



Chad Roberts, Executive Director  
Lawshe Memorial Museum  
130 Third Avenue North  
South St. Paul, MN 55075

651-552-7548  
[chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us](mailto:chad.roberts@co.dakota.mn.us)  
[www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Minnesota on the Map with Author David Lanegran, Ph.D.**

*A Third Thursday Lecture @ Lawshe*

*May 4, 2011, South St. Paul, MN* – Explore five centuries of Minnesota in maps on Thursday, May 19, 2011, 7 p.m. at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075. The tiny region of the globe now known as Minnesota has appeared on maps for more than five centuries – in the sketchy first impressions of explorers, exuberant promotions of boosters, and analytical tools of planners and managers. This lavish treasury of almost 100 maps illuminates the imagined, real, and changing landscape of Minnesota.

Preeminent geographer David Lanegran embarks on his words-and-maps journey by introducing attempts to find a route to China around the American continent. Changes in early military and political maps measured the country's expanding boundaries, and increasingly detailed maps encouraged settlement. Lanegran offers stories of the fascinating controversies that fueled the state's development and how maps made a difference in their outcome. Readers learn about Duluth's port war with Superior, Wisconsin, how railroads dictated the shape of cities like Brainerd, the importance of the state's first 1919 highway map, and how Boundary Waters maps created a tourism bonanza.

**Featured Presenter:** David Lanegran, Ph.D.

**What:** **Minnesota on the Map, *A Third Thursday Lecture @ Lawshe***

**When:** Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Lawshe Memorial Museum, 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075

**Cost:** FREE

### **About the Dakota County Historical Society**

The Dakota County Historical Society has been collecting, preserving, promoting and presenting the history of Dakota County for 72 years. Serving all of Dakota County, the Society provides more than 70 public programs annually at a variety of sites, including the Lawshe Memorial

Museum in South St. Paul, the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings, and at Dakota County Libraries, government centers, and the Burnsville Performing Arts Center.

For more information contact executive director Chad Roberts at (651) 552-7548. For more about DCHS, see website: [www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org) or visit us at the Lawshe Memorial Museum at 130 Third Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN 55075.

###