



# Sigma Tau Delta High Plains Fall Gathering

September 23-24, 2011

in Red Cloud, Nebraska

Hometown of American Author Willa Cather

## **A Sigma Tau Delta Sponsored Regional Conference**

**Co-hosted by the Rho Psi Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta at Fort Hays State University, the Alpha Alpha Psi Chapter at Hastings College, and the Willa Cather Foundation in Red Cloud**

### **Events, Friday and Saturday**

- **Panels of Student Critical Papers on the Work of Willa Cather (see Call for Papers below)**
- **Presentations of Creative Responses to the Work of Willa Cather (see Call below)**
- **Common Reader Evening on Cather's Story "Old Mrs. Harris," with a Scholarly Presentation by Cather Scholars and Student Presentations and Discussion**
- **Tour of Red Cloud and Surrounding Area, Including Many Locations Featured in "Old Mrs. Harris"**
- **Service-Learning Project with the Willa Cather Foundation**
- **Poetry Evening with Special Guests and Student Readings in the Historic Red Cloud Opera House**

### **Call for Papers and Creative Works**

**Students are invited to submit work in two categories, but do not have to submit work to attend:**

- **Critical essays over any work by Willa Cather** for general topic panels, and critical papers on "Old Mrs. Harris" for general panels or the Common Reader Evening.
- **Creative responses to Cather's work:** Creative responses may include a rewriting of a Cather work from an alternative point of view, as a different genre (drama, screenplay, musical, science fiction, mystery, etc.), or in some other way; poems, stories, videos, or visual art inspired by Cather's writing; or additional forms of creative response (if unsure, please email conference organizer).

**Complete essays or creative works must be submitted by August 15, 2011. Notifications will take place by August 25. To submit work, email text submissions in Microsoft Word format to Dr. Lexey Bartlett at <mailto:labartlett@fhsu.edu>. Visual images should be sent in JPEG or PDF format; videos may be sent as MP4 files, and audio files in MP3 format. For large files, email for submission instructions.**

**For more information, please contact Dr. Lexey Bartlett at <mailto:labartlett@fhsu.edu>.**