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Politics, Pulitzer Prize being discussed Sept. 1 at Cultural Heritage Center

PIERRE, S.D. – Politics and the Pulitzer Prize will be the topic of conversation at a program in Pierre.

A three-member panel will discuss how politics and government is depicted in Pulitzer Prize-winning books at 7 p.m. CDT on Thursday, Sept. 1, at the Cultural Heritage Center. Everyone is welcome to attend the free program.

The panelists will explain what the Pulitzer Prize means and each will discuss a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel.

The panel consists of Bob Burns, South Dakota State University distinguished professor of political science emeritus; Mac Harris, historian and former director of the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum; and John Miller, SDSU professor of history emeritus. Burns will analyze Jack N. Rakove's "Original Meanings: Politics and Ideas in the Making of the Constitution." Harris will discuss Robert Penn Warren's "All the King's Men." Miller will talk about "The Making of the President 1960" by Theodore H. White

"Many people who graduated from SDSU will be familiar with these three panelists. This program is a great opportunity to learn from them again," said Michael Lewis, president of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation. The foundation is hosting the program and is the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

The Pulitzer Prize honors excellence in journalism and the arts. Pulitzer events sponsored by the South Dakota Humanities Council are taking place across South Dakota in conjunction with the South Dakota Festival of Books.

This year's South Dakota Festival of Books takes place in Brookings on Sept. 22-25. It features six Pulitzer Prize-winning authors in honor of the 100th anniversary of the prestigious Pulitzer award.

Call (605) 773-6006 for more information.

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About the South Dakota State Historical Society

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and

administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.

About the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation

The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota's history and heritage for future generations.