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CENTER  
AT DICKINSON STATE UNIVERSITY



19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
THEODORE ROOSEVELT SYMPOSIUM

# ***Conservation and Sustainability***

**SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2024**

**DICKINSON, NORTH DAKOTA**



Welcome to the 19th Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium and to the beauty of Western North Dakota. Our theme this year, *Conservation and Sustainability*, draws on the fact that TR was profoundly interested in ideas that resonate with our own times. For example, his commitment to preserving public lands and using natural resources wisely was a frequent theme in his life. As he explained in his Annual Message to Congress in 1907:

*Optimism is a good characteristic, but if carried to an excess it becomes foolishness. We are prone to speak of the resources of this country as inexhaustible; this is not so. The mineral wealth of the country, the coal, iron, oil, gas, and the like, does not reproduce itself, and therefore is certain to be exhausted ultimately; and wastefulness in dealing with it today means that our descendants will feel the exhaustion a generation or two before they otherwise would.*

That idea—that wise use is our obligation to the future—remains very much a live topic in our day and thus, in this year as in years past, we can use TR to understand not only his own time but ours as well.

Finally, I take this moment to thank the excellent staff of the TRC: William Hansard, Kelly Hyland, Erik Johnson, Gemma Koontz and Valerie Naylor. Their dedication to the task at hand, and their good humor as we went through various growing pains in the past two years has been deeply appreciated. Their own entry in this program explains what we have been up to in the past year and where we are headed. Joining them are innumerable good people at DSU and beyond, whose support, advice and dedication merit exceptional thanks: Michael Patrick Cullinane, Clay Jenkinson, Ty Orton, and Jeff Wells head a very long list of those who have made our success possible. It's an exciting time, with a clear vision of the future, and I hope you will join me in continuing to support this good work.

I personally have moved on to a new position, closer to home in Maine, but the TRC and the good people that make it work will remain ever close to my heart.

**Chris O'Brien**





The TR symposium at Dickinson State University is a cherished event. This is an opportunity to bring like-minded individuals together to celebrate, learn and discuss the great Theodore Roosevelt and the impact he brought upon the world.

Dickinson State is honored to host the symposium and all our guests. DSU is a special place with deep roots to TR. We feel this area is a unique area few people understand until they have seen it with their own eyes. From Painted Canyon to the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, these areas are healing, not only for TR through his difficult days, but to each new visitor we have. Allow yourself to slow down, look around and enjoy the area for the beauty and magnificence.

We know the power of the landscape is strong, you will also find the people in the area will help you feel at home and relaxed. With the combination of the landscape and the people, we know you will have a great experience.

Enjoy the symposium, meeting the speakers, seeing Dickinson and our students. We change lives at DSU and in this area. We hope you leave our symposium with education, memories, new friends, and a sense of belonging.

**Ty Orton**





Welcome to Roosevelt Country!

For more than twenty years now the Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University has been digitizing the Roosevelt papers—letters, photographs, diaries, newspaper clippings, cartoons, etc.—adding essential metadata, and making those documents available to the public 24-7-365 all over America, and beyond.

We're immensely proud of the work we are doing as we create the nation's first comprehensive presidential digital archive.

We also host an annual humanities symposium on Roosevelt. We're glad you're here.

Roosevelt spent half a dozen years off and on in western North Dakota between 1883 and 1890, and said honestly that he would never have been the President of the United States had it not been for those adventures. TR became our first cowboy president. In some respects it was here that he became the Theodore Roosevelt of

national memory. It was here, he said, that the romance of his life began.

This year's symposium theme is *Conservation and Sustainability* and we have an all-star cast of presenters. We have a keynote address by Darrin Lunde of the Smithsonian, and we also feature our own outstanding scholars Michael Patrick Cullinane (the Lowman-Walton Chair of Theodore Roosevelt Studies at DSU), Jeff Wells (Dennis and Vaune Johnson Endowed Chair in U.S. History), and former DSU President Steven Easton.

And much more, as we approach this rich and complicated subject by way of panel discussions.

Speaking of spirit of place, on Saturday we always take our guests to the badlands. This year we return to the Elkhorn Ranch, which is regarded as one of America's most important shrines to conservation.

