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## Preface

The Center for Western Studies (CWS) of Augustana is pleased to make available this index to the Papers of the Dakota Conference on Northern Plains History, Literature, Art, and Archaeology for the period 1990 to 2015. Over the years, many individuals have contributed to this index. This update, for 2011 to 2015, was compiled by CWS Intern Matthew Housiaux.

In 1989, following the Twenty-second Annual Dakota History Conference, Dakota State University, the home of the conference since its founding in February 1969, invited South Dakota institutions to consider sponsoring the conference, since the academic program at Dakota State no longer accommodated a history conference.

The Center for Western Studies agreed to administer the conference beginning in 1990, with the promise of financial support consideration from the South Dakota Humanities Council. The Humanities Council provided grant support for the conference annually from 1990 to 2008, in response to competitive proposals submitted by CWS. Over the years, significant additional financial support has been received from several individuals and organizations.

For twenty-six years, the Center for Western Studies has not only administered the conference but has also expanded its scope to include the northern Great Plains and welcomed papers on literature, art, and archaeology as well as history. Dedicated to examining regional issues in their historical and cultural contexts, the Dakota Conference is a signature event of CWS, which provides programming in Northern Plains studies at Augustana College. The conference has grown to include presenters and attendees from more than twenty states, making it the only national conference whose subject is the Northern Plains.

In 2008 the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a challenge grant to assist CWS in building its endowment to support such programs as the Dakota Conference. In making this award, the NEH noted especially the Dakota Conference's unique blend of academic and non-academic scholars.

This index demonstrates that the people responsible for the continued success of the conference are the presenters, many of them students. Each year, the conference is reborn anew by those who seek to share the fruits of their research.

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