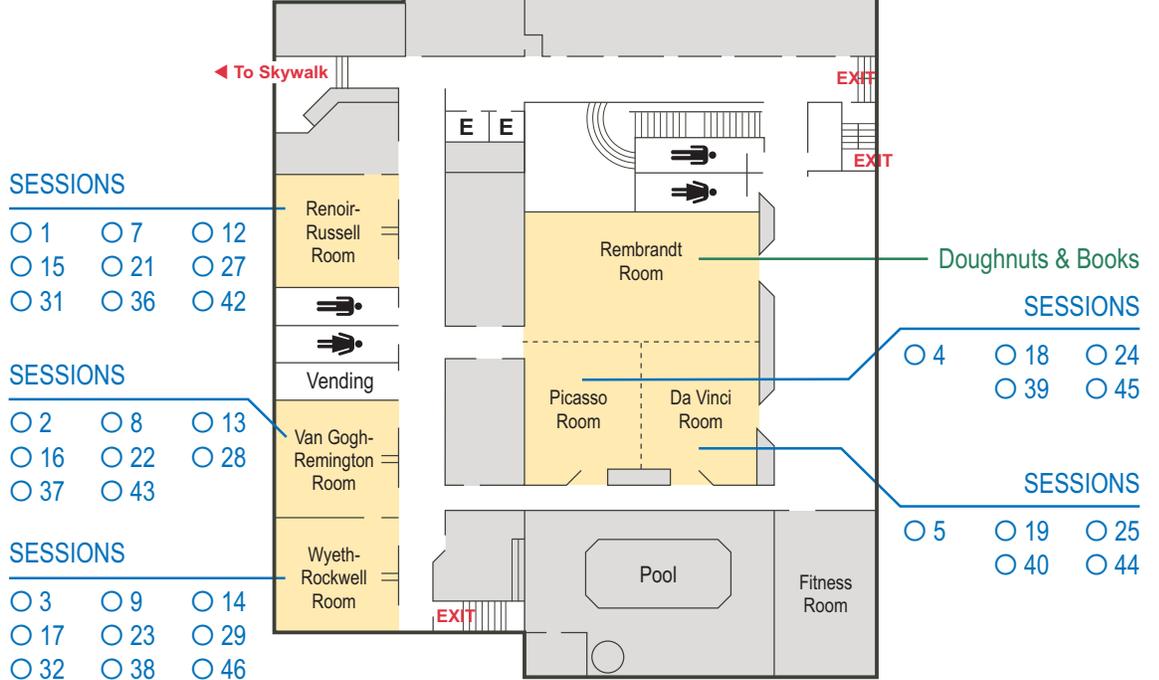
Sessions in the Radisson

Before the sessions begin, may we suggest as a participant you fill in the circles in front of each session number you are attending. This way, at a glance, you will know what's next and where.

RADISSON 1ST FLOOR



RADISSON 2ND FLOOR



1 Undergrad Session: Emerging Historians Room: Renoir - Russell

Chair: Harl A. Dalstrom, University of Nebraska, Omaha

“Devil’s Head Treasure: Geographic Identity and
Creation of a Front Range Mythos”

Laurel Teal, Hastings College

“Capitalistic Slavery: How the Ideals of the Market
Revolution Worsened the Lives of Slaves
in the United States”

Andrew Prignano, Loyola University

“Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty: How the Boys in Blue Built the Dakota Soldiers’ Home”

Nicole Christiansen, Northern State University

“Waste Not, Want Not’: Farmers’ Reactions to the New Deal in Minnesota”

Kacie Phillips, Hamline University

Commentator: Harl A. Dalstrom, University of Nebraska, Omaha



Fire House, Pekin, ND – Brian R. Austin, SHSND

2 Life During the Depression Era Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Scott E. Randolph, University of Redlands

“Rice Lake, Wisconsin, 1929: One Community on the Cusp of the Great Depression”

Sue C. Patrick, University of Wisconsin-Barron County

“Commensurate Suffering, Unequal Remembrance: Women’s Response to the Great Depression
in California

Henry Busby, University of Wyoming

“The Burbank-Livingston-Griggs House: The Installation of European Period Rooms and the
Advent of St. Paul Society”

Trent Rhodes, Minnesota Historical Society

Comment: Scott E. Randolph, University of Redlands

3 Graduate Session: New Histories from New Historians

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Chair: Mark Harvey, North Dakota State University

“Evolution vs. Revolution: American Isolationism Through the 19th Century”

