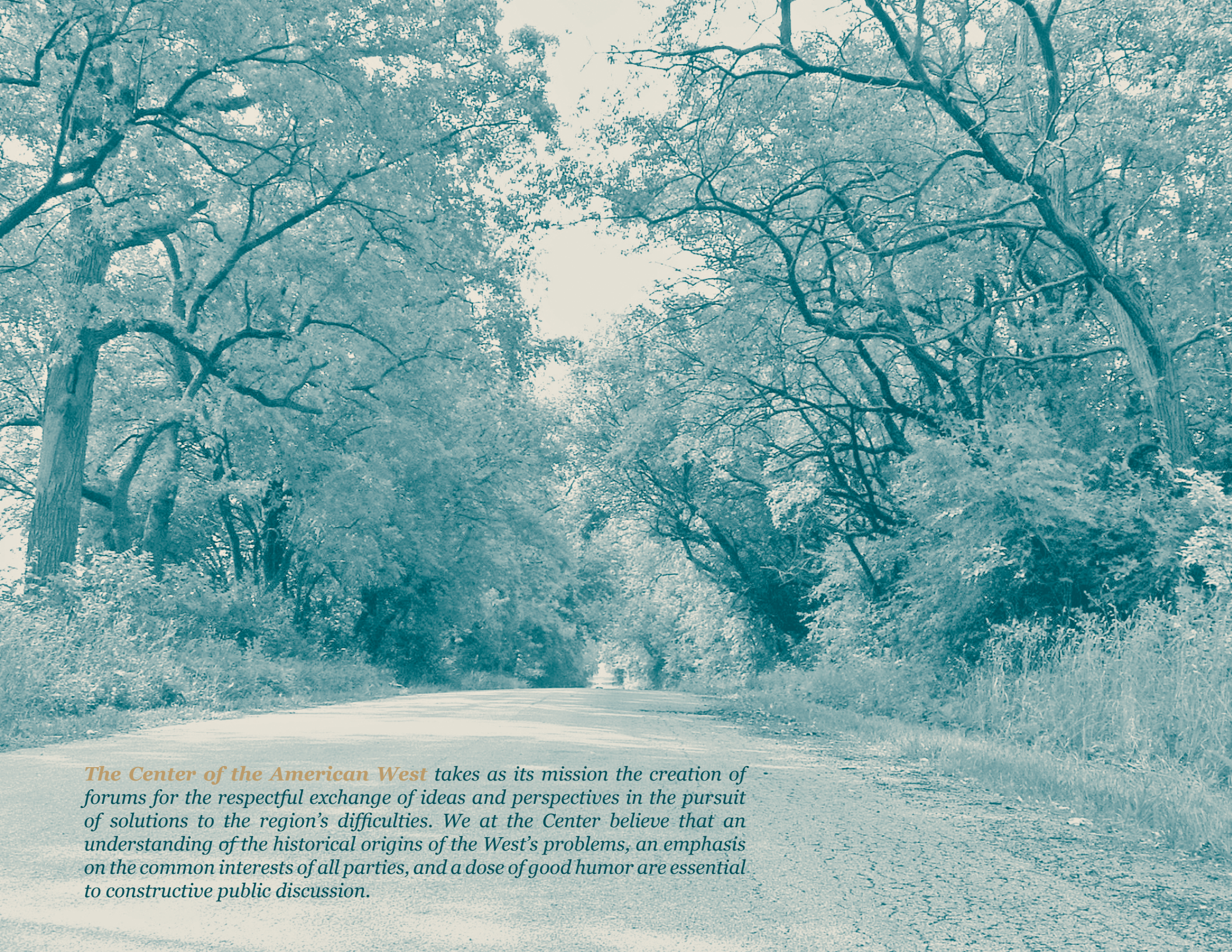




Center of the American West
Annual Report

2004 - 2005



***The Center of the American West** takes as its mission the creation of forums for the respectful exchange of ideas and perspectives in the pursuit of solutions to the region's difficulties. We at the Center believe that an understanding of the historical origins of the West's problems, an emphasis on the common interests of all parties, and a dose of good humor are essential to constructive public discussion.*



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Introduction

To unleash and empower “the better angels of our nature”
-Abraham Lincoln

Conceived in 1986 by Professors Patty Limerick and Charles Wilkinson, the Center of the American West continues to maintain an extraordinarily high level of purposeful, consequential activities making positive contributions to the ways in which Westerners think about and care for their region. We believe that our programs, publications, and events set an example in bringing civility and good will to public discourse on the West’s challenges.

The Center serves as one of the region’s most creative, innovative, and respected organizations in addressing such crucial issues as energy production and consumption, fire policy, public lands management, and cross-cultural peacemaking and bridge-building.

At a time when the general level of public discussion on difficult issues is dispiritingly low, when partisan speakers tend to prefer cheap shots at their opposition rather than substantive, constructive engagement, when party-politics-as-usual offers little in the way of practical problem solving, we at the Center believe that our work in creating forums for the clear and civil exchange of ideas and opinions has never been more important or timely. We thank you for joining us on this mission.





