

Research and Publishing Program Report, September 2024
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SDHS PRESS

Research and Publishing staff have had a very busy summer, completing four book projects, shipping out over 25,000 books, attending conferences, preparing to move back into the CHC, and beginning editing work on 2025 book projects. New books released in July and August include the children's picture book *Georgia Jipp: Blizzard Pilot* by Laura Beth Dean and illustrated by Jeanne Bowman; *A Phantom Storm: Sitting Bull, America, and the Ghost Dance* by Norman E. Matteoni; and *Black Hills History Tours: The Gold Rush* by David Wolff (the first volume in a series of six). Two books are currently being printed and will be released in mid-September: *Rose Lane Says: Thoughts on Race, Liberty, and Equality, 1942-1945*, edited by David T. Beito and Marcus Witcher and a reprint of O. E. Rølvaag's epic novel *Giants in the Earth*, with a new introduction and annotations by Allan C. Carlson. We are also working on a special edition limited run hardcover of *Giants in the Earth*, to be released in late October.

In July, Dedra Birzer served as a bus historian for the SD Department of Education's teacher history tour of central South Dakota, with the goal of providing professional development assistance for teachers preparing to implement the new state social studies standards. Looking ahead, Press staff will have display booths at the State Fair, the SD Library Association, the SD Festival of Books, the Ethnohistory Association conference, the Northern Great Plains History Conference, and the West River History Conference. Staff will also give presentations at several of these conferences.

SDHS Press and SDHS Foundation staff continue to plan and host monthly "History Talks," a virtual author speaker series. Video recordings of the talks are

available on the SDHS Foundation's YouTube channel. July's presenter was Norm Matteoni, who spoke about his new book, *A Phantom Storm*, to an estimated audience of 45. August's History Talks was a very successful hybrid event, with David Wolff presenting on his new Gold Rush tour guide to 71 online participants and over 50 in person attendees at Black Hills State University. Upcoming History Talks presenters are Eliza Blue (Sept. 10); Allan Carlson (Oct. 8); Corey Christianson (Nov. 12); and Joseph Bottum (Dec. 10).

HISTORY NOTES

The Spring/Summer 2024 issue of the *History Notes* newsletter was delivered to members' mailboxes by late June. Work on the Fall 2024 issue will begin in early September.

SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY

The Summer 2024 issue of the *South Dakota History* journal and was mailed to members in mid-July. The issue includes articles on the history of lumbering in the Black Hills and on the more recent development of a Mexican immigrant workforce and community in the region's lumber industry. This issue also includes the premiere of a new regular feature, the "Curator's Corner," which will highlight artifacts in the museum collection. For this first "Curator's Corner," the SDSHS Museum staff dug into the history surrounding an opium pipe that was recovered in a 1901 raid in Deadwood's Chinatown. The Fall 2024 issue will focus on the Dahlin family collection of World War I artifacts, with an issue-long article by Corey Christianson. She will give a presentation based on this article for the November History Talks program.