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**Western Highways:
Journeys through Space & Time**

Augustana College
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 23-24, 2010



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Returning to the multi-year theme of transportation, the 42nd Annual Dakota Conference examines paths, trails, roads, and highways that crisscross the Northern Plains and their impact on the lives of indigenous and immigrant peoples of this expansive land. Previous conferences on the theme of transportation considered railroads (2007) and rivers (2008). For 2010, presenters will discuss various forms of ground transportation, from moccasins to motorcycles, and also spiritual and metaphorical road journeys.

In its recent awarding of a Challenge Grant to the Center for Western Studies, the National Endowment for the Humanities cited the Dakota Conference specifically for its hallmark blending of academic and non-academic presenters. If you, also, value this approach to learning about the past, there is still time to help CWS meet its NEH endowment match.

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– *Harry F. Thompson, Ph.D., Executive Director*

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John E. Miller grew up in six small Midwestern towns and in a Chicago suburb. Since four of those towns were in Missouri, he says he's a "Missouri boy." His discovery of baseball at the age of ten bent him toward history, as he read about the St. Louis Cardinals in the *Post-Dispatch*, read baseball magazines from cover to cover, then biographies of famous baseball stars. Four years as a high school debater (graduating from Monett, Missouri, High School in 1962) sparked an interest in politics, and ever since his interest in history has worked its way backward from current events. Four years as a college debater (at the University of Missouri) reinforced his love of reading, discussion, analysis, argument, and wordplay.

His Ph.D. dissertation (at the University of Wisconsin) about Governor Philip F. La Follette, the Wisconsin Progressives, and the New Deal turned into his first book, after three summers spent in revising it. By that time, he was teaching history at South Dakota State University, where he remained for 29 years until shifting over full-time to researching and writing in 2003. His seven books include three on Laura Ingalls Wilder, a short textbook on South Dakota history used in most fourth grade classes in the state, and his favorite, *Looking for History on Highway 14*.



John E. Miller

For the past ten years, on and off, he has been working on a book about small-town boys from the Midwest, and he has several other projects in the works. In the meantime, you can read his revealing essay about small-town life in *A New South Dakota History*, published by the Center for Western Studies. John has been a faithful attendee and supporter of the Dakota Conference, having presented more than 12 papers since 1990.

His wife, Kathy, is an elementary school counselor in Brookings. Their daughter, Ann, is a biochemist in Madison, Wisconsin, and their son, Tom, is a businessman in Chicago.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

8:15 a.m.

Opening Reception (CWS Fantle Building) Registration Desk Open, 8:15 am – 5:30 p.m.

	<p>Session 1: Western Highways I Chair: Robert C. Steensma, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT</p>	<p>Session 2: Native American Journeys I Chair: Shebby Lee, Rapid City, SD</p>	<p>Session 3: Plains People I Chair: Robert E. Hayes, Keystone, SD</p>
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	<p>The Nobles Road: A Noble Idea <i>Wayne Fanebust, Sioux Falls, SD (author)</i></p>	<p>The Four Winds and the Lakota Adolescent Journey <i>Mary Isaacson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>"Having So Much Enthusiasm": The Beginnings of Girls Basketball in South Dakota <i>David Kemp, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>
9:35 - 10:05 a.m.	<p>How the Oregon Trail Helped the Pony Express Become "The Greatest Enterprise" in Modern Times <i>Ronald Laycock, Benson, MN</i></p>	<p>Wounded Knee II, 1973-present: A Journey through the Historiography <i>Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>Buffalo Bill Cody: Actor, Impresario, and Mythic Hero of the Wild West <i>Gil Johnsson, Chamberlain, SD</i></p>
10:10 - 10:40 a.m.	<p>Interstate Highway System <i>Jim Wilson, Yankton, SD</i></p>	<p>The Journey of Community Health in Sioux Falls: Meeting the Needs of the Local Immigrant and American Indian Communities <i>Nalo Johnson, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>She Chose Her Own Path: Nellie A. Willhite, South Dakota's First Woman Pilot <i>Lillian Johnsson, Chamberlain, SD</i></p>
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.	<p>The Lincoln Highway: From Broadway to the San Francisco Bay <i>Miles A. Browne, Des Moines, IA (author)</i></p>	<p>What Happened after Whetstone? [Spotted Tail] <i>Barbara H. White, Herrick, SD</i></p>	<p>Huntimer Historical Marker Dedication <i>(Sponsored by the Minnehaha County Historical Society)</i> <i>Loren H. Amundson, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>
11:30 - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Session 4: Lunch <i>(Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)</i> Presiding: Harry F. Thompson, Augustana College Address: Following the Grid: Pioneering the Meridian Road, 1911-1916 <i>Bob Puschendorf, Nebraska State Historical Society, Lincoln, NE</i></p>		