A Letter from Patty

Faculty Director and Chair of the Board

In the last decade, the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado at Boulder has hit its stride. We have identified, mobilized, refined, and put into action a unique set of skills, talents, and assets. We take pride in our distinctive features: a lively and sometimes even joyful use of language in speaking and writing; an exuberant and disarming sense of humor; a celebration of the unexpected and under-exploited powers of art, music, and humanities perspectives to encourage fresh thinking about familiar problems; a commitment to unleash the best dimensions of human nature. And our timing could not be better.

American citizens, pundits regularly tell us, are bitterly divided and polarized, incapable of civil disagreement and hopelessly split between liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, environmentalists and utilitarians. We don't deny the bitterness or the polarization. But Westerners are fatigued with this state of affairs and eager to explore more productive ways of appraising their problems and experimenting with solutions. The Center of the American West does not try to eliminate conflict; we strive, instead, to make it fair, safe, invigorating, and sometimes even fun.

The Center now has under its belt a bunch of one-of-a-kind achievements, all of them contributing to the cause of fair, open, evidence-based problem-solving.

Thanks to the achievements which are detailed in this report, Center principals—Charles Wilkinson, Bill Riebsame Travis, me, and many, many Center-affiliated faculty working on vital Western topics—are everywhere in the region, speaking on topics ranging from fire management in the wildlands/urban interface to growth control policies, from the robust state of Western literature to the building of alliances between urban and rural Westerners. A particularly gratifying dimension of our involvement with the public involves the increasing integration of University of Colorado undergraduates into our activities, in ways that seem certain to inspire and guide the students in their career choices and also to bring out the “better angels” in the audiences we address.

As this Annual Report shows, the Center of the American West has come into its own. Its activities now offer the region and the nation a promising array of alternatives and antidotes to crabbiness and contention, polarization and peevishness. This is a great place to work, and I thank my lucky stars for the opportunity to be a part of such a spirit-lifting enterprise.

Patty Limerick
Patty Nelson Limerick

A Letter from Elaine

Executive Director

The Center has become well known for its centrist philosophy when exploring Western issues. By adhering to that philosophy, it provides an unusually effective voice of bipartisan impact. Through programs of research, public outreach, and engagement The Center helps Westerners think about their region and their role in its sustainable future. So what does the future hold for the Center of the American West? It is the Center's 20th birthday in 2006 and we are celebrating with a year long series of events and programs that will continue to expand our understanding of the ever changing place we call home.

As I look forward, I have hopes to put the Center on a strong financial footing so we can continue to increase our capacity for the pursuit of thought-provoking and consequential projects. I am currently working with the Board of Directors to develop a five-year business plan to help us attain this goal. It is my hope that the Center will continue to point the way towards the solutions needed to address the most pressing questions facing our region in the foreseeable future. It has been suggested that the Center is a communication "refinery" in the world of contentious Western issues. To refine means to purify and/or improve. The Center of the American West will continue to "define and refine" the most crucial issues facing the West today and into the future.

Moving forward we will be looking at such critical issues as immigration, Native American well-being and history, and water in the West. We will continue to pursue answers to questions about energy, fire policy, and land use and development.

I believe strongly that our role—to create and facilitate forums for the respectful exchange of ideas and opinions—has never been more important or timely. We have a goal at the Center of the American West—the pursuit of truth in the company of friends; and we are so grateful that you, our friends, continue to join us for lively conversations about the places and issues we hold dear as Westerners.



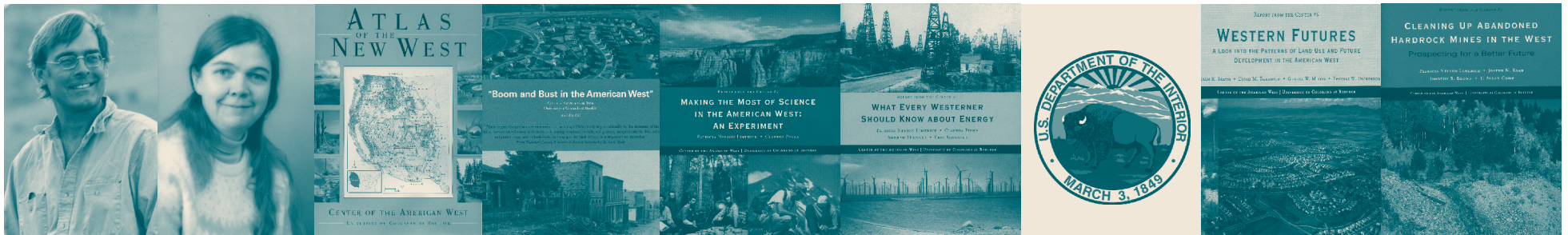
Elaine Tucci Keith



Timeline

The Center has had many prestigious and exciting accomplishments during the past 19 years.

