



THE CENTER
for
WESTERN STUDIES

PRESENTS

THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL
DAKOTA CONFERENCE

A National Conference on the Northern Plains
History | Literature | Art | Archaeology

Where the West Begins?
Geography, Identity, and Promise



AUGUSTANA COLLEGE | APRIL 24-25, 2015

Featuring The Northern Plains Autograph Party and the exhibit
On the Record: An Exhibition of Contemporary Ledger Art



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
Humanities

Welcome, Dakota Conference Presenters and Attendees!

“Great American Desert,” “Dakota Territory,” “Middle Border,” “Middle West,” “Midwest,” “Great Plains,” “High Plains,” “Western Plains,” “Northern Plains,” “Central Plains,” “Missouri River Basin,” “flyover country,” “the heartland,” “Siouxland,” “the big empty,” “the lost region.” These are some of the terms writers have used to identify the central region of the United States. For its 47th annual meeting, April 24-25, 2015, the Dakota Conference has taken as its theme “Where the West Begins?” with the intention of exploring the geography, identity, and promise of the Dakotas and the prairie-plains areas of Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming, and Montana.

Is the Northern Plains where the Midwest ends and the West begins? What geographical and demographic characteristics help us identify the northern region of the Great Plains? In what ways is the Northern Plains changing? Do these changes bode well or ill for the region and its traditional and new inhabitants? The “hollowing out” of small towns and rural areas in the plains has led to such responses as the buffalo commons, Pleistocene rewilding, and the American Prairie Reserve. Not all rural areas, however, are in decline—reservation populations are increasing. What issues confront Native American communities, and how will these communities respond to future challenges?

Dedicated to examining contemporary issues in their historical and cultural contexts, the Dakota Conference is a signature event of the Center for Western Studies, whose programming focuses on the Northern Plains region of the American West. Thank you to each presenter and session chair and to the staffs of Mikkelsen Library, Logistics, and Dining Services for their assistance. Get the latest conference news at www.augie.edu/cws or follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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

Kristi Thomas, *Education Assistant*

Elizabeth Thron, *Collections Assistant*

Erin Castle, *Office Coordinator*

Financial Contributors

Loren and Mavis Amundson CWS Endowment/SFACF

City of Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission

Tony & Anne Haga

Carol Rae Hansen, Andrew Gilmour & Grace Hansen-Gilmour

Gordon and Trudy Iseminger

Mellon Fund Committee of Augustana College

Rex Myers & Susan Richards CWS Endowment

Joyce Nelson, in Memory of V.R. Nelson

Rollyn H. Samp, in Honor of Ardyce Samp

Roger & Shirley Schuller, in Honor of Matthew Schuller

Robert & Sharon Steensma

Blair & Linda Tremere

Richard & Michelle Van Demark

Jamie & Penny Volin

Ann Young, in Honor of Durand Young

Cover illustration courtesy South Dakota Department of Tourism

**Award for Distinguished Contribution
to the Preservation of the Cultural Heritage
of the Northern Plains**

Gordon L. Iseminger, Ph.D.



Gordon L. Iseminger was born in Kingsbury County, South Dakota, and grew up on farms south of Sioux Falls. A graduate of Augustana Academy in Canton, he was drafted in 1953, served in Korea, and discharged with the rank of sergeant in 1955. In 1959, Gordon graduated with a major in history from Augustana College, where he met his wife, Trudy. He received the M.A. in history from the University of South Dakota in 1960 and the Ph.D. in history from the University of Oklahoma in 1965. In 1962, he accepted a position teaching European history at the University of North Dakota. Dr. Iseminger was named a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2003, and he is currently completing his fifty-third year of teaching in the University of North History Department.

Dr. Iseminger continues to offer courses in modern European history, but he also offers courses in state and local history and on the history of the Great Plains. For the past thirty-five years, his research has been on topics in the history of South Dakota and North Dakota. In 1988, the Center for Western Studies published his book *The Quartzite Border: Surveying and Marking the North Dakota-South Dakota Boundary, 1891-1892*. The publisher brought out an updated edition of this popular history in 2007. Among Gordon's many publications are those on the German-Russians who left southern Russia to settle in the Dakotas. He frequently presents the result of his research in papers at the Dakota Conference.

