



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 25, 2025
To: Deadwood Historic Preservation and City Commissions
From: Deadwood Historic Preservation Office
Re: **Use of City Trolley for the May 7, 2025 South Dakota State Historical Society Conference**

The Deadwood Historic Preservation Office in partnership with the South Dakota State Historical Society is requesting permission to use one of the Deadwood Trolleys on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The purpose of this request is to transport conference participants (up to 50) from the Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center (HARCC) to Mount Moriah Cemetery and back for a two-hour tour of the cemetery. Participants will get an in-depth tour discussing the history and ongoing restoration of the cemetery.

As part of this request, the Historic Preservation office is looking for fees to be waived for the use of the vehicle on this date for the tour. Attached to this memorandum is the proposed schedule for the upcoming conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow the Deadwood Historic Preservation Office and the South Dakota State Historical Society permission to use one of the Deadwood Trolleys on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm as part of a tour to and from Mount Moriah Cemetery. This would be in conjunction with the annual South Dakota State Historical Society history conference.

Historical Mysteries: In Search of the Buried Past



South Dakota State Historical Society

2025 Annual History Conference &
Governor's Awards for History

May 7-9, 2025

Deadwood, South Dakota

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Locations

Days of '76 Museum
18 Seventy Six Drive, Deadwood, SD

Homestake Adams Research & Cultural Center (HARCC)
150 Sherman Street, Deadwood, SD

Saloon No. 10
657 Main Street, Deadwood, SD

Note:

Titles in **Bold** Are Confirmed; Titles *not* Bolded refer to Topics Only for Confirmed Speakers

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

1:00 - 3:00 PM **Stories Behind the Stones: Mount Moriah Cemetery Tour**

Mike Runge, City of Deadwood Archivist

Trolley Transportation Leaves from HARCC (Meet @ 12:30 PM)

1:30 - 4:30 PM **Board of Trustees Meeting at Days of '76 Museum**

3:30 - 5:00 PM **Conference Registration at Days of '76 Museum**

Includes free afternoon museum admission!

THURSDAY, MAY 8

7:30 - 8:30 AM **Registration at HARCC**

8:00 - 8:20 AM **Welcome from Dr. Ben Jones & Conference Logistics**

8:30 - 9:30 AM **Session 1 Suds, Duds, and Mud: The Mysteries of Laundress Life at Fort Meade**

Dr. Linea Sundstrom

9:30 - 9:45 AM **Refreshment Break**

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- 9:45 - 10:45 AM **Session 2 South Dakota's 'Grand Old Man': The Secret Life and Adventures of Abolitionist and Suffragist General Beadle**
 Dr. Justin Blessinger, Dakota State University
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM **Session 3 Murder, Mayhem, and the Ku Klux Klan in South Dakota**
 Arley Fadness, SD Humanities Council Speakers Bureau
- 11:45AM - 1:00 PM **Conference Luncheon**
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM **Session 4 Remembering the Children: Rapid City Indian Boarding School Documentary and Discussion Panel**
 Amy Sazue, Remembering the Children
 Dr. Eric Zimmer, Consultant Historian
- 2:00 - 2:15 PM **Refreshment Break**
- 2:15 - 3:15 PM **Session 5 Beyond Translation: The Museum's Advisory Panel on Oceti Sakowin Language**
 Daniel Moeckly, SDSHS Museum Curator of Exhibits
 Violet Catches, Language Advisor
 Dr. Art Zimiga, Language Advisor
- 3:15 - 4:15 PM **Session 6 Researching Black Homesteaders Through Photographs**
 Dr. Jacob Friefeld, Director Center for Lincoln Studies, University of Illinois Springfield
- 5:00 - 7:00 PM **SDSHS Foundation Networking Social at Saloon #10**

FRIDAY, MAY 9

- 7:30 - 8:30 AM **Registration at HARCC**
- 8:00 - 9:00 AM **Welcome & Session 7 Mammoths in the Bog - Bone Flakes Abound: A 13,000 Year Old Mystery**
 Dr. L. Adrien Hannus, Augustana University (retired)
- 9:00 - 9:15 AM **Refreshment Break**
- 9:15 - 10:15 AM **Session 8 Research Rabbit Trails: The Story of an Escaped Con, Pitchfork Fight, and Love Poem**
 Christina Blessinger, Lake County Museum
- 10:15 - 11:30 AM **Session 9 Unlocking the Mysteries of the Archives**
 Mike Runge, City of Deadwood Archivist
 Zane Martin, Mount Rushmore NM Archivist (retired)
 SDSHS Archives Staff TBD

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM **Awards Luncheon and Keynote Speaker Dr. Patricia Limerick**

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1:45 - 2:45 PM

**Session 10 A Gathering of the Rich and Shameless: The Strange
Death of Agnes Polreis and the Sensational South Dakota Murder
Trials of Emma Kaufmann**

Wayne Fanebust, SD Humanities Council Speakers Bureau

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Treasures in the Basement: City of Deadwood Archives Tour

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Mike Runge, City of Deadwood Archivist

4:00 - 5:00 PM

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