- 1989:** CAW founded by Moses Lasky Professor of Law Charles Wilkinson and Professor of History Patricia Nelson Limerick.
- 1997:** "Atlas of the New West"
- 2001:** "Boom and Bust in the American West"
- 2003:** "Making the Most of Science in the American West," and "What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy"
- 2003-2006** Inside Interior
- 2005:** "Western Futures" and "Cleaning Up Abandoned Hardrock Mines in the West"



- Fall of 1986:** CAW conceived
- Summer of 1995:** CAW reorganized to explore the opportunities for an alliance between the sciences and the humanities, and for active involvement in policy. Since then, CAW has produced over 250 public events and a number of influential publications.
- April 3, 1996** Howie Moshowitz and Philip Deloria host a public forum on "The Celluloid Range Changing Perspectives in the Western Film Genre."
- May 1, 1997** Rudolfo Anaya gives a lecture entitled "Why I Love Tourists: Confessions of a Dharma Bum"
- February 12, 1998** Quintard Taylor gives a lecture entitled "In Search of the Racial Frontier"
- August 10, 2000** Musicians from all over the West performed as part of a festival entitled "Listening to the West: Music in the Soul of a Region"
- October 23, 2002** Vine Deloria, Jr. receives the 2002 Wallace Stegner Award. John Echohawk and Charles Wilkinson interview the author.

CAW Celebrating 20 years next year!

1/9/06

Timothy Egan,
The Worst Hard Time
6:30 PM, Old Main Chapel

1/19/06

Secretary Don Hodel:
Secretaries of the Interior Series
6:00 PM, Eaton Humanities Building
Room 150

2/4/06

Patricia Nelson Limerick and
Richard White: *2006 Re-Release of
Legacy of Conquest*
7:00 PM, Boulder Marriott, Montrachet Room
2660 Canyon Blvd.

2/20/06

Elliott West,
*Reflecting on The Contested Plains: Indians,
Goldseekers, and the Rush to Colorado*
6:00 PM, Eaton Humanities Building
Room 250

3/22/06

David M. Wrobel,
*Partnerships for the Future Built on the Past:
How Professors and K-12 Teachers Together
Can Revive the Study of History*
6:00 PM, University Memorial Center,
Room 235

4/20/06

Former Secretaries of the Interior in
Conversation: James Watt and Stewart Udall
TBA, University Memorial Center,
Glenn Miller Ballroom

CAW Summer at Chautauqua Series

5/08/06

John Anderson,
Rocky Mountain Institute
topic: *Energy Efficiency*
7:30 PM, Chautauqua Community House

5/14/06

Jubilate! Sacred Singers and Cowboy Poet,
George Russell
*A Celebration of the Center of the American
West's 20th Birthday*
www.jubilatesacredsingers.org
7:30 PM, Chautauqua Auditorium

5/15/06

Willet Kempton,
University of Delaware
topic: *Energy and Consumer Behavior*
7:30 PM, Chautauqua Community House

5/22/06

Rebecca Watson,
*Former Assistant Secretary of Land Minerals
Management at the US Department of Interior*
topic: *Current Administration Energy Policies*
TBA, Chautauqua Community House

5/31/06

Roger G. Kennedy,
*Discusses his new book,
Wildfire and Americans: How to Save Lives,
Property, and Your Tax Dollars*
TBA, Old Main Chapel

Summer 2006

Bill Mooney will present his
original piece, *Tonight! Buffalo Bill!*
TBA

11/10/06

Center of the American West 20th Anniversary
Gala
TBA

Fall 2006

Wallace Stegner Award, John Echohawk and
Billy Frank
TBA

Fall 2006

Words to Stir the Soul
TBA

Fall 2006/Spring 2007

Distinguished Lecturer, Supreme Court Justice
Sandra Day O'Connor
TBA

Bringing People Together

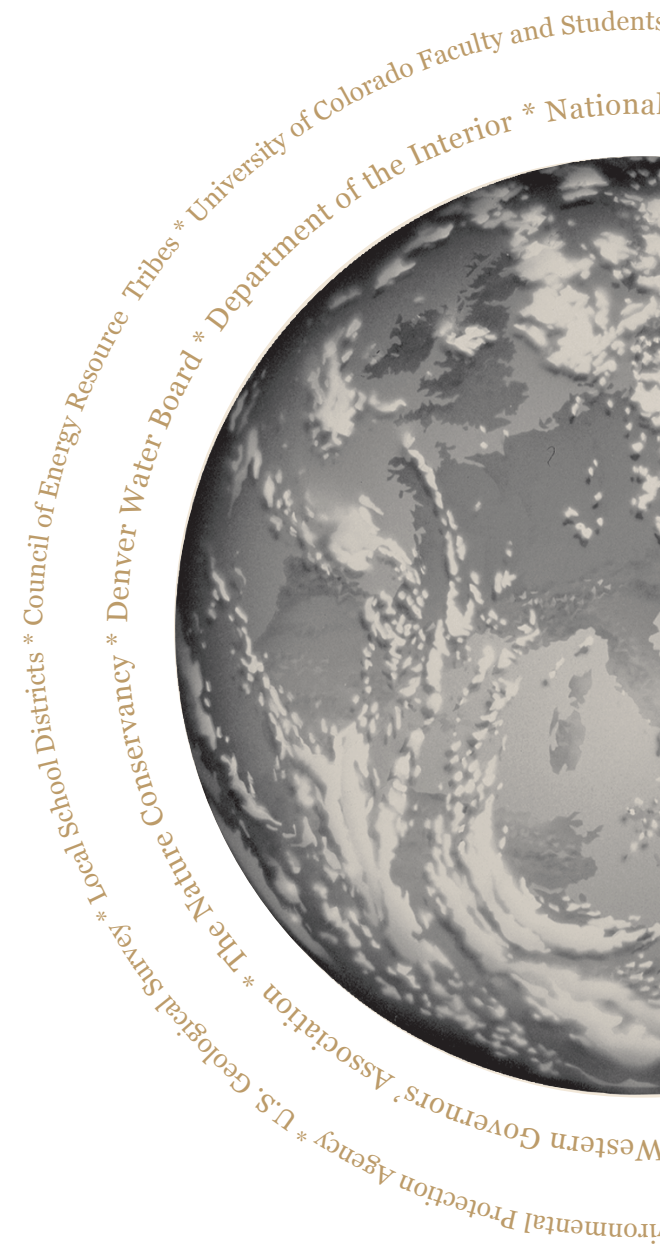
The Center of the American West serves as a meeting place for all opinions and a source for ideas for issues relevant to the American West.

