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Call for Papers: Prophetstown Revisited: A Summit on Early Native American Studies. On the occasion of the bicentennial of the founding of Prophetstown by Tecumseh and his brother Tenskatawa (The Shawnee Prophet) in 1808, the Society of Early Americanists and the Purdue University College of Liberal Arts will host an interdisciplinary scholarly summit on early Native American Studies that will feature panel presentations, workshops, and sessions open to the public, including the keynote addresses and other exhibits, and performances. Since Purdue is only a few minutes drive from the place where the brothers brought their followers together, we plan to have off-campus events linked to the sites associated with Prophetstown. The founding of Prophetstown was an important historical moment, marking the first significant peaceful gesture on the part of indigenous North Americans to appropriate and utilize an "Indian" identity as a singular racial force of community and resistance. Pan-racial identification had been imagined and imposed by a series of European conquerors and colonizers for centuries, and pan-Indian identity would become the driving force behind the Jacksonian Policy of Indian Removal, enacted as law in 1830. The Shawnee Brothers' efforts were the first to coalesce and mobilize "Indians" on a continental level to oppose such efforts. Its brief efflorescence notwithstanding, it effectively marked the end of the era when tribes were set against one another by whites for their own selfish purposes. While the themes and topics of the conference include Pan-Indianisms and Native/Indian history and culture in the Mississippi Valley, we welcome proposals on all aspects of Native American Studies up to 1840. Possible topics might include but are not limited to: Literary and Cultural Representations of Native Americans in Anglo Public Spheres (1600-1840); frontiers, middle grounds, contact zones, borderlands; the biologization of race in the colonies and the new nation; material culture and early Native American studies; and commemorating Prophetstown. One page abstracts and short CVs due by September 14, 2007 to Kristina Bross (kbross@purdue.edu). Visit the website at http://dev1.matrix.msu.edu/steen/Prophetstown/design.html.

New Journal: Anthropological Insights. The new journal Anthropological Insights seeks papers for its second issue. The editors interpret anthropology broadly, and encourage both established scholars and students to submit papers, which will be peer reviewed. Papers should be 15-20 pages in length. For more information, contact fsalamone@iona.edu. Send submissions to Frank A. Salamone, Iona College, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

Conference: Darwinism after Darwin: New Historical Perspectives. This conference, sponsored by the British Society for the History of Science, will meet 3-5 September 2007 at the University of Leeds. It will provide an opportunity to explore what happened with Darwinism 'after Darwin,' by providing new historical perspectives on evolutionary theories and ideas, experiments and practices, bodies and displays, from the late nineteenth to the early twenty-first centuries. Details can be found at http://www.darwinismafterdarwin.com.

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Long Road (blog on indigenous social justice and intellectual property, with a focus on Australia), Kimberly Christen, ed. http://www.kimberlychristen.com