We're dee-lighted you're here. We believe you can't understand Roosevelt unless and until you visit the badlands that shaped his larger-than-life persona.

**Clay Jenkinson**



Welcome to the Theodore Roosevelt Center's annual symposium!

Every year we organize the event around a theme relevant to our times that can stimulate debate and discussion. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that this year's theme – ecological sustainability – is the most important issue that faces humanity. Our continued presence on the planet requires humans to live in a way that respects and protects nature. Roosevelt thought the same. More than one hundred years before we worried about carbon in the atmosphere or climate change, he offered a stark warning about sustainability. As president, Roosevelt explained that the "conservation of natural resources is the fundamental problem. Unless we solve that problem it will avail us little to solve all others." Not the economy. Not foreign policy or security. Not culture. Not social ills.

Human survival relies on sustainable forests, land, waterways, air, and space. Devising ways to effectively manage our impact on the planet might raise excited disagreement on the ways and means to accomplish a sustainable future. But, should we prove unable to build solutions, we fail in our shared aspiration.

The gravity of the moment makes this symposium a critical part of the conversation and one that needs your participation. We have organized scholars, scientists, lawyers, and activists in panels, which we believe will encourage questions from the audience. As I have always believed, these symposia belong to you. As you consider the arguments and positions of our speakers, take a moment to consider what puzzles you. When the moment comes, we look forward to seeing your hand outstretched in the audience and listening to your thoughts.

**Michael Patrick Cullinane**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024***All times are in Mountain Daylight Time.*

5 p.m. **VIP DINNER** – Student Center Ballroom  
Reserved for paid ticketholders.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024**

8 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** – Klinefelter Hall foyer

8:30 a.m. **A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THEODORE ROOSEVELT AND THE GILDED AGE** – Klinefelter Hall, Beck Auditorium  
by Dr. Jeff Wells, Dennis and Vaune Johnson Endowed Chair in U.S. History, Dickinson State University

8:45 a.m. **PANEL 1: "NATURE'S SANCTUARIES: PROTECTION OF PUBLIC LANDS"**

Panelists: - Shannon Straight, Executive Director, Badlands Conservation Alliance  
- Joshua Lefers, Director of Conservation, Audubon Great Plains  
- Ryan Taylor, Director of Public Policy for ND, SD, and MT, Ducks Unlimited

*Moderated by Clay Jenkinson, Theodore Roosevelt Humanities Scholar, Dickinson State University*

9:45 a.m. **REFRESHMENT BREAK** – Klinefelter Hall foyer

10 a.m. **"FROM THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S DESK TO YOURS"** – A Demonstration of the TRC Digital Library

- Dr. William Hansard, Outreach Coordinator, Theodore Roosevelt Center  
- Kelly Hyland, MLIS, Digital Collections Cataloger, Theodore Roosevelt Center  
- Erik Johnson, MA, MLIS, Digital Collections Cataloger, Theodore Roosevelt Center

11 a.m. **PANEL 2: "BRAVING THE ELEMENTS: WOODS, WATER, AND THE CITY IN ROOSEVELT'S TIME"**

Panelists: - Rachel Lane, Programming Associate, Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library  
- Dr. Dario Fazzi, Professor of Transatlantic Environmental History, Leiden University  
and Roosevelt Institute for American Studies, Middelburg, Netherlands  
- Dr. Ben Johnson, Professor, Department of History and School of Environmental Sustainability,  
Loyola University Chicago

*Moderated by Dr. Michael Cullinane, Professor of History and Lowman-Walton Chair  
of Theodore Roosevelt Studies, Dickinson State University*

12:15 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK** – Student Center

2 p.m. **PANEL 3: "EXECUTIVE POWER AND AMERICAN CONSERVATION"**

Panelists: - The Hon. Scott Bales, J.D., former Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court  
- Mark Squillace, J.D., Raphael J. Moses Professor of Law, University of Colorado Boulder

*Moderated by Steven D. Easton, J.D., former President of Dickinson State University*

3 p.m. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: "ROOSEVELT'S AFRICAN EXPEDITION AND CONSERVATION TODAY"**

by Darrin Lunde, Collections Manager, Division of Mammals, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History

4:15 p.m. **RECEPTION** – Lowman-Walton Hall, Fisher Industries Theodore Roosevelt Gallery

- Exhibit, "Theodore Roosevelt: A Life in Letters" and mini-exhibit, "Conservation and Sustainability"
- TRPL Morris Collection and TRC Archives Show-and-Tell with Sue Sarna, Senior Curator of Collections at the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library and Kelly Hyland, MLIS, archivist at the Theodore Roosevelt Center.
- Book signing with select symposium speakers.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**

10 a.m.