The Center of the American West prides itself on creating forums where Westerners of differing perspectives can get a fair hearing as they attempt to find solutions to the region's challenges. We relish the opportunity to bring together those who stand on opposite sides of an issue, and we are committed to mediating a civil, respectful exchange of thoughts and ideas.

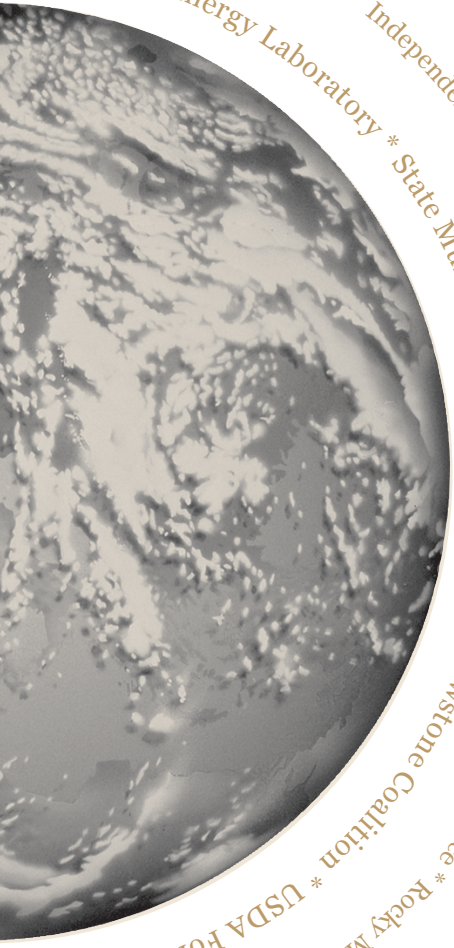
Abandoned Mine Adversaries Find Common Ground

Our conference on abandoned mines was one such instance. Abandoned mines from the last century dot the Western landscape and now cause environmental harm with their discharge of polluted water. These mines are difficult to clean up, but the greatest impediment to their remediation is, ironically, federal environmental law, specifically an unintended penalty on well-intended Good Samaritans imposed by the Clean Water Act. Some feel that this law should be amended so that abandoned mines can be cleaned up, while others feel that any change to this law would only endanger the environment with less stringent legal protections. Our workshop brought together representatives of both of these perspectives for three days of presentations and dialogue.

In the congenial and collegial atmosphere of our conference, individuals who might only see each other as legal adversaries were able to find common ground and reach consensus on concrete policy recommendations. This workshop contributed, we believe, to progress at the Congressional level in finding an innovative remedy to this form of environmental degradation.



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Centennial Congress Reaches Consensus

At the Centennial Congress observing the hundredth anniversary of the Forest Service, Patty Limerick was honored to have the opportunity to chair and moderate a session bringing together very diverse perspectives on forest management, with participants ranging from Bill Meadows, CEO of the Wilderness Society, and John Heisenbuttel, Vice President of the Forest Products Association; many who heard this panel remarked on the productive and positive tone—something bordering on consensus—that characterized the discussion.

Congenial Discussion At 25th FLPMA Anniversary

At a conference observing the 25th anniversary of FLPMA (Federal Land Policy and Management Act), Patty Limerick led a discussion between and among advocates pressing for the use of Bureau of Land Management lands for mining, recreational sports, wildlife habitat, and other seemingly incompatible uses. The conversation, as has been the case in many previous and following episodes, remained congenial and direct, focused on substance and with little in the way of personal attacks.

Civil Conversation Reigns on Noise In National Parks

At a public forum on sound and noise in the National Parks, the Center convened advocates of mechanized recreation and of natural sound and quiet. Snowmobilers and hikers, helicopter tour company operators and wildlife advocates, took part in a day of lively but always civil conversation, raising some encouraging prospects for using “zoning” as a way of reducing some of the conflicts in this heated and contentious territory.

Wolves Spark Lively, But Good-Natured Discussion

After Jon T. Coleman’s presentation on the history of American attitudes toward wolves, the Center convened members of the Colorado Wolf Working Group for a productive and good-natured evening of exploring the conflict and common ground between and among livestock raisers, wildlife biologists, and environmental activists.

