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Calls for Papers/Conferences

The sixth annual "Symposium on the 19th Century Press, the Civil War, and Free Expression" will be held at the historic Read House Hotel, Chattanooga, November 5-7, 1998. Sponsored by George R. West Jr., Chair of Excellence in Communication and Public Affairs at the University of Chattanooga Department of Communication, the symposium will focus on the 19th-century press's role in the Civil War and contemporary concepts of free expression. All materials (including four paper copies and a 200-300 word abstract) must be postmarked by September 1, 1998, and mailed to: Dr. Kittrell Rushing, Communication Department, 311 First Hall, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37403-2598. For an up-to-date pixelized report visit the symposium's web site at: <http://www.utc.edu/commdept/conference/>.

The Society of American Archivists will host its annual meeting at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Resort Hotel, Orlando, August 31-September 6, 1998. The meeting will commence with two days of SAA continuing education workshops (featuring training and assistance in the areas of preservation, electronic description, and basic archival principles). The workshops will be followed by the Society's business meetings and over sixty program sessions. In keeping with the resort setting of the meeting the Program Committee is encouraging session topics relating to the archival implications of travel, entertainment, and popular culture in America. For further information contact Carl Van Ness, 208 Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. E-mail: carvann@nervm.nerdc.ufl.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS: 65th Annual Meeting of the Southern Historical Association, Fort Worth, Texas, November 3-6, 1999. The Program Committee invites proposals for single papers and entire sessions. Please send five copies of proposals, including a brief summary of the proposed paper(s) and a curriculum vitae of each presenter to the appropriate chair. Deadline for proposals is October

1, 1998. European sessions: Katharine D. Kennedy, Department of History, Agnes Scott College, 141 East College Avenue, Decatur, GA, 30030; Latin American Sessions: Andrew Boeger, Department of History, North Carolina A & T University, Gibbs Hall, Greensboro, NC 27411; All other proposals: Charles Joyner, Chair, SHA Program Committee, Department of History, Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC 29526.

Awards and Honors

ARRELL GIBSON AWARD: In recognition of Arrell M. Gibson's significant role in Native American history, the Indian Territory Posse of Westerners International funds this \$300 cash prize for the best essay of the year on the history of Native Americans. No time period or geographic restrictions apply, and essays will be judged on their significance to the field, their contributions to knowledge, and their literary quality. To be eligible, articles must have appeared in 1997 in a journal or edited volume. Any Western History Association member, as well as the publisher or author of the essay, may nominate an essay. A copy of the journal, an offprint, or a photocopy must be submitted to each member of the award committee. Deadline for entries is July 31, 1998. Committee members: Donald Fixico, Western Michigan University Department of History, Kalanmazoo, MI 49008; Sherry Smith, P.O. Box 280, Moose, WY, 83012; Bob L. Blackburn, Oklahoma Historical Society, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

BOLTON-KINNAIRD AWARD IN BORDERLANDS HISTORY A cash prize of \$300 is awarded annually by the Western History Association for the best article on any phase of the history of the Borderlands, from the Floridas to the Californias, from the sixteenth century to the present. Articles will be judged on scholarship and literary style. To be eligible, articles must have been published in 1997 in any scholarly journal or edited volume. Any WHA member, as well as the publisher or author of the essay, may nominate an essay. A copy of the journal, an offprint, or photocopy must be submitted to each member of the committee with a letter of nomination. Deadline for entries is July 31, 1998. Committee members: Sarah Deutsch, Department of History, Clark University, 950 Main St., Worcester, MA 01610-1477; Robert Trevino, 3920 Barrel-

wood Ct., Colorado Springs, CO 80920; and Daniel Tyler, Department of History, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 80523.

Exhibitions and Fairs

“The Summer of 1898: War in Florida and Cuba” will be on display at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, Miami, from May 1 to August 30, 1998. The exhibit, which commemorates the centennial anniversary of the Spanish-American War, features original photographs and documents chronicling the preliminary wars in Cuba as well as the emergence of “yellow journalism” in the United States. Also included is a scale replica of the *U.S.S. Maine*, the ship whose mysterious sinking is still debated by scholars. As an item of local significance, the exhibit features pictures and accounts of Camp Miami, where close to 1800 soldiers were housed before boarding ships for Cuba. For more information on this and other exhibits call (305) 375-1609 or visit the museum online at: <http://www.historical-museum.org>.