**ELKHORN RANCH - Medora, ND**

Attendees are encouraged to meet at the Elkhorn Ranch unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

**Commentary will be provided by Clay Jenkinson.**

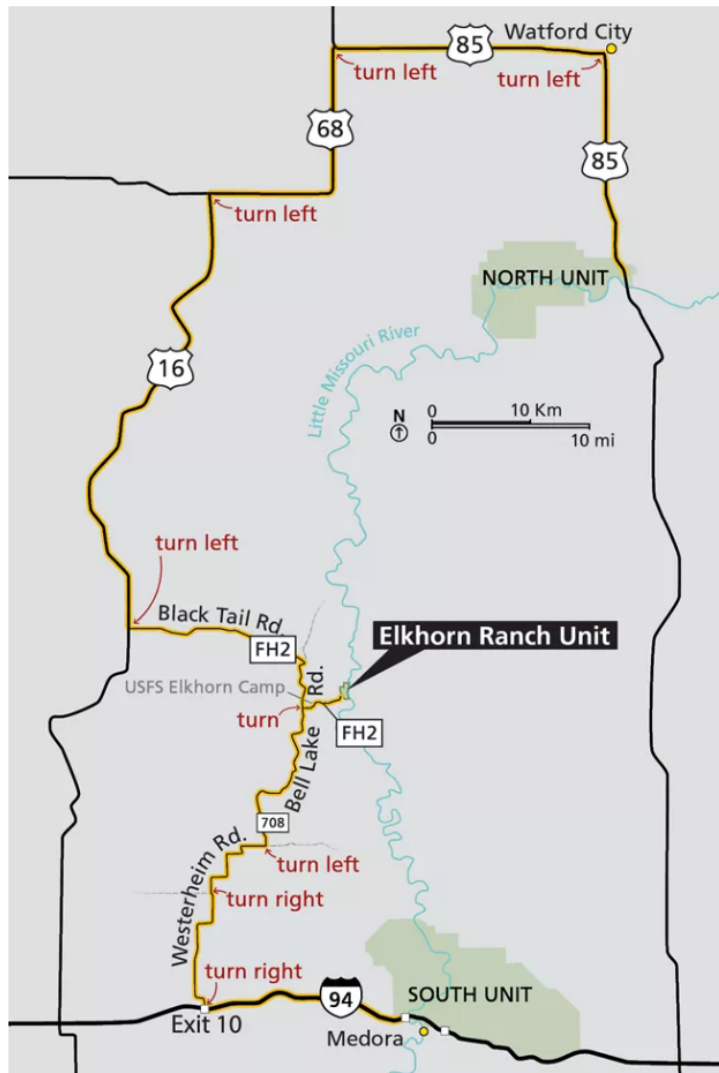
*For those who wish to carpool or to follow other vehicles, please meet us at Chimney Park in Medora (35 miles west of Dickinson). **We will depart at 9 a.m. sharp. Carpool seating is limited.** If you would like to volunteer seats in your vehicle, please let a member of the TR Center staff know.*

*Be prepared for a mildly strenuous excursion. The Elkhorn Ranch site is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the parking area. The hike, generally about 15-20 minutes each way, is level but unpaved. There is no seating available.*

*The event is expected to last anywhere from one to two hours, but there is no hard duration set. You may come and go as you please if on your own. If you have events to attend in Medora, flights to catch, or are otherwise on a set schedule, please keep this in mind.*

*See below for directions to the Elkhorn Ranch unit. Please be advised that the site is remote – roads are unpaved and cellphone signal is limited or non-existent. There are no gas stations or other services.*

Roosevelt chose the location of his Elkhorn Ranch largely because of its remoteness. Today, though you no longer need a horse to get there (but hey, there's an idea!), you'll still be traveling in a very remote area on unpaved roads. **The last three miles of the route sometimes require 4-wheel drive and/or a high-clearance vehicle, especially in winter or during and after rain showers.** Inquire about current road conditions at park visitor centers before you embark. There is no cell phone signal at the Elkhorn Ranch or along much of the route to this remote unit of the park.