Andrew Larson, University of North Dakota

“Illustrating American War Hysteria in the First World War”

Stephen R. Willaert, Minnesota State University, Mankato

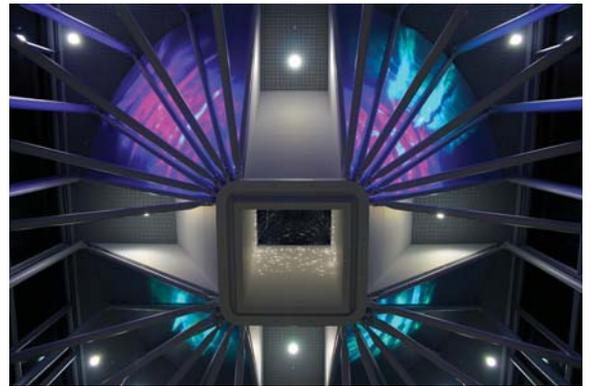
“John K. Hanson—Enduring Example of Local Economic Development in the Great Plains Region”

Kevin Mason, Waldorf College

“Concordia College’s Black Student Protest of 1976 and the Administration’s Creation of a Black Campus Movement Environment”

Daniel D. Cooley, University of North Dakota

Commentator: Betsy Glade, St. Cloud State University



Northern Lights Atrium, Heritage Center
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND

4 Society for Military History: The Cold War

Room: Picasso

Chair: Connie K. Harris, Dickinson State University

“The Highest Standards of Democracy: The Fahy Committee and American Civil-Military Relation During the Early Cold War”

William A. Taylor, Angelo State University

“Why Armed Self-Defense?”

Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Commentator: Albert I. Berger, University of North Dakota



5 WHIG - UND McNair Scholars:

Native American Women’s History

Room: Da Vinci

Chair: Nancy Tystad Koupal, South Dakota State Historical Society

“Women in the Fur Trade”

Gavin Nadeau, University of North Dakota



“Cherokee Women and Colonization”
Sashay Schettler, University of North Dakota

“Women in the American Indian Movement”
Feather Tapio, University of North Dakota

Commentator: Carole Barrett, University of Mary

6 Developing Dakota Room: New York

Chair: Joseph C. Fitzharris, University of St. Thomas

“Isaac Stevens and the Pacific Railroad Survey”
Brad Allen, Independent Scholar

“Why Bismarck?”
LaVern J. Rippley, St. Olaf College

“Our Overlooked Dakota President: Rutherford B. Hayes and his North Dakota Farm”
Richard K. Stenberg, Williston State College

Commentator: Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota



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THURSDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 1, 2015 – 10:30 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

7 Women in Action: Promotion, Prostitutes, & Preachers Room: Renoir - Russell

Chair: Lisa L. Steckler, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“I Always Received Money from Him When I Asked for It:
Purity, Promiscuity, and Prostitution in the Jack Johnson Affair”
Aimee Duchsherer, University of North Dakota

“Do Not Forget the Women: Women as Lay Theologians in the Reformation”
Carrie A. Bentley, North Dakota State University

“Spamettes and Hormelovelies: ‘All-Girl’ Musical Groups Sponsored by the
Hormel Food Corporation, 1946-1953”
Dorothea J. Nelson, University of North Dakota

Commentator: Bethany Andreasen, Minot State University

8 Langer, Labor, & Liberals

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Robert Zeidel, University of Wisconsin-Stout

“Socialist Mayors of North Dakota, 1909-1914”
Steven R. Hoffbeck, Minnesota State University, Moorhead

“War, Labor, and Dissent: The Motivations of American Unions during the First World War”
J. Alexander Killion, Western Michigan University

“Cold War Odd Couple: The Correspondence of Senator William Langer and Bernard Baruch,
June 1947-September 1959”
Charles M. Barber, Northeastern Illinois University - NEIU

Commentator: Robert Zeidel, University of Wisconsin-Stout



Clell Gannon mural, Burleigh County Courthouse, Bismarck
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND

9 A Borderlands Incident: War and Retribution

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Panel: Minnesota - Dakota War & Aftermath

Panelists: Dennis J. Smith, University of Nebraska, Omaha
Paul Beck, Wisconsin Lutheran College
Kurt E. Leichtle, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

10 Ancient Rites & Practices: Christianity, Witches, & Falconry

Room: Manhattan

Chair: James Naylor, Brandon University

“Learning the Nature of the World: Liber de ordine creaturarum and
Christian Instruction in Conversion-era Britain”
Mark A. Singer, Minot State University

