



To: South Dakota State Historical Society Board of Trustees  
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**New Board Member** – We welcome Dew Bad Warrior-Ganje to the Foundation board. Dew has extensive experience working with Tribal Governments through campaigns like the US Census and national learning campaigns. Her experience working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs has given her deep understanding of Tribal/Federal Government relations and how they affect communities they serve. She has developed an extensive network throughout these roles that she continues to cultivate and build to collaborate and connect with everything she is involved in. Dew will serve on the Development & Marketing Committee. Please take time to welcome her when your paths cross.

**Oral History Project** – The last interviews for the oral history projects, “Politics of the 70s, 80s, 90s” and “Changing Times of Women 70s, 80s, 90s” are getting wrapped up. We are completing the final interviews, finalizing the interviewees permissions, working on the transcripts, cataloging, and on accessioning the interviews. As part of the projects, we have interviewed 39 people. Recently interviewed were Loila Hunking, Harvey Jewett, Steve Kirby, Larry Pressler, Kevin Schieffer, Peter Stavrianos, and Francis Whitebird. The last week in August we will interview Steve Cutler, Dan Garry, Tom Geraets, Steve Hildebrand, Dave Munson, and David Volk. You will find the oral history interviews on the South Dakota Digital Archives starting this Fall.

### **GivingTuesday – Tuesday, December 3**

Giving Tuesday was created to inspire all of us to unite in a day of generosity and make a difference in our community. For decades the State Historical Society has benefited from the generosity of people who remember us with a charitable gift and those that have included us in their estate plans. We say, "Thank you!"

Click below on one of the many ways to GIVE TODAY.

- Make an immediate impact with an [end-of-year gift](#) today or on #GivingTuesday
- Refer your friends and colleagues to become a [member](#)
- Help us to recruit [volunteers](#)
- Preserve South Dakota history for future generations with a legacy gift: leave a charitable bequest in your will; name South Dakota Historical Society Foundation to receive assets remaining in your trust; name us as a beneficiary in life insurance policies/savings accounts/brokerage accounts; give a gift of land, crops, livestock; or designate us to receive the remaining assets in your retirement plan.  
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**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.

- Reprint of *Giants in the Earth*, annotations and introduction by Allan Carlson
- *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

#### **Upcoming meetings/events**

- Foundation Board Meeting 11am CT/10am MT on November 1, 2024
- History Talks - via Zoom at 7pm CT / 6pm MT | Register at [www.sdhsf.org/events](http://www.sdhsf.org/events)
  - September 10, 2024 Author Eliza Blue - "Little Pasture on the Prairie"
  - October 8, 2024 Allan Carlson - introduction to O.E. Rolvaag's "Giants in the Earth"
  - November 12 – Author Corey Christianson, "The Story of Alfred Dahlin, World War 1 Soldier" will present. This article appears in the Fall 2024 issue of South Dakota History.
  - December 10 - Author Joseph Bottum will present on his collection of Christmas writings.