**Driving from the North Unit to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit**

- Take US 85 north (left). Travel 13.8 miles to Watford City.
- Turn left at the light to stay on US 85. Travel 16.5 more miles on US 85.
- Turn left onto ND-68 W. Travel 16.7 miles.
- Turn left onto ND-16 S. Travel 31.4 miles.
- Turn left on Black Tail Road/FH 2 (gravel).
- Travel 12.2 miles.
- Turn right on Bell Lake Road (still FH 2).
- Travel 3 miles.
- Staying on FH2, turn left towards the USFS Elkhorn Campground. Follow FH2 for 3 miles, continuing past the campground and MDHT trailhead to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit parking area.

**Driving from the South Unit to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit**

- Take I-94 westbound to exit 10.
- At the end of the exit ramp, turn right on County Road 11 (gravel). Follow County Road 11 for 8.8 miles.
- Turn right on Westerheim Road. Follow Westerheim road for 6.5 miles.
- Turn left on Bell Lake Road. Follow Bell Lake Road for 11.7 miles.
- Turn right onto FH2 towards the USFS Elkhorn Campground. Follow FH2 for 3 miles, continuing past the campground and MDHT trailhead to the Elkhorn Ranch Unit parking area.

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## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:** **Darrin Lunde**

Darrin Lunde is the Collections Manager in the Division of Mammals at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. He is active in promoting the shared missions of great mammal collections around the world. He has named more than a dozen new species of mammals and shed light on hundreds of other, lesser-known species. His overarching professional goal is to illuminate the rich diversity of mammals with which we share the world.



### **Dr. Jeff Wells**

Dr. Jeff Wells is the Dennis & Vaune Johnson Endowed Chair of U.S. History and an associate professor of history at Dickinson State University. An expert in Gilded Age and Progressive Era politics, Wells serves as an advisor to the Theodore

Roosevelt Center. He has published numerous articles and chapters related to politics in Roosevelt's era.



### **Shannon Straight**

Shannon Straight is the Executive Director of the Badlands Conservation Alliance. He is an advocate for collaboration and is grounded in the belief that BCA will play a vital role in shaping North Dakota's future that better balances resource development with conservation. He is determined to collaborate with all those willing to preserve and protect our sacred spaces.



### **Joshua Lefers**

Joshua Lefers is Audubon Great Plains' Director of Conservation. He is well versed in conservation and biology of Northern Great Plains rangelands and birds, and has a strong understanding of the culture of habitat restoration and conservation

in landscapes dominated by private working lands. He leads partnership building and fundraising to support working lands conservation programs, and oversees Audubon-administered working lands programs in the Dakotas and Nebraska.



### **Ryan Taylor**

Ryan Taylor is a fourth-generation rancher, published author, former policy maker and advocate for rural people and rural places. Taylor was a North Dakota State Senator for three terms, one of which he served as senate minority leader. As a

Bush Foundation Fellow, he traveled to Norway to study public policies governing the country's well-respected oil and gas development. He joined Ducks Unlimited in 2019 as public policy director for the prairie states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.



### **Clay Jenkinson**

Clay Jenkinson, Theodore Roosevelt Humanities Scholar, has devoted most of his professional career to public humanities programs, including lectures, symposiums, documentary film-making, and first-person interpretation of historical

characters. He made his North Dakota debut appearance as Theodore Roosevelt at Dickinson State University in the spring of 2005, at the inception of the TRC, and his creative vision has guided its development.



### **Rachel Lane**

Rachel Lane is a Programming Associate with the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. A former TR Center intern, Lane also writes a monthly history newsletter about Theodore Roosevelt and his world called *Missing Pieces*. She is the 2024-

2025 Theodore Roosevelt Association Fellow for the Study of the Life and Times of Theodore Roosevelt, awarded by Harvard University's Houghton Library.



### **Dr. Dario Fazzi**

Dr. Dario Fazzi is Professor of Transatlantic Environmental History at Leiden University and the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies in Middelburg, the Netherlands. His work is situated at the crossroads between diplomatic and environmental studies. He

has published extensively on transatlantic protests, U.S. global base politics, and anti-toxics campaigns.