“Periculocum est credere et non credere’: Epistemological Uncertainty and the Reality of Witchcraft in England, c. 1700”

Hans P. Broedel, University of North Dakota

“Plumed Meteors Trained to Kill’: A History of American Falconry”

Tycho de Boer, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota

Commentator: James Naylor, Brandon University

11 Society for Military History: The Personal Side of War Room: New York



Chair: Christopher Madden, Bristol Community College

“The Most of Whom are Gentlemen: A Civil War Sailor Views His Officers”

Terrence Lindell, Wartburg College

“Company B Rides Free: Getting the First North Dakota Home From the Philippine Insurrection”

Carole Butcher, North Dakota State University

“Revelations of an Empty Footlocker: The Brief Life of First Lieutenant Edward B. Cutter”

Johannes R. Allert, Norwich University

Commentator: Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2015 – 12:15 TO 1:30 P.M.

Women’s History Interest Group Luncheon

Rooms: Picasso & DaVinci



THURSDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 1, 2015 – 1:30 TO 3:15 P.M.

12 Changing View of Ecclesiastical Buildings on the Northern Plains

Room: Renoir - Russell

Chair: Lorna Meidinger, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“Independence Below the Surface: Independence Congregational Mission Church and Material Culture as Social History for Three Affiliated Tribes”

Steve C. Martens, North Dakota State University

“Episcopal Church Architecture in Dakota Territory: A prosopographic approach”
Ronald H.L.M. Ramsay, North Dakota State University

“A Humanities Interpretation of Buildings and Landscapes:
Recent Publications of Buildings of North Dakota”
Steve C. Martens, North Dakota State University

Commentator: TBD

13 Wars to Fish, Raise Corn, and Pirate On The High Seas Room: Van Gogh - Remington

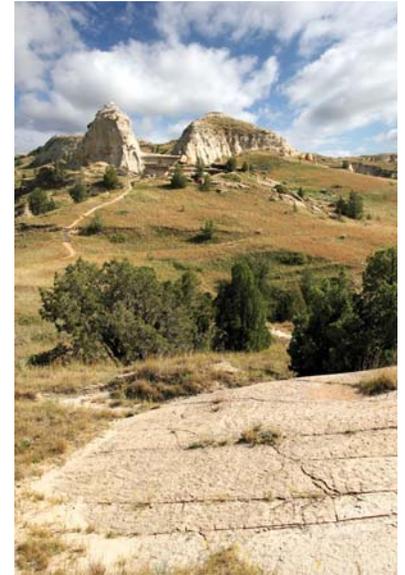
Chair: James Mochoruk, University of North Dakota

“England, Holland, and the Fishing Wars”
Joel D. Benson, Northwest Missouri State University

“Tamworth Conservatism and the Repeal of the Corn Laws:
The Foundation of Modern Conservative Political Discourse”
Jonathan Hedeem, University of North Dakota

“The Golden Age of Piracy”
Jacob D. Bourbon, University of North Dakota

Commentator: James Mochoruk, University of North Dakota



*Burning coal vein sandstone,
southwest North Dakota
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

14 Society for Military History: Military Potpourri Room: Wyeth – Rockwell

Chair: William A. Taylor, Angelo State University

“Competing Narratives in the Israeli with Palestinian Terror Organizations”
Christopher Madden, Bristol Community College

“Two Years in Koblez: J. Lawton Collins’ Deployment with the American Army of Occupation,
1919-1921”
Jared N. Dockery, Harding University

“Laotian Pilots”
Jeffrey Schultz, Luzerne County Community College

“David Cobb of Taunton, Rhode Island”
Dave Mulligan, Bristol Community College

Commentator: Selika Duckworth-Lawton, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire



15 American Diplomacy Abroad

Room: Renoir - Russell

Chair: Pamela K. Berreth Smokey, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“Failure to Thrive: U.S. Foreign Investment in Ottoman Iraq Empire Before World War I”
Jameel Haque, City University of New York

“U.S.-Bulgarian Relations and the Gerald Dorset Case, 1963”
John M. Pederson, Mayville State University

Commentator: Katherine Reist, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown

16 Politics of Exploration, Trade, & War

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Gregory C. Camp, Independent Scholar

“Why did David Thompson Explore North Dakota?”
William E. Lass, Minnesota State University, Mankato

“Sieur de Bourgmont, Commandant of the Missouri River: How He Got There”
Harlan Seyfer, Plattsmouth Historic District

