

NEWS from the Center for Heritage Renewal

North Dakota State University

Subject: Heritage Book Series in Hazen and Underwood Public Libraries

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The public is invited to participate in a series of heritage book discussions taking place in the public libraries of Hazen and Underwood during March and April of 2016. Each discussion will be led by an accomplished scholar of northern plains history and culture. Multiple copies of the books under discussion are available for checkout from the host libraries.

Discussions will focus on three classic works in the history of the northern plains: *Lewis and Clark among the Indians*, by James Ronda; *Jay Cooke's Gamble: The Northern Pacific Railroad, the Sioux, and the Panic of 1873*, by John Lubetkin; and *Encounters at the Heart of the World: A History of the Mandan People*, by Elizabeth Fenn.

Discussion leaders will come to Hazen and Underwood from college and university faculties in the region. Leaders include Michael Yellow Bird, director of the Tribal and Indigenous Studies program at North Dakota State University; Frank Varney, Associate Professor of History at Dickinson State University; and Dakota Goodhouse, instructor of Native American studies at United Tribes Technical College.

All programs will take place at 2:00pm on Sunday afternoons. Program dates: 3/13/16 in Hazen, 3/20/16 in Underwood, 4/10/16 in both Hazen and Underwood, and 4/24/16 in both Hazen and Underwood. For a full schedule, as well as other details, visit the project web page here - <http://heritagerenewal.org/nphf/bookclub.htm>

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