### **Dr. Benjamin Johnson**

Dr. Benjamin Johnson is a Professor in History at Loyola University Chicago. Dr. Johnson's primary areas of research and teaching include environmental history, North American borders, and Latino history. He has taught courses on North

American and world environmental history, natural disasters, immigration and ethnicity in the United States, and border and transnational history more generally.



### **Dr. Michael Patrick Cullinane**

Dr. Michael Patrick Cullinane is the Lowman Walton Chair in Theodore Roosevelt Studies and Professor of History at Dickinson State University. He is the award-winning author of *Theodore Roosevelt's Ghost: The History and Memory of an American Icon* among

other scholarship. He is also the host of the podcast *The Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.



### **The Hon. Scott Bales, J.D.**

The Hon. Scott Bales, J.D. retired from the Arizona Supreme Court in 2019 after fourteen years of service, including a five-year term as Chief Justice from 2014 to 2019. He then served as the Executive Director of the Institute for the Advancement of the

American Legal System at the University of Denver through July 2020. Prior to joining the court, Bales practiced law in Arizona as both a private and public lawyer, focusing on appellate and complex litigation.



### **Mark Squillace, J.D.**

Mark Squillace, J.D. joined the faculty at the University of Colorado Law School in 2005 where he served as Director of the Natural Resources Law Center until 2013. Professor Squillace is a former Fulbright scholar and the author or co-author of numerous

articles and books on natural resources and environmental law. In 2000, Professor Squillace served as Special Assistant to the Solicitor at the U.S. Department of the Interior, and worked directly with the Secretary of the Interior on legal and policy issues.



### **Steven D. Easton, J.D.**

Steven D. Easton, J.D. served as the 13th permanent President of Dickinson State University, from 2020 to 2024. Easton practiced law for more than 20 years before returning to higher education as a professor and administrator. As a professor, Easton's

research, writing, and speaking focused on expert witnesses, effective trial advocacy, and professional responsibility (ethics).



### **Susan Sarna**

Susan Sarna joined the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library (TRPL) in April 2023 as the Senior Curator of Collections. She is the former curator of Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, TR's home in Oyster Bay, NY. She managed

two multi-million-dollar renovations and provided a new vision for interpretation through temporary exhibits and the redesign of permanent exhibits. Susan has lectured frequently, edited multiple Roosevelt books, and written articles for newsletters and academic journals.



### **Kelly Hyland**

Kelly Hyland studied history and English at Luther College. She was a Theodore Roosevelt Center intern during the summer of 2017, and after she earned her Master of Library and Information Science from Simmons University, she quickly joined

the staff full-time. As a digital collections cataloger, Kelly links, describes, and prepares for publication the materials in the digital library.



### **Dr. William Hansard**

Dr. William Hansard is the Outreach Coordinator for the Theodore Roosevelt Center. He is a scholar of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era in the United States, as well as archives and public history. William develops presentations

for students and tour groups, and curates content for the Center's social media feeds.

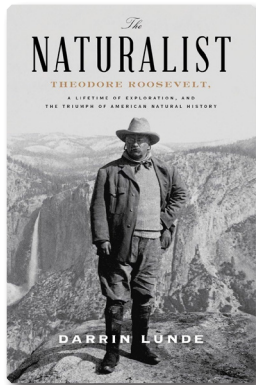


### **Erik Johnson, MA, MLIS**

Erik Johnson earned a Masters of Library and Information Science and Masters of History from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, and joined the Theodore Roosevelt Center in 2018. As digital library coordinator Erik works with interns and

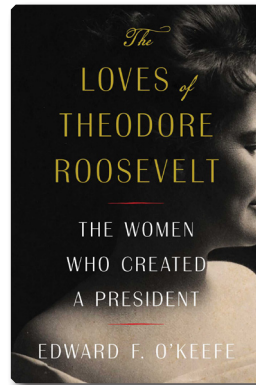
student workers, prepares materials for publication in the digital library, and manages the processing of collections.