“English & French Business Models in the North American Fur Trade”
Tracy A. Potter, Independent Scholar

“The Man Grant Didn’t Like: The Destruction of Gouverneur Kemple Warren”
Frank P. Varney, Dickinson State University

Commentator: Gregory C. Camp, Independent Scholar

17 Modern Great Plains: Changes in the Landscape

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Chair: Ronald P. Warner, State Historical Society of
North Dakota



Wind power generation, Brookings County, SD
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND

“Billboards, Bid-rigging, Chapels, Graves and Missiles:
Some Obstacles in Building the Interstate Highway System in South Dakota”
Steven J. Bucklin, University of South Dakota

“Badlands Across the Great Plains: Towards an Environmental and Cultural History”
Sterling D. Evans, University of Oklahoma

“The New Politics of the Boomtown West: The Electoral Landscape of the Bakken Oil Region”
Steven Doherty, Dickinson State University

Commentator: **Shane A. Molander**, State Historical Society of North Dakota

18 **Intellectual History** **Room: Picasso**

Chair: **Suzanne Kelley**, Institute for Regional Studies Press, NDSU

“Howard R. Lamar, Colin F. Taylor, and the Longue Duree:
What Does Microhistory have to do with it?”
Paul R. Picha, State Historical Society of North Dakota
Philip L. Picha, Independent Scholar

“Veron Louis Parrington (1871-1929) and Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949),
Harvard Classmates, 1893”
Paul C. Stone, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

”Reinventing the Jukes and Kallikaks: Heredity, Environment, and
the Social Parasitism of James Wyatt Mars”
Ry Marcattilio-McCracken, Southwest Minnesota State University

Commentator: **Clay S. Jenkinson**, ND Humanities Scholar

19 **To Assimilate or Not Assimilate, That is the Question/Forces of Assimilation** **Room: Da Vinci**

Chair: **Mark J. Halvorson**, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“‘The Best Indian’: The Day Schools in the Dakotas from 1890-1920”
Birgit Hans, University of North Dakota

“Americanization: Exploring a New Interpretive Paradigm”
Robert F. Zeidel, University of Wisconsin, Stout

“Against the Grain: The Untold Story of German Immigration
Joyce E. Bromley, Independent Scholar

Commentator: **Charles M. Barber**, Northeastern Illinois University - NEIU

20 Society for Military History:
Microhistories of the
Dakota War
Room: New York



*Squall line crossing Big Mound battlefield
– Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

Chair: Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University

“A Painted Target on the Plains: Dr. Josiah S. Weiser and the Beginning of the Dakota War in Dakota Territory”
Sarina Sandstrom, North Dakota State University

“A Journey from Frontiersman to Historian: The Letters of George Northrup”
Luke Koran, North Dakota State University

Commentator: Dan Sauerwein, University of North Dakota

THURSDAY – OCTOBER 1, 2015 – 6:30 TO 9:00 P.M.

Northern Great Plains History Conference Reception
State Capital Grounds: North Dakota Heritage Center

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2015 – 7:00 TO 8:30 A.M.

Northern Great Plains History Conference Council Breakfast
Room: TBD

FRIDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 2, 2015 – 9:00 TO 10:45 A.M.

21 WHIG - Depicting Woman Suffrage
Room: Renoir - Russell



Chair: Bonnie T. Johnson, Independent Scholar

“A Convincing Case: Exhibiting the Woman’s Suffrage Movement in the 21st Century”
Roland Sawatzky, Manitoba Museum
&
Leah Morton, University of Manitoba, University of Winnipeg, & Manitoba Museum

“After The Vote”

Kelly J. Kirk, Black Hills State University

Commentator: Genia S. Hesser, State Historical Society of North Dakota

22 Public History: From Art to Fossils

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Fred MacVaugh, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

“Sigvald Asbjørnsen, Sculptor”

Laurann Gilbertson, Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum

“The Coming Storm: Herman Melville’s Dreams of Art and Truth”

Linda M. Baeza, University of North Dakota

“Objectives of Display: Vertebrate Fossil Displays in the American Museum of Natural History, 1895-1908”

Thomas Goman, University of North Dakota

Commentator: Fred MacVaugh, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

23 Undergraduate Session: A New Look at the 1960s

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Chair: Frank P. Varney, Dickinson State University

“Winston Churchill: The First Honorary Citizen of the United States of America”

Alexandra Adolf, Dickinson State University

“JFK: Why “Camelot” Still Resonates”

Samantha Jackson, Peru State College

“A Way of Life: The Military of the 1960s”