	<p>Session 5: Western Highways II Chair: Amanda Jensen, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p>Session 6: Western Highways III Chair: Alan R. Woolworth, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN</p>	<p>Session 7: Western Highways IV Chair: Wayne Kvam, Kent State University, Kent, OH</p>
<p>1:15 - 1:45 p.m.</p>	<p>The First Steps for Man's Journey to the Moon—238,857 Miles [Explorer I & II] <i>Robert E. Hayes, Keystone, SD</i></p>	<p>On the Trail to Fort Pierre, 1840: A Recently Discovered Journal <i>Eliwin E. Rogers, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN</i></p>	<p>Wagon Trains on the Cumberland Road <i>Jean Rajha, Aberdeen, SD</i></p>
<p>1:50 - 2:20 p.m.</p>	<p>On the Wagon Trail West with Pa Ingalls and His Fiddle <i>Marian Cramer, Bryant, SD</i></p>	<p>The Chain of Lakes Trail from Southwestern Minnesota to Two Woods Lake <i>Alan R. Woolworth, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN</i></p>	<p>Riding Man Fashion: The Vanishing Sidesaddle <i>Montana Storm, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN</i></p>
<p>2:25 - 2:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Meridian Highway <i>Alvin E. Kangas, Lake Norden, SD</i></p>	<p>Lac qui Parle: Hospitality Stop and Way Station to the West <i>Jeff Williamson, Pond Dakota Heritage Society, Bloomington, MN</i></p>	<p>Dying in Deadwood: A Preliminary Look at Violent Deaths in and around the Black Hills, 1875-1879 <i>David A. Wolff, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD (author)</i></p>
<p>3:00 - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Self Publishing: One Road to Books in Print <i>M.J. McMillan, Murdo, SD (author)</i></p>	<p>Historical Forces Operating on South Dakota Road Development <i>John E. Miller, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD (author)</i></p>	<p>Folk Music of the Upper Midwest: The Road to Revival <i>Jami Lynn Buttke, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD</i></p>
<p>3:30 - 3:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Refreshments (CWS Fentle Building)</p>		

<p>3:50 - 4:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 8: Imagining the West Chair: John E. Miller, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD</p>	<p>Session 9: Western Highways IV Chair: John McIntyre, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p>Session 10: Missions Chair: Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD</p>
<p>4:25 - 4:55 p.m.</p>	<p>This Water. These Rocks. <i>David Allan Evans, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD (author)</i></p>	<p>Wadsworth Trail from St. Cloud, Minnesota, to Fort Wadsworth <i>Danny R. Smeins, Langford, SD</i></p>	<p>An Irish Missionary Journeys to the Prairie: Mother Raphael McCarthy <i>Margaret Preston, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>
<p>4:25 - 4:55 p.m.</p>	<p>A Tribute to a Pioneer Mother: Wallace Stegner's "Letter, Much Too Late" <i>Robert C. Steensma, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT (author)</i></p>	<p>Taking the Wadsworth Trail, 1864-1871 <i>Wayne Kvam, Kent State University, Kent, OH</i></p>	<p>A White Man's Letter from an Episcopal Indian Mission, December 18, 1873 <i>Kate Schleusener, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</i></p>
<p>5:00 - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>A Stranger to the Plains: Poems from a New Life in South Dakota <i>Mary O'Connor, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD</i></p>	<p>On the Road with Colonel Bliss <i>Lawrence Moe, Metropolitan State University, St. Paul, MN</i></p>	<p>Over One Hundred Years Served: The Journey of the Riggs Family <i>Amanda Jenson, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>
<p>5:35 - 6:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Dakota Roads (photos) <i>Robert Kolbe, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>Looking for Lincoln — A Fifty Year Journey <i>Miles A. Browne, Des Moines, IA</i></p>	<p>A Missionary and His Daughter <i>Elizabeth R. Gutch, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>
<p>6:15 - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 11: Dinner (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required) Music by Jamie Lynn Buttk Presiding: Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College Welcome: Lynn Aspaas, Chair, CWS Board of Directors Recognition of Authors Attending Conference Presentation of Awards for 2009 Papers: <i>Amateur:</i> Arthur I. and Willmeta Johnson Award and Richard Cropp Award; <i>Professional:</i> Herbert W. Blakely Award and Ernest M. Teagarden Award; <i>Student:</i> Cedric Cummins Award; and Carol Martin Mashek Award in Women's History</p>		

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

8:00 a.m.