Gordon and Trudy established the Dr. Richard W. Solberg Endowment in the Center for Western Studies, and they support the Beaver Creek Church Foundation, established to maintain Gordon's home church, now located on the campus of Augustana College. In 2015, Gordon and Trudy will observe their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary. They have been blessed with three children, four grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Award Recipients for 2014 Conference Papers

Arthur and Willmeta Johnson Amateur Award (\$150)

JoLavae Gunville, "More Than Names: Honoring Lakota Warriors of World War I from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation"

Herbert W. Blakely Professional Award (\$150)

Kimberly K. Porter, "The 'Shadow Huns': Theodore Roosevelt and the Nonpartisan League"

Richard Cropp Amateur Award (\$100)

Myron Sougstad, "Anna Thompson: A Prairie Woman's Journey through the Great War Years"

Ernest Teagarden Professional Award (\$100)

Bill R. Douglas, "Truly a Dangerous Character! The Iverson Family's Resistance to World War I"

Western Studies Student Award (\$250)

Ruth Page Jones, "Banishing Loneliness by Creating Community: The Golden Age of Agriculture, 1910-1920"

Carol Mashek Award in Women's History (\$100)

Carol Jean Swanson, "Dearest Ida of the Wild West: One Woman's Journey of Life and Love"

Ardyce Samp Award (\$100)

Charles T. Wise, "I Had a Bird Named Enza (The Spanish Flu in the Dakotas, 1918)"

Where the West Begins? Geography, Identity, and Promise

The Center for Western Studies, Augustana College
Sioux Falls, South Dakota, April 24-25, 2015

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this completed form with payment to:

The Center for Western Studies,

Augustana College, 2001 S. Summit Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57197

General information: call 605-274-4007 or e-mail dakotaconference@augie.edu.

Lodging information: www.augie.edu/lodging.

Registration: Required of all attendees

Special Presenter Fee _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____
Save **\$5** by registering by **April 13** _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____
Registration after **April 13** _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____
One-day registration (not available to presenters) _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____
Single-session registration (not available to presenters) _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____
Full-time undergraduate
student registration (student ID required) _____ x FREE
Current Augustana faculty and staff
(courtesy Augustana Mellon Fund Committee) _____ x FREE

Meals: All meals must be purchased in advance (prices include tax and gratuity).

Save **\$5** by purchasing Full Meal Package
(3 meals) by **April 13** _____ x \$45.00 = \$ _____
Friday Luncheon (with speaker) _____ x \$16.00 = \$ _____
Friday Dinner (with speaker) _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Luncheon (with speaker) _____ x \$17.00 = \$ _____
Saturday Trail Breakfast _____ x FREE

Supporting Gifts

CWS Basic Membership (\$50) \$ _____
CWS Introductory Membership (\$25 for first-time members) \$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____

- Check enclosed (made payable to CWS)
- Mastercard - Visa - Discover - American Express

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code (on back) _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Tear at perforation

47th Annual Dakota Conference (2015) Session Schedule

Friday, April 24

Registration (CWS Fantle Building) 8:15 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

	Session 1 People and Land Chair: John McIntyre, Sioux Falls	Session 2 Native Americans, Mountain Men and the West Chair: Deb Hagemeyer Augustana College	Session 3 Movies, Novels, and History Chair: Ronelle Thompson, Augustana College	Session 4 Making South Dakota Chair: Steve Potts, Hibbing Community College
9:00 – 9:30 am	We Live Again (a Black Hills photo now positively identified) Robert Kolbe, Sioux Falls	“Long-man-who-gets-things-right”: Mandan Name for Dr. Orin G. Libby Gordon L. Iseminger, University of North Dakota	Digging for History’s Roots Shows that Cather and Cleary Created Great Plains Heroines Marilyn Carlson Aronson, Sioux Falls	The Friendship that Brought Statehood to the Dakotas John Timm, Sioux Falls
9:35 – 10:05 am	The Establishment of the Minnesota-South Dakota Boundary William E. Lass, Minnesota State University Mankato	Do Native American People Have a Place in the Emerging Midwestern Historical Narrative or Do They Belong to the West Alone? David Trask, Fort Collins, CO	Topographical Emphases in Hugh Glass Narratives, 1825-2015 Thomas E. Simmons, University of South Dakota School of Law	William Henry Harrison Beadle, “South Dakota’s Grand Old Man” Jean Elliott Rahja, Aberdeen, SD
10:10 – 10:40 am	South Dakota’s Creativity as Revealed in 22 Interviews in <i>First We Imagine</i> John E. Miller, Brookings, SD	The Battle of the Little Bighorn vs. The Battle of <i>the</i> Little Bighorn Ray Mering, Valley City State University (student)	“Like Writing History with Lightning”? A Look Back at Regional Response to D.W. Griffith’s <i>The Birth of a Nation</i> Elizabeth Thron, Augustana College	County Seat Wars Arthur L. Rusch, Vermillion, SD (author)
10:45 – 11:15 am	Oh West, Where Art Thou? (Or Where are the Cowboy Boots? Sioux Falls, 1927) Stephen Cusulos, Minneapolis, MN	Oglala Lakota Perspective: <i>Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend and Other Works</i> Donald F. Montileaux, Rapid City, SD (author)	Mirage Flats, Old Jules’ Women and the Lay of the Land Ann E. Lundberg, Northwestern College	Counties in South Dakota Joe Kirby and Bill Peterson, Sioux Falls
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Session 5: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required) Presiding: Harry Thompson, Executive Director, Center for Western Studies Presentation of the Award for Distinguished Contribution: Gordon L. Iseminger, University of North Dakota Address: “The Never-ending Work of Imagining the West,” Josh Garrett-Davis, Los Angeles, California, author of <i>Ghost Dances: Proving Up on the Great Plains</i>			