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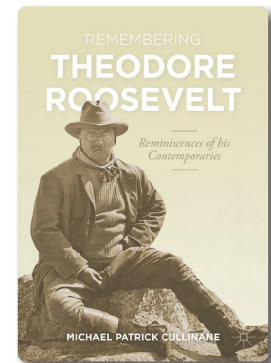
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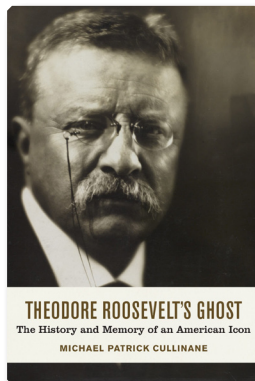
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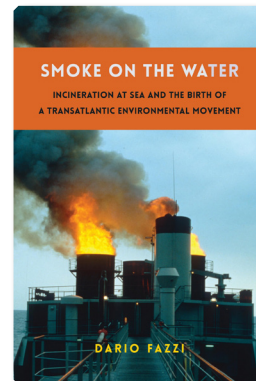
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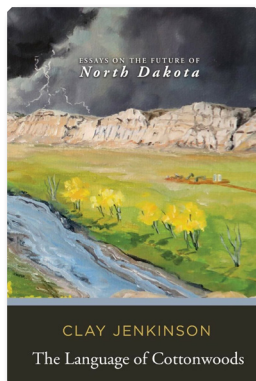
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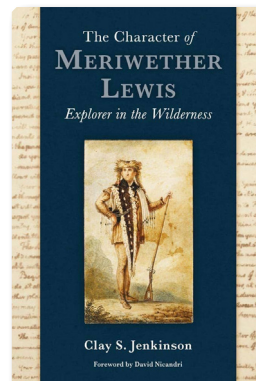
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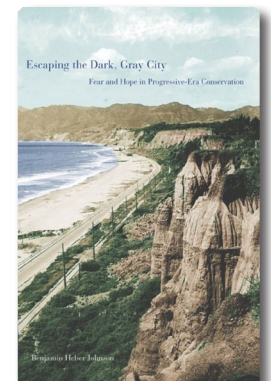
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**The Language of Cottonwoods:  
Essays on the Future of North Dakota**



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**The Character of Meriwether Lewis:  
Explorer in the Wilderness**



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**Escaping the Dark, Gray City: Fear and  
Hope in Progressive-Era Conservation**

If you would like to learn more about the topic of TR and conservation, follow this QR code to our website, where you can view the selected readings we provided to our panelists to help kickstart their conversations.

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To commemorate the centennial of the Antiquities Act, we are delighted to present the following essay by Char Miller – Director of Urban Studies at Trinity College in San Antonio, also author of the modern classic *Gifford Pinchot and the Making of Modern Environmentalism* (Island Press/Shearwater Books, 2001). Professor Miller serves on the TRA Advisory Board. – The Editors

