

Announcements

Call for Papers

THE 47TH ANNUAL MISSOURI VALLEY HISTORY CONFERENCE will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, March 4-6, 2004. Proposals for panels or individual papers in all areas of history are welcome. Proposals, consisting of abstract(s), and one-page vitae, should be sent by October 15, 2003 to the program coordinator, Professor Tom Buchanan, Missouri Valley History Conference, Department of History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE 68182. Those wishing to have their proposals acknowledged should include a stamped, self-addressed postcard. A prize of \$200 will be awarded to the best graduate student paper presented at the conference.

Conference

Programming for country school museums and rural tourism will be the focus of a conference scheduled for October 3-4 at the Spencer School Administrative offices, 23 East 7th Street, Spencer, Iowa. Iowa has more than 160 one- and two-room schools that are maintained as museum facilities. For more information or to obtain a conference program flyer, contact Cindy McGranahan at the Parker Museum in Spencer (e-mail parkermuseum@evertek.net; phone 712-262-3304) or Bill Sherman (email wls Sherman@mchsi.com; phone 1-800-434-2039). The conference registration fee is \$25.

Awards

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA (SHSI) announced several awards for outstanding historical research and writing at a special awards ceremony at the State Historical Building in Des Moines on May 12. The Benjamin J. Shambaugh Award for the most significant book on Iowa history published during the preceding

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