# **Announcements**

THE IOWA HISTORY CENTER at Simpson College is pleased to congratulate Ms. Pam Stek of the University of Iowa as the 2010 recipient of our prize for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history. Her award-winning essay is titled, "'We Must as a Race Defend Our Own Candidates': African American Political Activism in Mahaska County, Iowa, 1885–1900."

The center now seeks nominations for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history for 2011. Selection will be based on contribution to the knowledge of Iowa history; originality of the subject matter or methodology; use of sources; and written expression. Nominees must have completed their master's degree between July 2010 and June 2011.

The winner will be announced in fall 2011 and will receive a \$300 cash prize and an award plaque. Three copies of the thesis and a brief letter of nomination from the thesis advisor, which includes contact information for the nominee, should be submitted to Bill Friedricks, Director, Iowa History Center, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125. Application deadline is June 30, 2011.

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