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Brown Bag History Series – “Make My Mark Upon the Plains: Historical Marker Equity in Nebraska” presented by Autumn Langemeier at the Kearney Public Library

Kearney Public Library and UNK-History Department welcome you to the History Brown Bag lunch series Wednesday, March 8 from noon-1:00 pm. Autumn Langemeier will present “*Make My Mark Upon the Plains: Historical Marker Equity in Nebraska.*”

Historical Markers are some of the most well-loved features of Nebraska’s landscape. They highlight the stories of communities and individuals who helped develop Nebraska’s complex history. The Historical Marker Program began in the late 1950s and has been evolving ever since. Systemic barriers, many unconscious on the part of program developers, have meant that this program can seem closed off or unattainable for many groups and communities in the state. The Historical Marker Equity Program is a new program that was developed to confront some of the systemic issues facing the Historical Marker Program as well as offering improved access to the program for underrepresented communities and fields of Nebraska history. Autumn Langemeier will discuss the history of the Historical Marker Program in Nebraska, the new Historical Marker Equity Program, and why historic markers matter not only to Nebraskans as individuals but also to the citizens of Nebraska as a whole.

Autumn Langemeier is a two-time alumnus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a BA in History and Psychology with a minor in Women’s & Gender Studies and an MA in History. Her research mainly focuses on women’s domestic history, textiles, and material culture. An exhibit she helped design, One Story, Two Sides: Ella Frank’s Wedding Day, can be viewed at the G.W. Frank Museum of History and Culture on the UNK campus. She began her current work at History Nebraska in December of 2021 as the coordinator of the new Historical Marker Equity Program. Autumn enjoys cooking, sewing, traveling, and going to the theater in her free time.

This program is free and open to the public so bring your lunch and learn! This collaborative program is presented by UNK-History Department, and the Kearney Public Library. Mark your calendars for this ongoing series on April 12.

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