Trail Breakfast (CWS Fantle Building) Registration Desk Open, 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

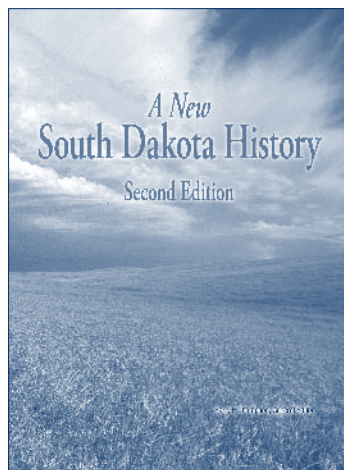
	<p>Session 12: Plains People II Chair: Tim Hoheisel, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD</p>	<p>Session 13: Native American Journeys II Chair: Michael Haug, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD</p>	<p>Session 14: Military Chair: Ronald Laycock, Benson, MN</p>
<p>8:30 - 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Water in the Wilderness— Jed Smith's Trails and Trials <i>Aaron Robert Woodard, Killian Community College, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>A Journey through Native American Memory and History from Sand Creek <i>Greg White, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA (student)</i></p>	<p>The First South Dakota Volunteer Regiment as Political Pawns <i>Grant K. Anderson, LeCenter, MN</i></p>
<p>9:05 - 9:35 a.m.</p>	<p>Margaret "Wylie" Mellette: South Dakota's First, First Lady <i>John Timm, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>William M. Leeds, Acting Commissioner of the Office of Indian Affairs, to Rev. William H. Hare, March 13, 1878 <i>Zachary Ludens, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</i></p>	<p>Overlooked But Not Forgotten: A Brief History of Deadwood's Silent War Memorial <i>Michael Runge, Deadwood, SD</i></p>
<p>9:40 - 10:10 a.m.</p>	<p>Alice Chapman to Mrs. Grigsby, May 12, 1906 [San Francisco Earthquake] <i>Adam Bockelman, Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD (student)</i></p>	<p>Mystery of the Maize <i>David Volk and Mark Mejerhenry, Sioux Falls, SD (authors)</i></p>	<p>How the Lewis and Clark Expedition Influenced America's Road System <i>Shelby Lee, Rapid City, SD</i></p>
<p>10:15 - 10:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Stonemason John Elm: Historical Marker Dedication <i>(Sponsored by the Minnehaha County Historical Society)</i> <i>Loren H. Amundson, Sioux Falls, SD</i></p>	<p>The Arikara: Roadblock to the American Fur Trade on the Upper Missouri <i>Brad Tennant, Presentation College, Aberdeen, SD</i></p>	<p>Crossing the Plains with Custer <i>Paul Horsted, Custer, SD (author)</i></p>

<p>10:45 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Refreshments (<i>CWS Fantle Building</i>)</p>
<p>11:00 - 11:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Session 15: Special Panel Presentation on Prairie Republic: The Political Culture of Dakota Territory by Jon K. Lauck (University of Oklahoma Press, 2010)</p> <p>Panel Moderator: Harry F. Thompson, Augustana College Remarks by the Author: Jon K. Lauck, Sioux Falls, SD Panelists: Tom Killian, Sioux Falls; John E. Miller, South Dakota State University; Michael Mullin, Augustana College; Gary D. Olson, Augustana College; and David A. Wolff, Black Hills State University</p>
<p>12:00 - 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 16: Northern Plains Autograph Party (<i>CWS Fantle Building</i>)</p> <p>Miles A. Browne, <i>Abraham Lincoln: Then and Now</i> (Pine Hill Press) Marshall Damgaard, <i>The South Dakota State Capitol: The First Century</i> (SD State Historical Society Press) David Allan Evans, <i>This Water. These Rocks.</i> (San Francisco Bay Press) Wayne Fanebust, <i>Cavaliers of the Dakota Frontier</i> (Heritage Books) Jeffrey W. Hayzlett, <i>The Mirror Test: Is Your Business Really Breathing?</i> (Business Plus) Paul Horsted, <i>Crossing the Plains with Custer</i> (Golden Valley Press) Jon K. Lauck, <i>Prairie Republic: The Political Culture of Dakota Territory</i> (University of Oklahoma Press) M.J. McMillan, <i>Poems for the Common Man, Volumes 1 and 2</i> (Pine Hill Press) John E. Miller (editor), <i>Life on the Farm and Ranch: South Dakota Stories</i> (SD Humanities Council) Robert C. Steensma, <i>Wallace Stegner's Salt Lake City</i> (University of Utah Press) Harry F. Thompson (editor), <i>A New South Dakota History</i>, second edition (CWS) David Volk and Mark Meierhenry, <i>Mystery of the Maize</i> (SD State Historical Society Press) David A. Wolff, <i>Seth Bullock: Black Hills Lawman</i> (SD State Historical Society Press)</p>
<p>1:00 - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 17: Luncheon (<i>Morrison Commons, Reservations Required</i>) Presiding: Lynn Aspaas, Chair, CWS Board of Directors Award for Distinguished Contribution: John E. Miller, Professor Emeritus, South Dakota State University Address: Sturgis and the Integrated Spectacle <i>William J. Swart, Augustana College, and Don Krier, Iowa State University</i></p>

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