PLAINS INDIANS IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY
Robert Bonner, CVEC January – February 2013


Our class meets from 1:30 to 3:30 on Thursdays, beginning on January 10. We will meet in the Cannon Community Room on the first floor of the Village on the Cannon condominium building, 301 West 7th St.

Readings suggested for each class meeting are indicated below. These will usually include a chapter or two from the Carlson book and some supplementary reading, either an article by an historian or some contemporary native testimony. The main business of each class meeting will be discussion of these readings and issues that arise from it. Although the Great Plains cover a wide area and a number of tribes, most of the material we will read will concern tribes from the northern plains. All the supplementary readings are available on line at my Carleton American Studies website. The web address is https://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/amst/faculty/bonnercvec/. These readings are stored as .pdf files, which require the Adobe Reader program to open them.

Schedule of Class Meetings and Readings

Thursday, Jan. 10:

Carlson, pp. 1-35; Richard White, “The Winning of the West;” Two Leggings’s sacred stories (pp. 31-38); Arapooish, 189-190.

Thursday, Jan. 17:

Carlson, pp. 36-50; Saukamapee, War and Smallpox come to the Blackfeet 41-47; Wooden Leg, “Cheyenne Ways of Life,” 56-122.

Thursday, Jan. 24:
Thursday, Jan. 31:

Carlson, pp. 81-109; Pretty Shield, 298-306.

Thursday, Feb. 7:

Carlson, pp. 110-123; Plenty-coups, 293-297; Black Elk 218-235; Two Leggings, 38-47.

Thursday, Feb. 14:


Thursday, Feb. 21:

Carlson, pp. 142-162; Two Leggings, 47-53; Bear Head, Massacre on the Marias, 105-110; Battle of Little Big Horn: Red Horse and She Walks With her Shawl, 31-46; Wooden Leg, “The Coming of Custer,” 217-257.

Thursday, Feb. 28:

Carlson, pp. 163-182; Iron Teeth, 241-249; Red Cloud and Buffalo Bird Woman, 153-156; Carl Sweezy, 159-166; “Killing the Dream,”, 196-203.