	<p align="center">Session 6 Exploring the Changing North Dakota Landscape I Chair: Jacob Sowers, Minot State University</p>	<p align="center">Session 7 Panel: Conserving Conservation (preview of forthcoming book) Chair: Anthony Amato, Southwest Minnesota State University</p>	<p align="center">Session 8 Curio Cabinet Chair: Steven King, Valley City State University</p>	<p align="center">Session 9 West from Here I Chair: Stan Christopherson, Sioux Falls</p>
1:15 – 1:45 pm	<p>Blight or Alright? Exploring Residential Perceptions of North Dakota’s Expanding Energy Production Landscapes Haley Hanna, Leiya Crawford, Carla Barnes, Minot State University (students)</p>	<p>Reflections on Conservation on the Northern Plains: From Farm Field to Biosphere Joseph Amato, Marshall, MN</p>	<p>Abraham Lincoln and America’s Unfinished Business Miles Browne, Urbandale, IA</p>	<p>West of the 100th Meridian Brad Tennant, Presentation College</p>
1:50 – 2:20 pm	<p>Boomtowns and Ghost Towns: A Tale of Two North Dakotas Alex Gorze and Leif Larson, Minot State University (students)</p>	<p>Raymond Lindeman, a Bog Lake, and the Birth of Ecosystems Ecology William Hoffman, University of Minnesota</p>	<p>The Politics of Flooding in North Dakota Cassandra Reidburn, Valley City State University (student)</p>	<p>The Edge of the West: A River, a Bridge, and a Town Steve Potts, Hibbing Community College</p>
2:25 – 2:55 pm	<p>The Dramatic Impact of the Oil Boom on Perceptions of North Dakota’s Vernacular Regions, Iconic Landscape, and Sense of Place Jacob Sowers, Minot State University</p>	<p>Saving Up on the Prairie: Conservation, Nature, and People on the Northern Plains Anthony Amato, Southwest Minnesota State University</p>	<p>Tools of the Trade: Trappers and their Accoutrements Aaron Woodard, Kilian College, Sioux Falls</p>	<p>The West Begins: A Man and His Missions Blair Tremere, Golden Valley, MN</p>
3:00 – 3:30 pm			<p>Stained Glass of the American West: Re-envisioning an Ancient Art Barbara Johnson, South Dakota Humanities Council Scholar, Aberdeen, SD</p>	<p>Robinson’s <i>History of North Dakota: May It Rest in Peace</i> Kimberly Porter, University of North Dakota</p>
3:30 – 3:45 pm	<p>Refreshments (<i>CWS Fantle Building</i>) Sponsored by Jamie and Penny Volin</p>			