Shannon Patterson, Dickinson State University

Commentator: Edward Pluth, St. Cloud State University

24 Society for Military History: The Prisoner of War Experience

Room: Picasso

Chair: Debra A. Mulligan, Roger Williams University

“Endgame Deutsch-Brod War: Peace and Captivity for an Officer of the 97th Jager Division”

Christian Juergens, Florida State University



“Ideas of Race: African American and Jewish American POWs in Hitler’s Europe”
Anna Anderson, University of Houston

Commentator: Johannes R. Allert, Norwich University

25 Germans from Russia: Reflections on an Ethnic Group

Room: Da Vinci

Chair: Br. Placid Gross, OSB, Assumption Abbey

“What’s in a Name?: Russian Germans, German Russians, or Germans from Russia”
Eric J. Schmaltz, Northwestern Oklahoma State University

“Ethnic Textiles and Material Culture of the Germans from Russia”
Ann Braaten, North Dakota State University

“Fun while it Lasted: The New German-Russian Story”
Jessica Clark, Western Wyoming Community College

Commentator: Michael M. Miller, Germans from Russia Collection, NDSU Libraries



A German-Russian-heritage farmwoman holds her granddaughter
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND

26 Figures in North Dakota History

Room: New York

Chair: Mark J. Halvorson, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“Theodore Roosevelt: “I would never have been president if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota.” Fact or Fiction?”
D. Jerome Tweton, University of North Dakota

“Dr. Libby Raises Cain with President Kane: Grounds for Divorce?”
Gordon L. Iseminger, University of North Dakota

“A Progressive on the Rez? Aaron McGaffey Beede and American Identity on Standing Rock Reservation in North Dakota”
Sonja Hathaway, University of North Dakota

Commentator: Mark J. Halvorson, State Historical Society of North Dakota

27 WHIG - Woman Suffrage: on the Northern Plains

Room: Renoir – Russell

Chair: Kathleen M. Green, Morningside College

“Cora Smith Eaton King, North Dakotan for Woman Suffrage”

Kristin Mapel Bloombeg, Hamline University

“Characterizing Suffragists: Semiotic Analysis of Suffrage Cartoons, 1910-1920”

Ann Braaten, North Dakota State University

Commentator: Michael J. Lansing, Augsburg College



28 North Dakota History - Primary

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Perry Hornbacher, Bismarck State College

“First Things First: Using Primary Documents in the History Classroom”

Dave Grettler, Northern State University

“North Dakota: People Living On The Land:

A Web-based Curriculum for 8th Grade North Dakota Studies”

Barbara Handy-Marchello, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Neil Howe, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Erik L. Holland, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Commentator: Perry Hornbacher, Bismarck State College



29 Keeping Warm in North Dakota

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota

“‘Harvest of Death in North Dakota’: The Political Economy of Coal, Railroads, and Weather in Early Progressive North Dakota”

Scott E. Randolph, University of Redlands

“Before There Was FEMA: The Federal Response to the Blizzards of 1949”

David Mills, Minnesota West Community and Technical College



A spring blizzard in Mandan, ND, 1:00 a.m., April 15, 2013
– Brian R. Austin, SHSND

“Staying Dry: North Dakota Prohibition and the Influence of Minnesota Border Cities”
Daniel J. Marnich, Jr., University of North Dakota

Commentator: Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota

30 The Development of the Northern Great Plains History Conference Room: New York

Moderator: J. Michael McCormack, Bismarck State College

Panelists: Harl A. Dalstrom, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Nancy Tystad Koupal, South Dakota State Historical Society
Lawrence H. Larsen, University of Missouri, Kansas City
R. Alton Lee, University of South Dakota
D. Jerome Tweton, University of North Dakota
William E. Lass, Minnesota State University, Mankato

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2015 – 12:15 TO 1:45 P.M.

Society for Military History Luncheon
Room: Picasso & Da Vinci



FRIDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 2, 2015 – 2:00 TO 3:45 P.M.