Center Projects

For more information on these and other CAW projects, visit www.centerwest.org

Handbook

Nearly a decade after *The Atlas of the New West* helped define a changing region, the Center of the American West has set itself an equally ambitious follow-up project. *The Handbook for New Westerners* aims to collect in one place the information that Westerners old and new will need to be good citizens of the region. With the imaginative research and energetic writing characteristic of CAW projects, the *Handbook* presents the people, politics, environment, economics, and culture of the West in a user-friendly format designed to deepen our appreciation for the land and the folks that call it home.

History of Denver Water

The growth and transformation of the Denver metropolitan area in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries were due in large part to the development of water resources. This project will explore multiple themes – the significance of shifting public values, the role of entrepreneurs and engineers, the impact of natural cycles of drought and flooding, and the rural/urban water dynamic. Making use of the Water Board's rich photographic holdings, we anticipate the final product will be an engaging conversation of visual imagery, written description, narrative, and analysis.

Energy Conservation in the West

Since releasing the Center's report "What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy" in June of 2003, we've enjoyed many opportunities to speak to public audiences in Colorado about energy development in the West. Highlights from our speaking engagements include presentations to: the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Office in Denver (April 2004), the Colorado Oil and Gas Association Annual Conference in Denver (August 2004), the Rocky Mountain Electrical League Fall Conference in Vail (September 2004).

Abandoned Mine Remediation

In October, 2004, the Center took on the thorny environmental problems posed by abandoned hardrock mines in the West. A conference of mining, governmental, and environmental representatives greatly contributed to building an agreement on how best to clean up these mines, the findings of which were subsequently published in a Center report. We hope this report will educate Westerners and inform federal legislators as they address this problem.

Fire

The Center of the American West has over the last year and a half actively participated in the Front Range Fuel Treatment Partnership Roundtable, a diverse consortium of federal and state land agencies, environmental groups, scientists, and economists. This group has dedicated itself to formulating a comprehensive approach to the management of wildfire and to the restoration of ecological health along the Front Range. The Center now plans to draw on this group's work to produce a book that would be of interest to any resident of this region.

Western Futures

The Western Futures Growth Model (WFGM) projects future housing density as a main surrogate of overall growth and land development. It applies population estimates and a set of spatial rules to distribute future housing across the landscape. The model produces scenarios of the future that can be compared to expectations or goals, and tested for the effects of land use planning.

Ranchland Dynamics

The Ranchland Dynamics project pursues clearer picture of the rates and patterns of changes in ownership and use of the West's ranchlands, and to assess the land conservation implications of this transition. Of particular interest is the widespread transfer of ranches out of traditional hands to a new generation of owners with different land management models and goals.

Healing the West

Faculty associated with CAW are collaborating on a volume entitled "Healing the West," co-edited by Patty Limerick, Andy Cowell, and Sharon Collinge, and under contract at University of Arizona Press. The book brings together contributions from disciplines including engineering, biology, journalism, linguistics, music, law, and literary studies. The book focuses on strategies for restoration, repair, and remediation in response to historical injuries to the people and landscapes of the West.

Inside Interior

Among the most exciting activities of the Center in the past years were the visits to the University of Colorado at Boulder campus by nearly all of the living Secretaries of Interior. The visiting Secretaries spent time with students, professors, and administrators and also submitted to careful questioning about their time in office. Co-sponsored by the Nature Conservancy, these interviews constitute a unique historical archive, illuminating especially the relationship between the federal government and the American West. It is now the task of the Center to make available these records to scholars and the interested public. Secretaries who visited for this series included: Stewart Udall, Walter Hickel, James Watt, Don Hodel, Manuel Lujan Jr., Bruce Babbitt, Gale Norton, and Undersecretary John Whitaker.



Chales Wilkinson and Secretary Gale Norton discuss her current position as the first female Secretary of the Interior.

Center Events

For pictures and more information on these and other Center of the American West events, visit www.centerwest.org

Words to Stir the Soul

August 24 & 26, 2004

The program “Words to Stir the Soul” is our fall “kick-off” event, spotlighting some of the region’s best writing and providing a unique opportunity for both readers and attendees to deepen their appreciation of the region in which we live. The event featured such notable readers as Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, Daily Camera Editor Susan Deans, Lakewood Mayor Steve Burkholder, and City of Denver Auditor Dennis Gallagher.

Art Community, and History & Science in Abandoned Mine Reclamation: The AMD&ART Project

October 21, 2004

As part of the Abandoned Mine Drainage conference, T. Allan Comp discussed “Art Community, and History & Science in Abandoned Mine Reclamation: The AMD & ART Project.”

And Who Is My Neighbor? Good Samaritans in the American West

October 22, 2004

Part of a two and a half day long Abandoned Mine Drainage conference, Patty Limerick, Elliott Ross-Bryant, Dr. Mike Iseman, Reverend Robert Stuenkel, and Joseph Ryan participated in a panel discussion on the topic of “And Who Is My Neighbor? Good Samaritans in the American West.” This event was co-sponsored by EPA Region 8, CU Council on Research & Creative Work, CU Center for Business & Society, Integral Consulting, Inc., and Information Network for Responsible Mining.

