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Brown Bag History Series – Neighbors in Conflict: Civilian Participation through Nebraska's WWII Army Airfields by Amber Alexander at the Kearney Public Library

Kearney Public Library and UNK-History Department welcome you to the History Brown Bag lunch series Wednesday, June 12 from noon-1:00 pm. Dr. Amber Alexander will present “*Neighbors in Conflict: Civilian Participation through Nebraska's WWII Army Airfields.*”

During World War II, the construction and operation of Army airfields in Nebraska profoundly impacted nearby communities introducing new challenges and opportunities for neighboring civilians. This presentation investigates the variety of civilian responses to the presence of the airfields including support, protest, and active participation. Amidst the complexities brought forth by these installations, Nebraskan citizens adapted and persevered, making the best of the situation for their survival and to contribute to the broader war effort.

Amber Alexander is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at UNK where she works with students enrolled in the History and Social Science Teacher Education programs. She is a first-generation student raised in Kearney, Nebraska. She holds a BS, an MA in History and an MEd in Instructional Technology from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She earned her doctorate from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also holds a Nebraska Initial Teaching Certificate in Social Sciences, 7-12 grades. Dr. Alexander’s specializes in History Education, Online Education, History of American Education, War II Home Front, Nebraska History, and Narrative Inquiry methodology.

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 July 10.

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