31 “Doing History” for a public audience
- archivists, librarians, historians, & undergrads
Room: Renoir - Russell



Chair: Ann Jenks, State Historical Society of North Dakota

“Building archival intelligence for “doing history”: The archivist’s role”
Lisa M. Sjoberg, Concordia College Library

“Framing information fluency for “doing history”: The librarian’s role”
Virginia H. Connell, Concordia College Library

“Doing history” in and out of the classroom: The historian’s role”
Joy K. Lintelman, Concordia College

Commentator: Kim Crowley, Bismarck State College

32 American Indian Strategies of Change

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Chair: Dakota Goodhouse, United Tribes Technical College

“Smoking Horses’: Meskwaki Migration and Adaptation on the 19th century Prairie”

John R. Fischer, University of Wisconsin, River Falls

“The Furious and Fearless Actions of a Crazy Bear’: The Peace-Seeker Nearly Everyone Opposed”

Fred MacVaugh, Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

“The Year We Lost our Ponies’: (1876-1877) Sioux Pony Claims”

Carole A. Barrett, University of Mary

Commentator: Dakota Goodhouse, United Tribes Technical College



*Horses grazing on the Heart River escarpment southwest of Mandan
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

33 Expressions of American Nationalism

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

Chair: Joseph Stuart, University of Mary

“That functionary has been pleased to cause the day of our National Anniversary to be celebrated with the highest military honors: Nationalist Festivals (or Nationalism and Nativism?) in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”

Evan C. Rothera, Pennsylvania State University

“Doubting Destiny: The Role of the Political Press in the Mexican War”

Derek A. Ystebo, North Dakota State University

“The Chicago Tribune and U.S. Foreign Policy: The 1960s”

Bernard Lemelin, Laval University

Commentator: Joseph Stuart, University of Mary

34 NPL Panel “Insurgent Democracy: The Nonpartisan League in North American Politics by Michael J. Lansing—A Critique”

Room: New York

Moderator: Lori Ann Lahlum, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panelists: Jeffrey D. Kolnick, Southwest Minnesota State University

James Naylor, Brandon University

Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota

Molly P. Rozum, University of South Dakota

Response: Michael Lansing, Augsburg College

35 Society for Military History: New Narratives in the Dakota War
Room: Manhattan



Chair: Jeffrey A. Hoffer, North Dakota National Guard

“Mocs on the Ground: Terrain Analysis and Native Agency”
Thomas D. Isern, North Dakota State University

“Prologue to Little Big Horn”
Aaron Barth, Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation

Commentator: Tamara St. John, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate



Crow baby moccasins, SHSND 1986.234.295
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND

FRIDAY – OCTOBER 2, 2015 – 6:00 TO 9:30 P.M.

Northern Great Plains History Conference Banquet
National Energy Center of Excellence, Bismarck State College:
Bavendick Stateroom

Reception: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Banquet: 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 3, 2015 – 8:30 TO 10:15 A.M.

36 WHIG Roundtable -
Celebrating Woman Suffrage in North Dakota
Room: Renoir - Russell



Moderator: Lori A. Lahlum, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panelists: Bethany Andreasen, Minot State University
Kristin Mapel Bloomberg, Hamline University
Barbara Handy-Marchello, State Historical Society of North Dakota
Erik L. Holland, State Historical Society of North Dakota

Commentators: Audience

37 Native Americans: Diplomacy and War

Room: Van Gogh - Remington

Chair: Gregory C. Camp, Independent Scholar

“A Review of U.S. Attempts to Acquire the Red River Valley from the Red Lake and Pembina Ojibwe, 1850-1864”

Linda L. Bryan, Independent Scholar

“My heart now has become changed to softer feelings’:

A Northern Cheyenne Woman and Her Family Remembers the Long Journey Home”

John H. Monnett, Metropolitan State University of Denver

“Before Buffalo Bird Woman: Gilbert Wilson and His Fieldwork at Standing Rock, 1902-1905”

Steven Potts, Hibbing Community College

Commentator: Carole A. Barrett, University of Mary

38 Civil Rights Panel

Room: Wyeth - Rockwell

“Civil Rights Activism at North Dakota State University: In Solidarity with Selma, 1964-1965”

Moderator: Leah Rogne, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Panelists: Kevin Carvell, Journalist - Congressional Aide

Leah Rogne, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Dean Zimmerman, Minneapolis City Council - Green Party

Joe McLellan, Educator

Commentator: Audience

39 Society for Military History: School and the Military

Room: Picasso

Chair: Connie K. Harris, Dickinson State University

“Military Culture”

Ken Smith, North Dakota State University

“Students Army Training Corps”

Brandy Baldwin, University of Central Oklahoma

Commentator: Katherine Reist, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown



40 **BeBop to Rock** **Room: Wyeth - Rockwell**

“The Day Music Changed: A Roundtable Discussion”

Panelists: **Kurt E. Leichtle**,
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Christopher Simer,
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Richard Horton, Independent Scholar
Bonnie Loden, McNair Scholar,
University of Wisconsin-River Falls



*McCabe Drug Store period room, Inspiration Gallery,
North Dakota Heritage Center
– Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

41 **North Dakota Anthropocene: Phase I** **Room: New York**

Panelists: **Ty M. Reese**, University of North Dakota, History
Sebastian F. Braun, University of North Dakota, American Indian Studies
Bradley C. Rundquist, University of North Dakota, Geography



SATURDAY SESSIONS – OCTOBER 3, 2015 – 10:30 A.M. TO 12:15 P.M.

