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CONFERENCE REPORT

A conference recognizing the centenary of Boas' *The Mind of Primitive Man*, "Franz Boas: Ethnographer, Theorist, Activist, Public Intellectual," was held in London, Ontario, Canada, December 2011. Its organizers were Regna Darnell, Michelle Hamilton, Robert Hancock and Joshua Smith. Major themes of the conference were the scope of Boas' intellectual legacy and theoretical contributions, Canadian ethnographic sites, and models for collaboration with First Nations communities. Additional participants included: Judith Berman, Matthew Bokovoy, Christopher Bracken, Ted Chamberlain, David Dinwoodie, Aaron Glass, Andrea Laforet, Jurgen Langenkamper, Herbert Lewis, Julia Liss, Sean O'Neal, Ryan Nicolson, Marianne Nicolson, Marc Pinkoski, Timothy Powell, Barbara Saunders, Michael Silverstein, Joshua Smith, and Isaiah Wilner. A volume of papers is planned.