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Minnesota's Un-Civil War: U.S.-Dakota War of 1862

The 1862 U.S.-Dakota War ushered in 30 years of Indian Wars. Ultimately, President Lincoln approved the hanging of 40 Dakota warriors, the largest mass hanging in U.S. history. The Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) is developing new ways of exploring this little-examined period in anticipation of the 150th anniversary in 2012. The program goals are:

- To relay the events leading to the War and their significant national impact
- To describe the complications that arise for an institution (MHS) whose leaders at the time of the war were key players in those events, and whose exhibitions, collecting policies, and interpretation in the years following still affect relations with Dakota people today.
- To show the many ways today's Dakota view the events of 1862 including the Dakota Removal. There is no single point of view on the cause and impact of this War among contemporary Dakota, which reflects the 1860s debate on the wisdom of going to war among Dakota leaders.
- To describe projects now being developed are intended to provide context for the War, present historical information, and tell the stories of the people affected through remembrances of family members who are living today.

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Andrea Kajer joined the Minnesota Historical Society as Deputy Director for External Relations in 2006. Kajer came to the Society after a distinguished career as the Director of Government Affairs for Cook Associates, a private lobbying firm specializing in representing clients before Minnesota's legislative, administrative and regulatory bodies, and local units of governments.

As Deputy Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, Kajer provides executive level leadership and direction in the planning and operations of external programs for the Society, specifically overseeing its development, government relations and marketing/communications functions. Working closely with the Society's Director, she serves as a member of the senior management team and provides analysis and policy recommendations to the Director and Board of Trustees.

While at the City of Minneapolis, Kajer guided the development and implementation of the City's strategic lobbying plan on a state and federal level, was instrumental in securing \$120 million in

annual federal government aid and oversaw the city's grant activities, with annual grant awards exceeding \$30 million. Her areas of expertise include tax policy, appropriations, professional sports (both locally and nationally), public safety and economic development.

Kajer has served on the boards of the Association of Metropolitan Municipalities and the Minnesota Women's Political Caucus (of which she was president in 1995) and the Martha Ripley Foundation, among numerous other organizations. She was selected as a fellow for the Council on Local Authorities for International Relations, a Mondale Fellow at The Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and a John J. McCloy Fellow in Urban Affairs. Currently, Kajer is an active participant in AASLH, AMM and a member of ICOM-US. She serves as chair of the Governor's Residence Council.

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Archabal graduated cum laude in 1962 from Radcliffe College with a bachelor's degree in music history and earned a master's degree from Harvard University in 1963. She received her doctorate in music history from the University of Minnesota in 1979 with a dissertation on American composer and painter Carl Ruggles.

Archabal participates in cultural and educational organizations nationally and locally. She serves currently on the Harvard University Board of Overseers and is a former Chair of the American Association of Museums (AAM). In spring 1999, Ms. Archabal was elected to a three-year term on the United States division of the International Council of Museums. In 1997 Archabal received the National Humanities Medal, the highest award the nation gives for accomplishment in the disciplines of the humanities.

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