

The American Frontier Project

Introduction

In 2013 a cooperative project to examine the concept of the American frontier from several perspectives was initiated by three SDIS members: Wayne Fanebust (who has written several books on the history of the American West¹), Gerry Horwitz (a scholar of literature and popular culture) and Sam Gusman (the SDIS President at the time and a person with broad philosophical interests.)

An outcome of this endeavor was the set of three essays presented here.

“THE FRONTIER” by Wayne Fanebust

“THE FRONTIER AS A CULTURAL MYTH” by Gerry Horwitz

“THE AMERICAN FRONTIER: Context and Consequences” by Sam Gusman

¹ See the Wayne Fanebust section on the SDIS website under <https://sdscholars.org/our-authors/>