	Session 10 Exploring the Changing North Dakota Landscape II Chair: Jacob Sowers, Minot State University	Session 11 Panel: The Politics of the 1970s in South Dakota Chair: Ted Muenster (chief of staff, Governor Kneip)	Session 12 West from Here II Chair: Lynn Aspaas, Sioux Falls	Session 13 War and Religion Chair: Margaret Preston Augustana College
3:50 – 4:20 pm	Bakken Crime Wave: Perceptions vs. Reality Kali Walsh, Brandon Rudnick, and Troy Huber, Minot State University (students)	Scott McGregor (senior aide to Governors Kneip and Wollman) Don Dahlin (Secretary of Public Safety for the State of South Dakota, 1975-1978)	The Great(er) Plains: Beyond Dust, Drought, Declension, and Dismissal Julie Courtwright, Iowa State University	The Influence of the Lutheran Church on German Assimilation in America Sarah Dirks, Augustana College (student)
4:25 – 4:55 pm	North Dakota: An Enduring Nuclear Landscape John Robertson, Minot State University (student) (Read by Jacob Sowers)	Mark Meierhenry (South Dakota Attorney General, 1978-1986)	Where the Lady on the Wagon Said “Far Enough,” the Homestead West Began Marian Cramer, Bryant, SD	The Sioux Falls Sisters of Cheer: Letter Writing and Domestic Ideals on the World War I Home Front Carolyn Johnson, Augustana College (student)
5:00 – 5:30 pm	Rural Taverns: Watering Hole or Social Centers? Bob Schwartz, Minot State University (student)	Bob Burns (South Dakota government reorganization commission)	Cold War Comes to North Dakota Bradley Carlson and Jonah Rosin, Valley City State University (students)	University of Manitoba and the Weakening of French Language Rights, 1877-1890 Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa
5:35 – 6:05 pm		Frank Brost (advisor to Senator Abdnor)	Wagon Train Ride: 125th Anniversary of South Dakota Statehood Alvin Kangas, Lake Norden, SD	
6:15 – 7:30 pm	Session 14: Dinner (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required) Presiding: Kristi Thomas, Education Assistant, and Elizabeth Thron, Collections Assistant, Center for Western Studies Recognition of Authors and Presentation of Awards for 2014 Papers Address: “Economics on the Pine Ridge,” Ivan Sorbel, Executive Director of the Pine Ridge Area Chamber of Commerce and Member of the Board of Directors of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation			

NORTHERN PLAINS AUTOGRAPH PARTY

Saturday, April 25, 2015

CWS Fante Building • 12:20-1:00 P.M.

- See session 23 for list of authors attending and book titles

CWS Gift Shop

Jewelry and books by regional artists and authors at reduced prices during the conference.

Saturday, April 25 Trail Breakfast 7:30 - 8:15 am (CWS Fantle Building) Registration Desk Open 7:30 am - 1:00 pm

Sponsored by the City of Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission

	Session 15 Book Panel: South Dakota Political Culture Chair: Jon K. Lauck, University of South Dakota	Session 16 West from Here III Chair: Michael Haug, South Dakota State University	Session 17 Plains Identity Chair: Christel Gollnick, Trimble, MO	Session 18 Myth and Politics Chair: Shon Cronk, Sioux Falls, SD	Session Two Contemporary Issues on South Dakota's Indian Reservations: Poverty and Gendered Violence Chair: Michael Mullin, Augustana College Commentator: Lauren Evans, Augustana College (student)
8:30 – 9:00 am	Matthew Pehl , Augustana College (author) John E. Miller , Brookings, SD (author)	Finding Wonder in the Midwest Martin McGoey, Augustana College	Beneath the Minnesota N(ice): Criminal Identity, the Plains, and Popular Culture Darcie Rives-East, Augustana College	Where Myth Meets the West: The James Brothers' Escape through Dakota Wayne Fanebust, Sioux Falls	Violence and Discrimination in Indian Country: A Reality for Native American Women Karlie Bakke, Augustana College (student)
9:05 – 9:35 am	Sean Flynn , Dakota Wesleyan University (author)	A Landscape, Written and Read: The Voice of Midwestern Poetry Alison Peymann, Sioux Falls	Conservative and Tough as Nails: Plains Identities in the Post War Era David Mills, Minnesota West Community College (author)	The Two George McGoverns: The Rise and Fall of a Prairie Populist Matthew Housiaux, Augustana College (student)	The Roots of Violence against Native American Women Michelle Ritter, Augustana College (student)
9:40 – 10:10 am	Tony VenHuizen , Governor Daugaard Administration, Pierre, SD (author)	Settling the West: Overcoming All Odds Casey Henry, Presentation College (student)	From Okoboji to Mankato: Viewing Changes to the Minnesota Borderlands Region's Dakota-Settler Relations through Women's Captivity Narratives Jessica Helmers, St. Paul, MN	A Schism within the South Dakota Nonpartisan League in South Dakota Grant Anderson, LeCenter, MN	The Roots of Poverty on the Pine Ridge Reservation Katie Elness, Augustana College (student)
10:15 – 10:30 am	Refreshments (CWS Fantle Building) Sponsored by Joyce Nelson, in Memory of V.R. Nelson				