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A Howling Past: How Listening to Wolves Can Change History

November 5, 2004

Jon T. Coleman lectured on his book *Vicious: Wolves and Men in America*.

Inside Interior: Conversations with Secretaries of the Interior on their Role in Shaping the West

November 23, 2004

As part of a series of interviews with the Secretaries of the Interior, this event featured an interview with Secretary Gale Norton. This event was co-sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, McKenna Long & Aldridge, and Brownstein, Hyatt, & Farber.

Inside Interior: Messages to the Secretary, A Forum on Recommendations and Suggestions for Secretary Gale Norton

December 14, 2004

This event was a follow-up to the conversation with Secretary Gale Norton, allowing a public forum of discussion in the Boulder Community. Information gathered at the forum was then gathered together and given to Secretary Norton. This event was co-sponsored by the Nature Conservancy, McKenna Long & Aldridge, Brownstein, Hyatt, & Farber

Prosperity in the 21st Century West: The Role of Protected Public Lands

January 12, 2005

Ray Rasker and Patty Limerick discussed whether protected public lands play a positive or negative role in the economic health of adjacent communities. Co-sponsored by the University of Colorado’s Natural Resources Law Center.





Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations

March 16, 2005

Charles Wilkinson spoke about his new book *Blood Struggle: The Rise of Modern Indian Nations*. A book signing followed the event.

The Arapahoe in Colorado: A Return to Public Consciousness

March 17, 2005

Andrew Cowell unveiled the new website *The Arapahoe Project*. You may visit this website at <http://www.colorado.edu/csilw/newarapproj2.htm>. A panel discussion on the importance of the Arapahoe in Colorado followed. Included in the discussion were an Arapahoe elder and a student representative of the University of Colorado's Technology Arts and Media Certificate Program.

A Bad Woman Feeling Good: Blues and the Women Who Sing Them

March 23 & 30 2005

Buzzy Jackson, instructor of CAMW 2001, the Center's introductory course in Western American Studies, read from her book *A Bad Woman Feeling Good: Blues and the Women Who Sing Them*.

Distinguished Lecturer: Nick Forster

March 29, 2005

Nick Forster, host and co-executive producer of the radio show *etown*, spoke about the musical achievements of the legendary Bob Wills, who began his 45-year career in 1915. For more information on *etown*, visit www.etown.org

US Forest Service Centennial Celebration: The Greatest Good

April 13, 2005

The Center of the American West, in conjunction with the International Film Series, presented an exciting documentary

by Dave Steinke and Steve and Ann Dunsky: *The Greatest Good*, a film that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the US Forest Service. After the film, Forest Service officials Jim Bedwell and Rick Cables participated in a panel discussion with Dave Steinke and Patty Limerick.

Totally Yodelly: Yodeling in the American West and Around the World

April 18, 2005

Bart Plantenga spoke about his latest book: *Yodel-Ay-Ee-Oooo: The Secret History of Yodeling Around the World*, the first book ever to treat this odd vocalization as a global phenomenon. Local musicians Sean Blackburn, Liz Masterson (see top photo), and Jack Collom also performed.

Thompson Awards for Western American Writing

April 28, 2005

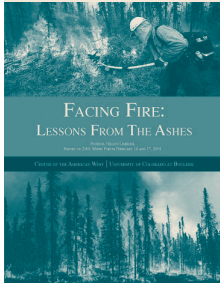
Every year the Center of the American West throws open its doors to students throughout the University of Colorado at Boulder encouraging them to enter the Thompson Awards for Western American Writing. And, it is with pride that we can say that we have never been disappointed! Every year we are rewarded with brilliant works of literary art regarding all aspects of the West, and in turn we reward the winners with prizes of \$500 each. This year's winners were: Andrea Moon, Amy Bright, Jesse Case, Jason Hanson, Leah Jasmine Franklin, and Virginia Bellis. This year's honorable mentions include: Kenneth Soufl, Josh Tenneson, Arwen E. Vidal, Clay Pruitt, Hillary Rosner, and Aaron Keim.

Top photo: Local musicians Sean Blackburn and Liz Masterson perform at *Totally Yodelly* on April 18, 2005.

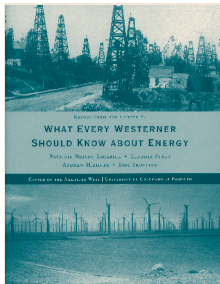
Middle photo: In the Secretaries of the Interior Series, the Secretaries spoke about their work in preserving beautiful landscapes such as the Grand Staircase-Escalante.

Bottom photo: Wolves were the topic of Jon T. Coleman's lecture on November 5, 2005.

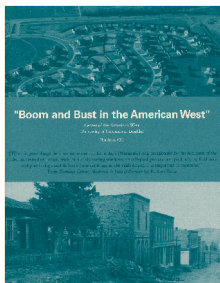
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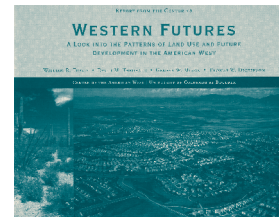
Facing Fire For the Trans-Mississippi West, the Summer of 2000 added up to a prolonged reminder of the untamed power of fire. Money, public attention, and firefighters were directed to a number of serious and severe fires in the region. Nearly everyone recognized that recent history had left the West with a very big fire problem; not everyone agreed on the proper response to this dilemma. In its mission to be helpful in understanding Western issues, the Center of the American West convened a group of experts from many disciplines to pool their understandings of wildlands fire resulting in this report.