## LANDMARK DECISION: THE ANTIQUITIES ACT, BIG-STICK CONSERVATION, AND THE MODERN STATE

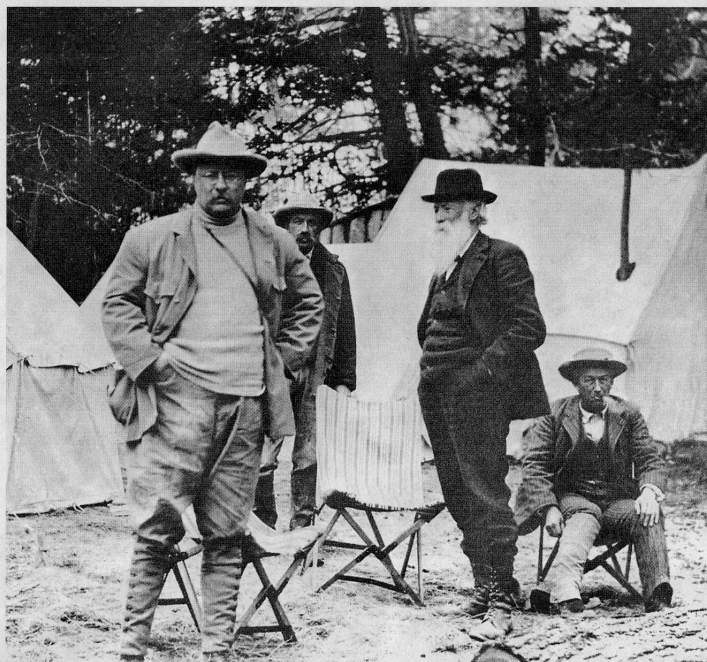
Char Miller

Roy Neary could not help himself; at dinner, he played with his mashed potatoes. Had he been a child, no one would have minded, but he was a father, and his wife and three children anxiously watched his meal-time antics. Ever since that fearsome night when the power was suddenly cut off, he had become ever-more reclusive and odd, so much so that at dinner the kids had scooted closer to their mother. From that remove they watched, furtively, as he molded the white mound topped with melting margarine into a small peak; and then, with ill-disguised fear, as he lunged across table, grabbed the bowl of steaming spuds, and began ladling gob after gob on to his plate. That's when, "like a mad potter, Neary started to knead the white mush with his hands into some kind of shape," which emerged into a rough approximation of Devils Tower. That's when we know the aliens made him do it.<sup>1</sup>

But why did Steven Spielberg frame his sci-fi thriller, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" (1977), around that remote Wyoming landmark?

Why in a later scene have a half-crazed Neary upgrade his food-art project into a hardened nine-foot exact replica of the haunting land form; and then, after a harrowing journey, have him come face-to-face with the object of his desire before which he stood speechless: "The Tower stood alone, unique, something so one-of-a-kind that Neary felt a chill across his shoulders at the thought he was able to reproduce it in sculpture without even knowing it existed." Why that place?<sup>2</sup>

Perhaps for some of the same reasons that several Northern Plains tribes have been drawn to what they revere as Mateo Tipi, Bears Lodge, though they were (and remain) more voluble in their appreciation of its formidable power than was the tongue-tied Neary. The monolith has played a formative role in legends of the Arapaho and Cheyenne, Crow, Kiowa, and Sioux. Several of these, transcribed in the 1930s, used bears' claws scratching at the tower's surface to explain its deeply grooved sides. Its soaring height is said to be a consequence of the Great Spirit's lifting ground-level rocks into its present elevated form to save



TR and the nature writer John Burroughs camping at Yellowstone in 1903.

American Museum of Natural History.



The Theodore Roosevelt Center at Dickinson State University advances research and education on the life and legacy of America's 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt.

## Major Initiatives:

### THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT DIGITAL LIBRARY

Serving as a repository for all Roosevelt-related documents, photographs, and ephemera, providing instant access over the internet in a well-organized, comprehensible manner.

### RESEARCH SUPPORT

Providing reference services to website visitors, including scholars, schoolchildren, professional researchers, documentary filmmakers, news outlets and popular media. Helping users worldwide locate and understand the primary source materials. Hosting select Guest Scholars who wish to travel to Dickinson to use our materials.

### INTERNSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Offering summer internships to graduate students in Library and Information Science and related fields. Facilitating adult and student volunteer experiences and undergraduate student internships, through which participants make a genuine and needed contribution to creating the digital library and other TRC initiatives.

### THEODORE ROOSEVELT SYMPOSIUM

Hosting the annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium which features acclaimed speakers and authors while attracting visitors and scholars in person and via simultaneous internet broadcast.

### GALLERY AND EXHIBITIONS

Curating the Fisher Industries Theodore Roosevelt Gallery with exhibits honoring and exploring the president and his world before, during and after his time in office.

