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Leo A. Loubère
Professor of History Emeritus
State University of New York at Buffalo

8 p.m.
Wednesday, September 22, 1993
Sabin Hall
Room 102
received his B.A. degree from Tulane University in 1948 and his M.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern in 1949 and 1953, respectively. He has taught at Tennessee, Tulane, Missouri, Ohio State and the State University of New York at Buffalo. He retired in 1991 and is currently a professor emeritus of history at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Loubère has received Fulbright, Guggenheim and French Government fellowships, as well as numerous research grants from the State University of New York. His 1968 article in *French Historical Studies* won the Koren prize for the best article of the year in that journal.

Loubère has taught a variety of undergraduate courses in Western Civilization, French history, European history, European social and intellectual history, comparative socialism and labor movements, as well as English and Russian history. His graduate seminars have included recent literature on European history, comparative European history, European social and economic history and everyday life in Europe since the Renaissance.

He has read papers at meetings of the American Historical Association, French Historical Studies, the Western Society for French History, and at various conferences in France and Canada. He has served on the editorial board of French Historical Studies and the Journal of Modern History and held offices in the New York and Canadian Associations of European historians.

He has published seven books including *Louis Blanc, His Life and His Contributions to the Rise of French Jacobin Socialism; Radicalism in Mediterranean France; Utopian Socialism: Its History Since 1800; The Red and the White: The History of Wine in France and Italy in the Nineteenth Century; (ed.) The Vine Remembers: French Vignerons Recall Their Past; The Wine Revolution in France;* and *Nineteenth Century Europe.*

He has also published some eighteen articles in such journals as the *American Historical Review, the Journal of Modern History, the Journal of Social History, French Historical Studies, the Revue d'histoire economique et sociale;* and the *International Review of Social History,* among others. For the past twenty years, he has served as chair of the dissertation committees of a number of historians now active in the Society for French Historical Studies and the Western Society for French History.

Leo is best remembered by his students as someone who is personally courageous, passionately committed to intellectual values, someone who demands the best of his students, yet is genuinely concerned with them as human beings. He is one who is best described by the terms mentor and friend.
A Tribute to Carl L. Becker
(1873-1945)

The University of Northern Iowa Historical Association, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Department of History welcome you to the annual Carl L. Becker Memorial Lecture in History. The lecture has been named in honor of a man who is perhaps the most distinguished scholar and teacher to emerge from Iowa.

Becker, born near Reinbeck, received his Ph.D. in 1907 from the University of Wisconsin. From 1902-1941 he taught at various universities in the Midwest and East, the last being Cornell University in New York.

It was as a progressive thinker that Becker became an internationally recognized figure. He believed that the historian writes in the present, always with one eye on the past and the other on the future. History then can be used to improve human relations. This type of thinking gave history a purpose and was responsible for the still popular idea that historians, armed with knowledge of the past, can better respond to problems of the present.

Becker's thoughts on mechanical power also are indicative of his progressive thinking. He was concerned that humanity not become slave to weapons of mechanical power for fear we might, in the end, destroy ourselves. Becker expressed these concerns in the decade before the atom bomb was dropped over Hiroshima.

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