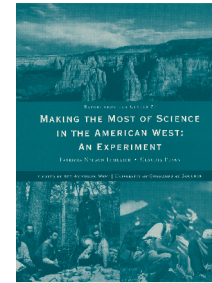
What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy On July 8, 2003, the Center of the American West released its report, “What Every Westerner Should Know About Energy”, based on findings from its 2002 conference on Western Energy Issues, as well as research and consultations with scholars and other professionals in the energy industry. This report is designed to educate Westerners on energy issues, in an interesting and informative manner. We believe this “Report from the Center” will be a useful tool to spark conversations and educate citizens about the West’s energy future.



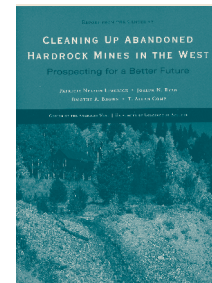
Boom and Bust in the American West Upturns and downturns in the economy often produce more agitation and worry than insight and reflection. This report offers a chance to step aside from the fray, and think about the big picture. The eighteen findings in this report offer a unique insight into economic patterns that have shaped the West over the past 150 years, and bring to light important information on indicators of a changing Western economy, the effects of booms and busts on communities, and ways of dealing with the impacts of these often sudden shifts in prosperity.



Western Futures The American West is the fastest-growing region of the country, but it is also a place endowed with great open spaces that offer important ecological and social values. Over the last decade, Westerners have witnessed remarkable change, have watched whole mountainsides develop, and found their commutes lengthening. This report projects land use patterns so that Westerners might take a look at their region’s future.

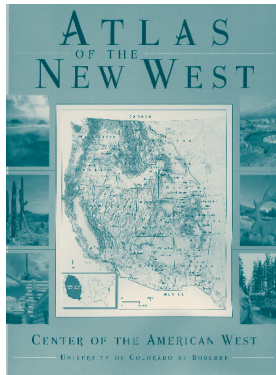


Making the Most of Science in the American West: An Experiment On August 1, 2003 the Center of the American West released its report, “Making the Most of Science in the American West.” In the report, we look at the key role that scientists have played in the West and in the shaping of natural resource policies that govern so much of the Western landscape. We asked Westerners to retain their faith in science, but to remodel the dream to make the most of our spectacular talent pool of scientists in universities, federal agencies, and non-governmental organizations throughout the West.

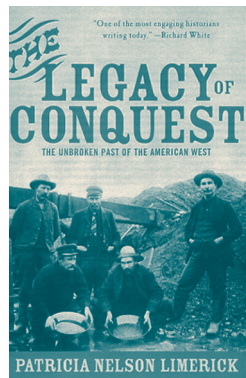


Cleaning Up Abandoned Hardrock Mines in the West Of all the ways in which the Western past remains tightly connected to the Western present and future, acid mine drainage may be the most telling example. The mining booms of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth century left behind a legacy of trouble for today’s Westerners. With the goal of bringing mining industry leaders, environmental activists, government agencies, and concerned citizens of communities in mining territory together to reinforce and create positive solutions to this problem, The Center of the American West convened a three-day workshop in October 2004. This report is a result of that workshop.

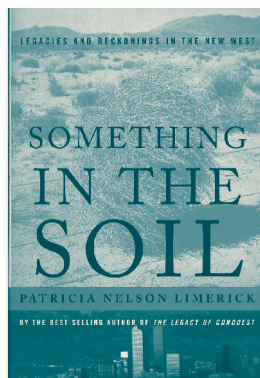
Center Publications



Atlas of the New West The *Atlas of the New West* makes sense of the transformation of the West over recent decades with forty-six full-color, three-dimensional maps, offering a portrait of the region's cosmopolitan cities, nuclear waste sites, gold-medal trout streams, espresso bars, and working ranches. Illustrations and informative sidebars show Old West battles taking new forms — who owns what land? who controls what water rights? and how much development is too much?



Legacy of Conquest The “settling” of the American West has been powerfully perceived throughout the world as a series of quaint, violent, and romantic adventures - most with happy endings - and a process that came to an end with the “closing” of the frontier in the 1890s. Dr. Limerick notes, “Indians, Hispanics, Asians, blacks, Anglos, businesspeople, workers, politicians, bureaucrats, natives, and newcomers, we share the same region and its history, but we wait to be introduced. The serious exploration of the historical process that made us neighbors provides that introduction.”



