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ST. LOUIS, MO—Western historian Richard Etulain will make a special appearance for a signing of his latest book, *Beyond the Missouri: The Story of the American West* (University of New Mexico Press), in the lobby beneath the Gateway Arch on Saturday, October 14th from 1-3pm.

Beyond the Missouri provides a new historical overview that tells the dramatic story of the American West from its prehistory to the present. The book covers the region from the North Dakota-to-Texas states to the Pacific Coast and overflows with stories and mini-biographies of the lively westerners and dramatic incidents that characterize the American West.

Etulain begins his study with a discussion of western landscapes and Native inhabitants. He next examines the Spanish Southwest, colonial rivalries, mountain men, missionaries, and the Oregon Trail. Then Etulain looks at Mormons, miners, western communities, ranching and farming, and transportation networks. He treats western frontier social patterns and cultures and contributes several chapters on the modern west, including pre-World War II and the Cold War eras, concluding with today's continuing search for an American West.

Richard Etulain is professor emeritus of history at the University of New Mexico. A specialist in the history and literature of the American West, Etulain is the author, co-author, editor, or co-editor of more than forty books. His writings have won several honors, including best essay from the Western History Association, a Western Heritage Award, a Caughey Award for Best Book in Western History, and selection in the History Book Club. Past president of the Western History Association, Etulain has served as editor of the *New Mexico Historical Review* and director of the Center for the American West.

NOTE FOR MEDIA: For more information on Richard Etulain or *Beyond the Missouri* or to schedule an interview with Dr. Etulain, please contact Amanda Sutton, UNM Press Publicity, at 505-272-7781. For more information on Dr. Etulain's appearance at the Gateway Arch, please contact Kathy Smith, Jefferson National Parks Association, at 314-678-1513 or email is smith@jnpa.com.