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Presentation Explores Dramatic Story of Water Lawsuit

Dodge City, KS – “*Kansas v. Colorado*,” a presentation and discussion by James Sherow, will be held on October 13, 2017, at 10 a.m. during the 3i SHOW at the Western State Bank Expo Center. Community members are invited to attend this free program hosted by Boot Hill Museum and made possible by the Kansas Humanities Council (KHC).

In 1902, Kansas accused the state of Colorado of taking more than their fair share of water from the Arkansas River, which reduced water flow and thereby diminished land values. The argument escalated to the U.S. Supreme Court. This presentation will tell the dramatic story and legacy of *Kansas v. Colorado*, a legal fight that continues to this day.

James Sherow teaches Kansas and environmental history at Kansas State University. He has authored books and articles about people living in the region, including *The Grasslands of the United States: An Environmental History*, and John Charlton’s and his award winning *Railroad Empire Across the Heartland: Rephotographing Alexander Gardner’s Westward Journey*.

“The US Supreme Court Justices had never handled an interstate conflict of this magnitude,” Sherow notes. “In attempting to settle the issue, Kansas-born Justice David Brewer handed down a decision that has guided all interstate water suits from 1907 to the present.”

“*Kansas v. Colorado*” is part of the Kansas Humanities Council’s *Water/Ways* Speakers Bureau, featuring presentations and discussions that focus on the numerous relationships between people and water—how it shapes our history and traditions and impacts our daily life. Boot Hill Museum hosts the Smithsonian Institution’s Museum on Main Street exhibition *Water/Ways* September 30th through November 12th 2017.

For more information about “*Kansas v. Colorado*,” contact Boot Hill Museum at 620-227-8188. For more information about KHC programs, contact the Kansas Humanities Council at 785-357-0359 or visit online at www.kansashumanities.org.

The 63rd Annual 3i SHOW will be held in Dodge City, Kansas, at the Western State Bank Expo Center on October 12, 13, and 14, 2017. Show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday with free admission and free parking. To receive continued updates and information about the 3i SHOW and upcoming events, like the 3i SHOW Facebook Page and follow them on Twitter and Google+.

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