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### **David Wallace Adams Release**

Canyon, Texas—On Thursday, October 4, David Wallace Adams will present a lecture entitled "Coming of Age on a Southwest Cultural Borderland: A New Mexico Story." The main lecture will start at 7:00 p.m. in Legacy Hall in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center. The event will be preceded by drinks and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 and will be followed by a book signing. As part of the Garry L. Nall Endowed Lecture Series, this free event is sponsored by the Center for the Study of the American West (CSAW), the Distinguished Lecture Series (DLS) and Humanities Texas.

As a secondary event, at 3 p.m. on October 4, Adams will also facilitate a student question and answer session in the Blackburn Room of the Cornette Library. In addition to his appearances at WTAMU on Thursday, Adams will travel to Pampa High School to address the student body on Friday, October 5. This trip will be facilitated by CSAW, in commitment to its regional outreach efforts in the Texas Panhandle.

Adams has received multiple awards for his books, including *Education for Extinction: American Indians and the Boarding School Experience, 1875-1928*; *On the Borders of Love and Power: Families and Kinship in the Intercultural American Southwest*, which he co-edited with Crista DeLuzio; and, most recently, *Three Roads to Magdalena: Coming of Age in a Southwest Borderland, 1890-1990*. Both *Education for Extinction* and *Three Roads to Magdalena* were named "outstanding academic" books by *Choice Reviews*. Additionally, the Western History Association awarded Adams' the David J. Weber-Clements prize for best nonfiction book on Southwestern America and the Robert G. Athearn prize for best book on the Twentieth century West for his *Three Roads to Magdalena*.

Adams earned a bachelor of arts in history at the University of Illinois, a master's in history at Northeastern Illinois University, and his doctorate in social studies education at Indiana University. From 1964 to 1971, he taught social studies at Ridgewood High School in Ridgewood, Illinois, and now serves as Professor Emeritus at Cleveland State University, where he teaches in the departments of history and education.

For more information about Adams' appearance at WTAMU, please contact CSAW director Alex Hunt at [ahunt@wtamu.edu](mailto:ahunt@wtamu.edu).

### **About the Center for the Study of the American West**

CSAW formed in the fall of 2016 with a mission of fostering the study of the American West at WTAMU and building bridges between the university, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

and the regional populace. CSAW seeks to promote the American West both as a culturally unique region and a product of broad historical forces. Through this endeavor, CSAW remains dedicated to cultivating a critical vision of region and place in a globalized era. For more information about CSAW and all upcoming events, please visit [wtamu.edu/csaw](http://wtamu.edu/csaw).

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