

Announcements

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The winner will be announced in fall 2012 and receive a \$1,000 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 Friedrichs, Director, Iowa History Center, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125. Application deadline is June 30, 2012.

For further information, contact Linda Sinclair, 515-961-1528 or linda.sinclair@simpson.edu.

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