	Session 19 Bands and Lands Chair: Mel Prewitt, University of Iowa	Session 20 Panel: Where Does the Midwest End and the Great Plains Begin? Chair: Jon K. Lauck, University of South Dakota	Session 21 Memory, Echo, Words: Poets Giving Voice to the West Chair: Norma Wilson, Vermillion, SD	Session 22 Writing the West Chair: Richard Muller, University of South Dakota
10:35 – 11:05 am	John Philip Sousa and Karl L. King at the Mitchell (SD) Corn Palace Exposition (1904-1925) Scott Muntefering, Wartburg College	Lori Ann Lahlum , Minnesota State University Mankato John E. Miller , Brookings, SD	“The Lights are Blazing, Music’s Playing”: Ukrainian Roots in North Dakota Lindy Obach, University of South Dakota (author)	
11:10 – 11:40 am	The Sioux Falls Municipal Band: Traditions and Importance to the Sioux Empire Thomas Norland, Augustana College (student)	Julie Courtwright , Iowa State University Joe Otto , University of Oklahoma	"Identity Through Nature: Creatures, Sustenance and Beauty" Rosemary Dunn Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD (author)	A Reading from <i>The Collector of Names</i> (short stories) Patrick Hicks, Augustana College (author)
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	The Lure of the Land-speculators and Homesteaders: A Case Study of Land Owners in One Rural Township in South Dakota, 1880-1890 Ruth Page Jones, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	Jason Lee Brown , Champagne, IL	Beginnings and Endings of the West in South Dakota: Hiawatha Asylum Jennifer Soule, Sioux Falls (author) Reading and Discussing Poetry from <i>Memory, Echo, Words</i> Norma C. Wilson, Brad Soule, Lindy Obach, Rosemary Moeller and Jennifer Soule	A Reading from <i>Figments, Fragments, and Pigments, Oh, My!</i> (short stories) Carl Grupp, Sioux Falls (author)
12:20 – 1:00 pm	Session 23: Northern Plains Autograph Party (CWS Fantle Building) Joseph A. Amato, The Book of Twos: The Power of Contrast, Polarities and Contradictions (Ellis Press, 2015) Josh Garrett-Davis, Ghost Dances: Proving Up on the Great Plains (Little, Brown, 2012) Carl Grupp, Figments, Fragments, and Pigments, Oh, My! (Scurfpea Publishing, 2014) Patrick Hicks, The Collector of Names (Schaffner Press, 2015) and Adoptable (Salmon Press, 2014) William Hoffman, co-author, The Biologist’s Imagination: Innovation in the Biosciences (Oxford University Press, 2014) Lori Ann Lahlum, Norwegian American Women: Migration, Communities, and Identities (Minnesota Historical Society Press, 2011) William E. Lass, Shaping the North Star State: A History of Minnesota’s Boundaries (North Star Press, 2014), A South Dakota Country School Experience (Minnesota Heritage Publishing, 2014) Jon K. Lauck, The Lost Region: Toward a Revival of Midwestern History (University of Iowa Press, 2013) Jon K. Lauck, John E. Miller, and Donald C. Simmons, eds., The Plains Political Tradition: Essays on South Dakota Political Culture , vol. 2 (South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014) John E. Miller, First We Imagine: 22 Creative South Dakotans Speak on the Subject of Creativity (Brookings Arts Council, 2014) and Small-Town Dreams: Stories of Midwestern Boys Who Shaped America (University Press of Kansas, 2014) David Mills, Cold War in a Cold Land: Fighting Communism on the Northern Plains (University of Oklahoma Press, 2015)			