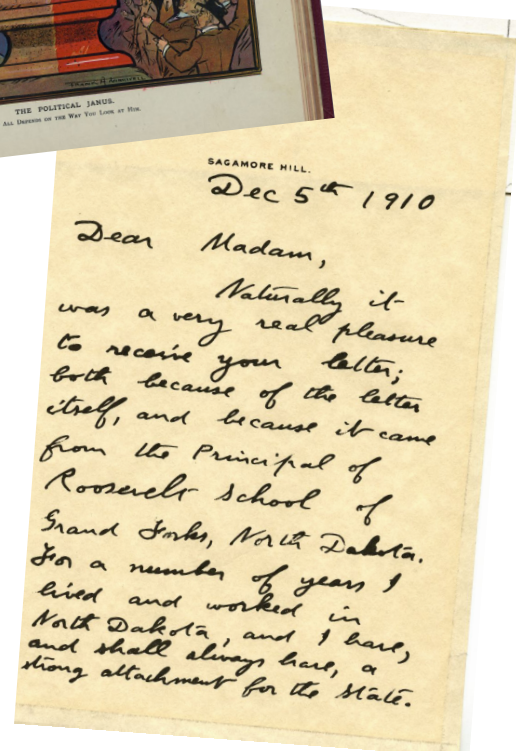
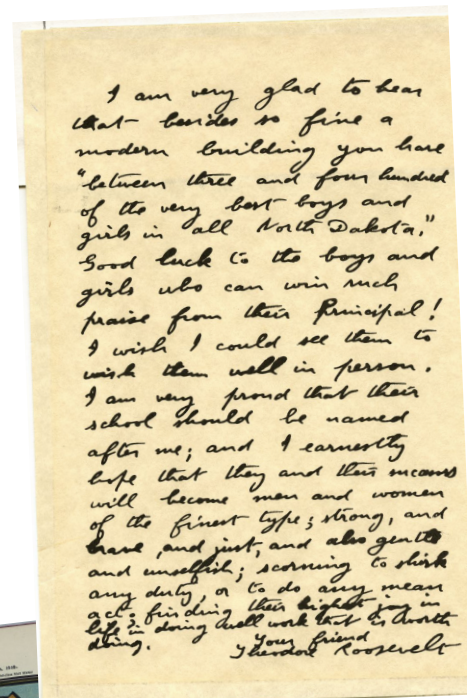
### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Offering national and state-level educational programming, in partnership with the Presidential Primary Sources Project (PPSP) and other organizations.



The ever-expanding digital library, encyclopedia, a blog, and other resources are available, free, at

[theodorerooseveltcenter.org](http://theodorerooseveltcenter.org)



We, the staff of the Theodore Roosevelt Center, welcome you to the 19th Annual Theodore Roosevelt Symposium! We look forward to this event as much as you do each year, as we are always hungry to further our understanding of TR and his world. This year, based in part on guest feedback, we have decided to emphasize panel discussions rather than individual lectures, focusing on the conversations that arise from putting such knowledgeable scholars in conversation with each other. We hope you will appreciate this excellent opportunity to engage with wide-ranging perspectives on TR's words, deeds, and legacy.

Over the past year, the TR Center has been especially focused on outreach efforts, developing and strengthening relationships with other entities. Within Dickinson State University, we partner with other units on campus to either have our staff visit classrooms and events, or to have students visit our gallery and library. We also take great pleasure in hosting local and regional groups, such as the Slope Area Retired Teachers' Association, the Kiwanis, and others. Outside partnerships have resulted in fruitful collaborations as well. For example, the State Historical Society of North Dakota enlists our staff to assist in National History Day contests, and the Presidential Primary Sources Project allows us the opportunity to present virtually to hundreds of students across the country. Most importantly, we have strengthened our partnership with the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library, providing archival space for a significant acquisition—the papers of noted biographers Edmund and Sylvia Morris.

The primary initiative the TR Center was founded to undertake, and the one which remains our core project, is our Digital Library. Because TR lived and died long before the modern presidential library concept existed, his papers are not unified and were not cataloged uniformly. His letters, diaries, photographs, and other records are scattered across many of the nation's great institutions, such as the Library of Congress, Harvard University, and the National Parks. Our mission is to partner with such entities to reunify and annotate Roosevelt's papers in a digital format, improving both awareness and accessibility of these resources. To date, we have published over 90,000 items to our website from more than thirty different collections both public and private! We continue these publishing efforts daily.

Our ongoing work, including the Digital Library initiative, is made possible by the generous support of grants and gifts from both organizations and individuals. We are deeply grateful for the support we have received from the Rob and Melani Walton Foundation, the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library Foundation, Fisher Industries, Marathon Oil, the City of Dickinson, and other organizations. Individual donors also play a crucial role in our mission, and we greatly appreciate their contributions.

We hope that you too will consider supporting the TR Center in our mission to preserve and promote the legacy of the 26th President of the United States. Your support is vital to our continued success, and we thank you for considering us.

William J. Hansard, Kelly Hyland, Erik Johnson, and Gemma Koontz



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