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Walter Prescott Webb of the University of Texas, distinguished historian of the West, will be visiting lecturer in history at Montana State University from July 20-August 3, according to Dr. Oscar J. Hammen, chairman of the Department of History and Political Science. Professor Webb will also take part in the writers' conference, which will run from July 16 - July 20, H. V. Larom conference director, announced earlier. The historian will be the principal speaker at the writers' conference banquet, July 20, and he is scheduled to give a public lecture on the "Great Frontier" on a date to be announced.

Professor Webb, who has been Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University and Harkness Lecturer in American History at London University, will teach "The American West" at MSU. The course will cover nine or ten topics, each more or less complete in itself but all related and revolving around the history of the West, Professor Webb said. The class will meet five times a week and carries one credit, according to Dr. Hammen. Persons not taking the course for credit are welcome at any or all of the class sessions, he added.

"The University is most fortunate to have a historian and writer of Walter Prescott Webb's stature on its campus to give a history course and to participate in the writers' conference," Dr. Hammen said. "To gather material for a book he is writing for the New American Nation series, Professor Webb wants to spend a part of the summer in the Northwest and is interested in meeting individuals who know the history of the region. It is partly for this reason that the University was able to secure his services."

Professor Webb is the author of reviews and articles that have appeared in Harper's, Saturday Review, and similar publications and of short stories for Sunset. He is the editor of Southwestern Historical Quarterly and historical consultant for the True West Magazine.