42 **Trails & Tales: An Experiential Learning Model** **Room: Renoir - Russell**

Panelists: **Spencer Davis**, Peru State College, History
Sara Brandes Crook, Peru State College, Social Science
Daniel J. Holtz, Peru State College, English



43 **Iowa: Economies from the Land** **Room: Van Gogh - Remington**

Chair: **Jon K. Lauck**, Midwestern History Working Group

‘Land was the Basis for Business’: Markets and Communities in Frontier Iowa”
Jeff Bremer, Iowa State University

“The Garden Seed Capital of the World: Shenandoah, Iowa”
Kimberly K. Porter, University of North Dakota

Commentator: **Jon K. Lauck**, Midwestern History Working Group

44 American Politics: The South Dakota Connection

Room: Da Vinci

Chair: Steven J. Bucklin, University of South Dakota

“Getting Past the Gatekeepers: Growth of the South Dakota Army National Guard Officer Candidate School 1986-2006”

Taylor S. Hamblin, University of South Dakota

“Senator R.F. Pettigrew’s Clash with Arthur C. Mellette:
a 19th Century Tussle with Ramifications into the 21st Century”

Michael J. Mullin, Augustana College

Commentator: TBD



*The rotunda ceiling of South Dakota's statehouse
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

45 Early 20th Century: The U.S. At War On The Sea And At Home

Room: Picasso

Chair: Kurt E. Leichtle, University of Wisconsin,
River Falls

“‘Those Who Cannot Go Across Must Come Across’:
Raising Money for the War Effort -
Todd County, Minnesota and WWI”

Edward J. Pluth, St. Cloud State University

“Around the World in 435 Days:
The Great White Fleet’s Impact on Global Affairs”
Jeffrey S. Williams, St. Cloud State University

Commentator: Kurt Leichtle, University of Wisconsin, River Falls



*Macro photo of a candelabra of the
U.S.S. North Dakota Silver Service
— Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

46 Standing Rock History

Room: Wyeth-Rockwell

Chair: Steve Potts, Hibbing Community College

“From the Beginning – When Standing Rock Was Established”
Ladonna Brave Bull Allard, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

“Honoring the Ancestors: Sacred Sites on Standing Rock & the Great Plains”
Tim Mentz, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

“Before Buffalo Bird Woman: Gilbert Wilson and His Fieldwork at Standing Rock, 1902-1905”
Steve Potts, Hibbing Community College

Commentator: Audience

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 3, 2015 – 12:30 TO 5:30 P.M.

Northern Great Plains History
Conference Road Tour
Radisson Hotel Lobby & Main Door



Conference participants are encouraged to register for the post-conference tour on Saturday, October 3, 2015. Transports will leave the Radisson at 12:30 PM and return by 5:30 PM and will visit **Fort Clark State Historic Site** and **Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site**.

*The Missouri River north of Bismarck
– Brian R. Austin, SHSND*

This tour will be led by **Erik Holland**, Curator of Education at the State Historical Society and formerly Site Supervisor at Fort Clark State Historic Site and Lead Interpretive Ranger at Knife River Indian Villages. The people living on these sites experienced Lewis and Clark, the fur trade, significant cultural change following 600 years of agriculture and trade. By participating in this tour you will better understand some of the experiences, people, lifeways and changes that happened at these protected places.

