

## Announcements

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA (SHSI) announces a grant program for the 2015/2016 academic year. SHSI will award up to ten stipends of \$1,000 each to support original research and interpretive writing related to the history of Iowa or Iowa and the Midwest. Preference will be given to applicants proposing to pursue previously neglected topics or new approaches to or new interpretations of previously treated topics. SHSI invites applicants from a variety of backgrounds, including academic and public historians, graduate students, and independent researchers and writers. Applications will be judged on the basis of their potential for producing work appropriate for publication in *The Annals of Iowa*. Grant recipients will be expected to produce an annotated manuscript targeted for *The Annals of Iowa*, SHSI's scholarly journal.

**Applications for the 2015/2016 awards must be postmarked by April 15, 2015.** Download application guidelines from our website ([www.iowahistory.org/publications/the-annals-of-iowa/research-grants-for-authors.html](http://www.iowahistory.org/publications/the-annals-of-iowa/research-grants-for-authors.html)) or request guidelines or further information from:

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COWLES LIBRARY, DRAKE UNIVERSITY, announces IOWA BIB, an online bibliography of Iowa history and culture, covering the years 1987-1997. Eventually, the database will cover 1953-2013 and beyond. Hosted by Cowles Library, Drake University, IOWA BIB can be accessed at <https://library.drake.edu/iowa-history-and-culture/>. The bibliography is organized into

subject areas, searchable by author, title, and keyword, and contains books, periodical articles, and specialized materials. Included are local history magazines, house organs, dissertations, theses, and town, centennial, church, and business histories. The broad subject areas allow for browsing as well as content-specific search capabilities.

When completed, IOWA BIB will greatly enhance Iowa studies research by simplifying search strategies and be of benefit to all types of public and special libraries, K-12 schools, the academic and business communities, government institutions, and the general public all over the world, but especially for Iowans.

For further information, contact Pat Dawson at dawson1383@gmail.com or Claudia Frazer at claudia.frazer@drake.edu. This pilot project is funded by the State Historical Society of Iowa, Inc.

THE IOWA HISTORY Center at Simpson College is pleased to congratulate Hope Mitchell as the 2014 recipient of its prize for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history. Mitchell's thesis, "Sacrificing Our Daughters: Changing Perceptions of Prostitution in Iowa, 1880-1915," was completed at Iowa State University.

The Center now seeks nominations for the outstanding master's thesis in Iowa history for 2015. 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 1, 2014, and June 30, 2015.

The winner will be announced in the fall of 2015 and will 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, 2015.

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

THE BUTLER CENTER FOR ARKANSAS STUDIES, a department of the Central Arkansas Library System, recently announced the digitization of two collections of Iowa-related Civil War letters. The John Myers Civil War Letters contains 27 letters by or related to John Myers while he was serving in the 28th Iowa Infantry. Myers, a resident of Toledo, enlisted in the unit on August 16, 1862. He died of disease at Helena, Arkansas, on August 14, 1863. The Henry Phillips Civil War Letters contains 32 letters, written primarily by Henry T. Phillips to his family in Unionville during the months he served with the 47th Iowa Infantry. Phillips joined the regiment on May 6, 1864, and mustered out on September 28, 1864, when his term of service expired. The digitized letters, along with other items, are available at the Butler Center's Civil War website: [www.butlercenter.org/civilwararkansas](http://www.butlercenter.org/civilwararkansas).