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Memo to DU Provost and Chancellor

Subject: Re: Evans Study Committee

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013 1:19:12 PM MT

From: Dean Saitta

To: Gregg Kvistad, Office of the Chancellor

CC: bramke@du.edu, Billy Stratton, Alan Gilbert, Richard Clemmer, Tink Tinker, davebuchanan99@hotmail.com, Steve Fisher, Dean Saitta

Dear Gregg and Bob,

I'm writing on behalf of a group of faculty and staff from DU and the Iliff School of Theology. We have formed a "John Evans Study Committee" to inquire into the nature of John Evans' involvement in the 1864 killing of Arapahoe and Cheyenne villagers at Sand Creek, Colorado. Given the impending 150-year anniversaries of the Sand Creek Massacre and DU's founding, we believe it is appropriate to evaluate John Evans' place in the university's history and the ways in which we recognize his contributions.

Our committee is working in tandem with a similarly constituted committee at Northwestern University. The NU and DU committees will coordinate research effort and share information. The DU committee will generate a report of our findings and a set of recommendations for actions that the university should take as a result of our report. We have established a DU Portfolio site to serve as an archive of research documents and analyses, and to facilitate communication with our colleagues at Northwestern. The site is here: <http://portfolio.du.edu/evcomm>. The "NU Resources" page of the Portfolio site contains media stories about the Northwestern administration's support of the project.

We know that you share our interest in John Evans, Sand Creek, and their relationship to DU's history. We'd like to request your endorsement of this project and also—if possible—financial support to conduct some campus-wide events in 2013-14 (e.g., a speaker's series). We understand that the DU 150th Anniversary Committee has started meeting, so perhaps our event ideas could be considered as part of that conversation.

Many thanks for your consideration. Sincerely,

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