PAST CONFERENCES

1. 1966 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
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3. 1968 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
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5. 1970 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
6. 1971 - Moorhead - Moorhead State College
7. 1972 - Winnipeg - University of Manitoba
8. 1973 - Sioux Falls - University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls College, and Augustana College
9. 1974 - Mankato - Mankato State College and Gustavus Adolphus College
10. 1975 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
11. 1976 - La Crosse - University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
12. 1977 - Bismarck - Bismarck Junior College and State Historical Society of North Dakota
13. 1978 - Fargo - North Dakota State University
14. 1979 - Winnipeg - University of Winnipeg
15. 1980 - Duluth - University of Minnesota, Duluth, and St. Louis County Historical Society
16. 1981 - Sioux Falls - University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls College, and Augustana College

17. 1982 - Bemidji - Bemidji State University
18. 1983 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
19. 1984 - Bismarck - Bismarck Community College and State Historical Society of North Dakota
20. 1985 - Moorhead - Moorhead State University, Concordia College, and North Dakota State University
21. 1986 - Eau Claire - University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
22. 1987 - Sioux Falls - University of South Dakota, Sioux Falls College, and Augustana College
23. 1988 - Eveleth - Iron Range Research Center
24. 1989 - St. Cloud - St. Cloud State University, St. John's University and College of St. Benedict.
25. 1990 - Grand Forks - University of North Dakota
26. 1991 - Mankato - Mankato State University
27. 1992 - Fargo - Moorhead - North Dakota State University, Moorhead State University, and
Concoria College
28. 1993 - Pierre - South Dakota State Historical Society
29. 1994 - St. Paul - Augsburg College and Minnesota Historical Society
30. 1995 - Brandon - Brandon University
31. 1996 - La Crosse - University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
32. 1997 - Bismarck - State Historical Society of North Dakota and Bismarck State College
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37. 2002 - Minneapolis - Augsburg College
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47. 2012 - Fargo - North Dakota State University, Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Concordia College
48. 2013 - Hudson - University of Wisconsin Colleges, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire,
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49. 2014 - Sioux Falls - University of South Dakota
50. 2015 - Bismarck - Bismarck State College and State Historical Society of North Dakota

FUTURE CONFERENCES

51st Annual NGPHC (2016) - St. Cloud, Minnesota - hosted by St. Cloud State University

52nd Annual NGPHC (2017) - Grand Forks, North Dakota - hosted by University of North Dakota

53rd Annual NGPHC (2018) - Mankato, Minnesota - hosted by Minnesota State University, Mankato

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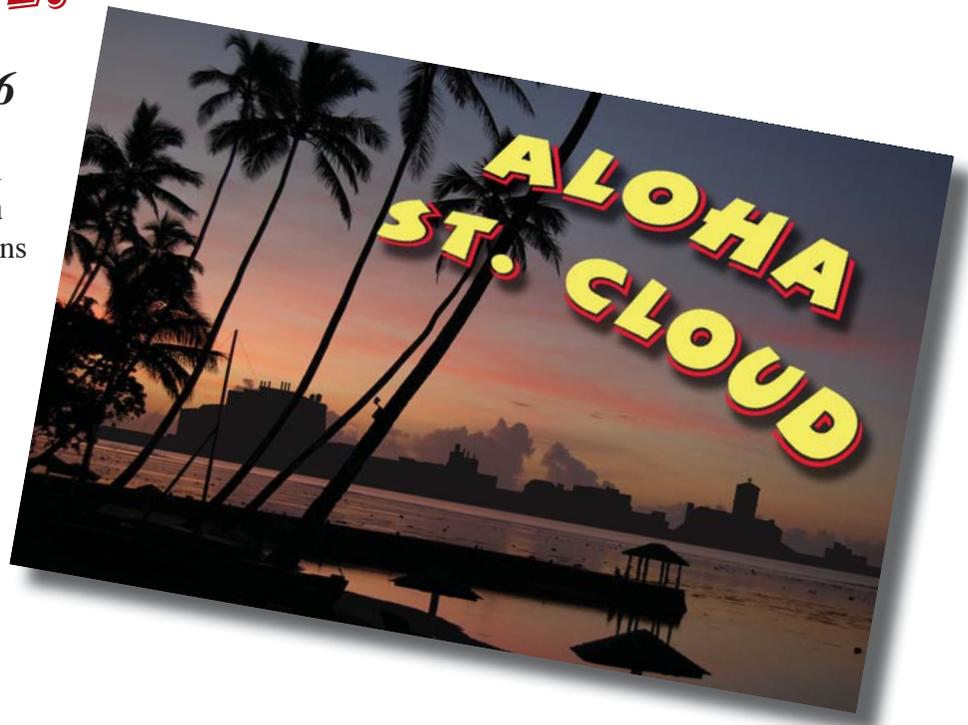
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The Department of History, St. Cloud State University, cordially invites you to attend the 51st Northern Great Plains History Conference to be held at the Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

For room reservations, contact the Kelly Inn at (320) 253-0606. Make sure you mention the NGPHC in order to secure the conference rate.

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(cue music by The Ventures)



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