	<p>Donald F. Montileaux, Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend (South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014)</p> <p>Lynwood E. Oyos, Reveille for Sioux Falls: A World War II Army Air Forces Technical School Changes a South Dakota City (Center for Western Studies, 2014)</p> <p>Arthur L. Rusch, County Capitols: The Courthouses of South Dakota (South Dakota State Historical Society Press, 2014)</p> <p>Jennifer Soule, Hiawatha Asylum: Poems (Finishing Line Press, 2014)</p> <p>Benjamin Thompson, Mobridge in History: Lewis & Clark to Sitting Bull to the Mobridge State Bank (Benji Books, 2015)</p> <p>Norma C. Wilson, ed. (Lindy Obach, Rosemary Dunn Moeller, Brad Soule, and Jennifer Soule, contributors) Memory Echo Words: The 2014 Scurfpea Publishing Anthology (CreateSpace, 2014)</p> <p>Robert E. Wright, Little Business on the Prairie: Entrepreneurship, Prosperity, and Challenge in South Dakota (Center for Western Studies, 2015)</p>
<p>1:15 – 2:30 pm</p>	<p>Session 24: Luncheon (Morrison Commons, Reservations Required)</p> <p>Presiding: Tony Haga, Chair of the Board of Directors, Center for Western Studies</p> <p>Address: “The Other Two Dakotas,” Robert E. Wright, Nef Family Chair in Political Economy at Augustana College and author of <i>Little Business on the Prairie: Entrepreneurship, Prosperity, and Challenge in South Dakota</i> (Center for Western Studies, 2015), <i>Genealogy of American Finance</i> (Columbia University Press, 2015), and <i>Corporation Nation</i> (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014)</p>

Announcing...

LITTLE BUSINESS ON THE PRAIRIE

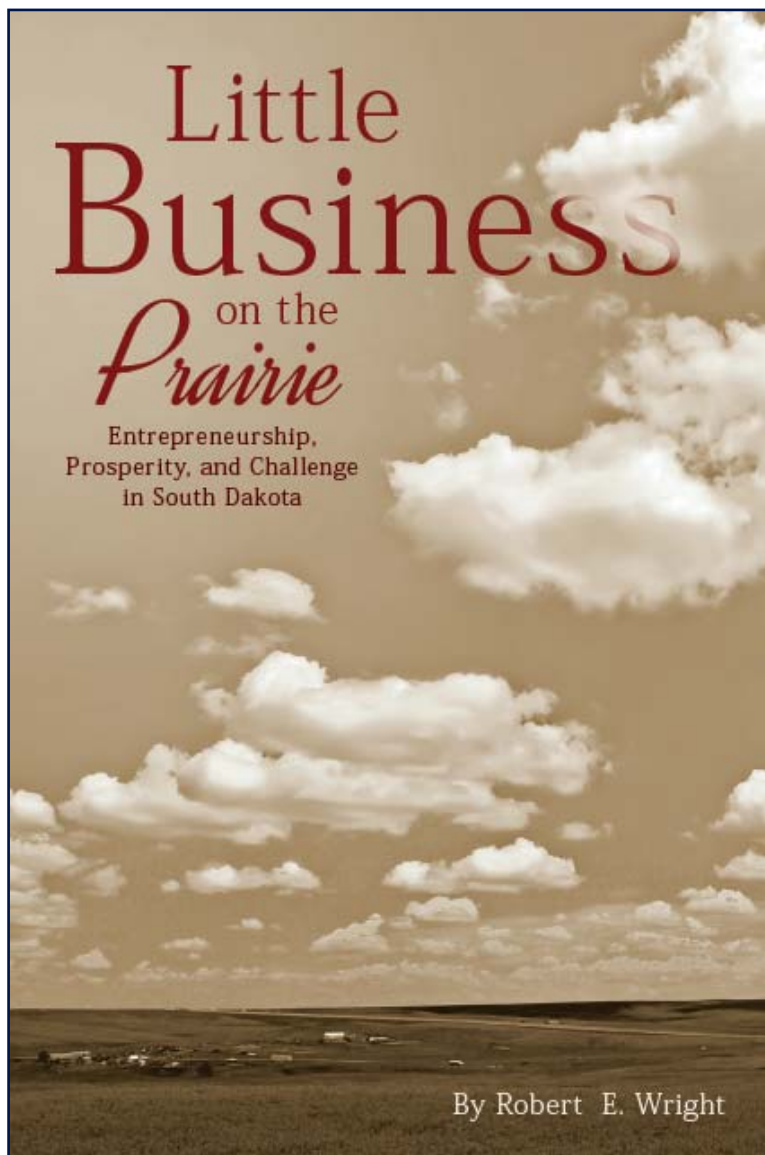
Entrepreneurship, Prosperity, and Challenge in South Dakota

ROBERT E. WRIGHT

Nef Family Chair in Political Economy, Augustana College

\$16.95, 340 pages, 20 photographs

CENTER FOR WESTERN STUDIES, 2015





The Center for Western Studies
Augustana College
2001 South Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57197

NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SIOUX FALLS
SOUTH DAKOTA
PERMIT NO. 5