



To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees  
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**History Conference** - South Dakota State Historical Society History Conference and Governor's History Award, supported by the Foundation, is April 5 and 6.

- Go online to register [www.sdhsf.org/historyconference](http://www.sdhsf.org/historyconference). Full registration includes one ticket to the Friday luncheon, one ticket to the Friday evening reception, one ticket to the Governor's History Awards Luncheon and keynote address Saturday, and access to the sessions, vendor area, and break-time refreshments.
- Please take time to thank the following supporters of the conference: South Dakota Humanities Council – speakers travel sponsor, Verna Kay Bormann – sponsor of Governor's History Awards Luncheon and Keynote Address, Friday luncheon sponsors – McGough Construction and ISG Inc, speaker sponsors - Deadwood Historic Preservation and Ann McKay Thompson, and break sponsor – Lauer Capital Management LTD.
- We hope you can join the Foundation and State staff for a Networking Social on Friday, April 5 from 5:30 – 7PM at RedRossa in the Hills Room. Ticket is included in full registration or can be purchased on the conference website listed above.

**Spring fundraising campaign** - If you find yourself in the fortunate position of being able to make a charitable gift this spring, please consider a gift to help preserve South Dakota's history. Your gift can be designated to a specific project or to where the need is the greatest. You can return your gift in the appeal that will be mailed this spring, or you can go online to contribute. [www.sdhsf.org/donate](http://www.sdhsf.org/donate)

**Capital Campaign** – The Foundation is in the quiet phase of the capital campaign. If there are individuals that have a passion for what we do, please introduce them to our team at the Foundation and the State Historical Society. A special thanks to those that have made a personal pledge to the campaign. Call Catherine at (605) 773-6003 to connect.

**Press publications** – we are seeking funding assistance for 2024/2025 Press publications to help with design, illustrations, printing, marketing, etc. Gifts of \$5000+ will be acknowledged in the publication.

- Rose Lane Says by Marcus Witcher and David Beito
- Reprint of Giants in the Earth, annotations and introduction by Allan Carlson
- Sitting Bull's Last Days by Norm Matteoni
- Indian and White Politics in the Modern West: Sioux and White Leadership in South Dakota, 1920–1965 by Stephen Schulte
- Little Pasture on the Prairie by Eliza Blue
- Tour Guide to the Black Hills Gold Rush by David Wolff

**Adopt a collection in the State Archives** - Please help us to identify prospects to adopt a digital collection in the State Archives. By adopting a collection, you will not only save the jobs of two digitization specialist, but you will preserve South Dakota's stories told through local photographs and documents. For more information go to [https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special\\_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html](https://www.sdhsf.org/donate/special_projects/saving-sd-digital-collections.html) or call Catherine Forsch.

**Gifts.** Don't forget to purchase gifts from the Heritage stores run by the Foundation. As a State Historical Society member, you receive a 10% discount on store purchases. Call Juli or Holly to receive the discount, 605-773-6001. [www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html](http://www.sdhsf.org/store/shopnow.html)

### **Upcoming meetings/events**

- Executive Committee Meetings 9am CT/8am MT via Zoom - 4/25/24, 5/23/24, 6/20/24
- Foundation Board Meeting 11am CT/10am MT in person and via Zoom on 5/10/24
- History Talks - via Zoom at 7pm CT / 6pm MT | Register at [www.sdhsf.org/events](http://www.sdhsf.org/events)
  - 3/19/2024 Author Angelica Shirley Carpenter, *Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist and Voice of Liberty*, will present.
  - 4/9/2024 Author Paul Higbee, *The First Strike: Doolittle Raider Don Smith* will present.
  - 5/14/24 Author Craig Volk, *Dick Termes: Visionary Black Hills Artist* will present.
  - 6/18/24 Authors Marcus Witcher & Dave Beito, *Rose Lane Says: Thoughts on Liberty, Race and Equality, 1942-1945* will present.