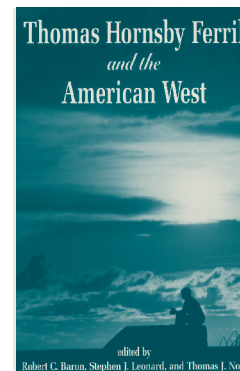
Something in the Soil At the dawn of the twenty-first century, the American West is a region of great views and great friction, vigorous economic expansion and equally vigorous social conflict. In *Something in the Soil*, Patricia Nelson Limerick continues the project she began with *The Legacy of Conquest*, traveling far outside the usual academic circles in order to bring past and present into a spirited encounter. Whether her topic is the rapid growth in the West today, the patent awfulness of most academic writing, the resurgent boom in Western gold mining, the unexamined

- and increasingly ineffective - rituals of American environmentalists, or current struggles over the standing of the “Great White Men” of the frontier past, Limerick operates on the principle that history is an active presence in the West today - layers of collective memory that are, quite literally, “something in the soil.” Her irreverence for conventional pieties coexists with her respect for the American West’s long history as a magnet for dreams of a better life. Enlightening and always witty, this wide ranging collection of essays and arguments from the New West’s landmark historian will reaffirm America’s love of this region and allow an artful glimpse into its dramatic past and contentious present.



Society to Match the Scenery The result of two remarkable conferences held by the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, *A Society to Match the Scenery* is a diverse collection of essays on the future of the American West from many of the region’s most talented writers, activists, politicians, lawyers, poets, journalists, environmentalists, and historians. Sometimes in agreement, sometimes in contention, these thoughtful and creative voices help us to see the West in all its complex diversity and remind us that this decade is one in which opportunities may

be realized for a new and better Western experience. Contributors to this volume include Wallace Stegner, William Kittredge, Bruce Babbitt, Patricia Nelson Limerick, Terry Tempest Williams, Charles F. Wilkinson, Edward Dorn, and Walter Echo-Hawk, among many others.



Thomas Hornsby Ferril and the American West In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Hornsby Ferril, Colorado Poet Laureate, this collection contains some of Ferril’s best poetry, several of his prose pieces, and personal essays from close friends and acquaintances, including his daughter, Anne Ferril Folsom. Here, finally, is the long-awaited tribute to a writer of great importance, whose words tell of the timelessness of the Western landscape and the transience of all living things. As Carl Sandubrg said, he was “terrifically and beautifully American

... a poet, wit, historian, man of books and human affairs, and so definitely one of the Great Companions.”

Fiscal Information

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

CENTER OF THE AMERICAN WEST Balance Sheet

At June 30, 2005
(With Comparative Totals at June 30, 2004)

	<i>2005</i>						
	2005	2004	State Budget General Fund	Auxilliary Funds	Sponsored Projects/Grants	Gift Fund 2005	CU FDN
Assets							
State Budget	7,270.00	10,018.00	(2,730.00)		10,000.00		
Cash and cash equivalents	79,611.00	65,097.00		5,797.00		73,814.00	
CUF unrestricted cash	161,744.69	177,829.00					161,744.69
Investments	959,197.67						959,197.67
Accounts receivable & pledges	139,936.25						139,936.25
Total Assets	1,347,759.61	252,944.00	(2,730.00)	5,797.00	10,000.00	73,814.00	1,260,878.61
Liabilities							
Accounts payable	(2,161.00)			(1,268.00)		(893.00)	
Accrued expenses	(9,416.00)					(9,416.00)	
Encumbrances		10,059.00					
Total Liabilities	(11,577.00)	10,059.00		(1,268.00)		(10,309.00)	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,336,182.61	242,885.00	(2,730.00)	4,529.00	10,000.00	63,505.00	1,260,878.61

Fiscal Information

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

CENTER OF THE AMERICAN WEST Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Period ending June 30, 2005
(With Comparative Totals at June 30, 2004)

			<i>2005</i>			
	2005	2004	State Budget General Funds	Auxilliary Funds	Sponsored Projects/Grants	Gift Fund
State Budget	215,820	158,631	194,320		21,500	
Other Revenue	303,078	306,028		41,880		261,198
Total Revenue	518,898	464,659				
Expenses	508,691	433,243	197,050	49,455	11,500	250,686
Change in net assets	10,207	31,416	(2,730)	(7,575)	10,000	10,512
Net assets, beginning FY	65,097	43,699		12,105		52,992
Net assets @ June 30 '05	75,304	75,115	(2,730)	4,979	10,000	63,504
Encumbrances		10,059				
Total Assets Net of Encumbrances	75,304	65,056	(2,730)	4,979	10,000	63,504

Fiscal Information

Fiscal Year July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005

CENTER OF THE AMERICAN WEST Statement of Actual Expenses

For the Period ending June 30, 2005
(With Comparative Totals at June 30, 2004)

			<i>2005</i>			
	2005	2004	State Budget General Fund	Auxilliary Funds	Sponsored Projects/Grants	Gift Fund
Salaries	305,193	261,717	162,536	8,662	3,125	130,870
Benefits	34,466	36,617	1,578	1,798	678	30,412
Total Salaries/Benefits	339,659	298,334	164,114	10,460	3,804	161,282
Operating Expense	127,621	121,349	31,264	26,026	7,697	62,635
Travel	29,721	11,071	1,672	13,010		15,039
Transfers	11,690	2,490		(40)		11,730
Total Expenses	508,691	433,244	197,050	49,456	11,500	250,686
Encumbrances		10,059				
GRAND TOTAL	508,691	443,303	197,050	49,456	11,500	250,686

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