



CENTER
of the
AMERICAN
WEST

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Annual Report



Extending Our Reach



Turning Hindsight Into Foresight™

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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About the Center

When confronting tough issues, both regionally and nationally, the Center of the American West is known for its non-partisan stance and its ability to encourage dialogue about issues using clear and compassionate communication to get at the root of whatever predicament we face so as to find common ground. Our methods include using good humor and balanced listening to develop innovative ways to refresh old alliances and build new ones, by clarifying and reconciling the wide-ranging convictions and opinions of Western citizens. We believe our greatest assets are the ability to draw on the lessons of history, to pay attention to the present moment, and to use those two forces to lay the groundwork for moving forward. That mission is evident in our motto, "*Turning Hindsight into Foresight.*"

If this year is any indication, the world's appetite for such an approach is voracious. As a result the Center has delved into such contentious issues as Natural Gas Development; has expanded its partnerships to include such organizations as the Public Lands Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, and Naropa University; and has added an array of new faces to help us do even more. As the Center's reach expands, our resources are keeping pace, providing us greater opportunities to help people cross deeply held political opinions to understand another's position and to create innovative solutions. This is the bedrock upon which the Center of the American West rests and the foundation from which we have grown.

The Keys to the Center's expanding reach:

A unique capacity for lively and disarming written and spoken communication.

A proven ability for refereeing, umpiring, and inviting the "better angels of our nature" to emerge, even in bitter and disputed terrain.

A substantial list of influential and often-cited publications.

A widespread reputation for trustworthiness and credibility.

An astonishing faculty team of experts on every imaginable Western issue.

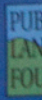
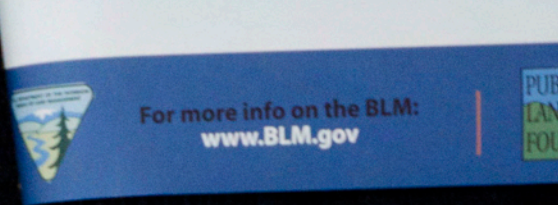
A stunning "rolodex" of affiliates and allies that ranges from federal, state, and local government agencies, to a myriad of nongovernmental organizations, to a vast array of the West's most influential writers, scientists, artists, musicians, and thinkers.

A dedicated and talented staff.

A broad range of experience and knowledge provided by the Board of Directors.

A group of screened and selected students of spirit and talent who are committed to clear, compassionate, engaged, and thoughtful communication.

Turning Hindsight Into Foresight™



On September 13, 2012 - Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar came for a Special Address at the The Nation Possessed Conference. This event was hosted by the Center of the American West, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Public Lands Foundation. Please see page 17 for more information.





A Letter from Patty

Faculty Director and Chair of the Board

Dear Center of the American West Community:

Almost fifteen years ago, I asked the university's president for money to start a student writing competition. My ambitions dramatically exceeded the fiscal arrangements. I called this new program, "The First Annual Center of the American West Writing Competition." The words "First Annual" made a precarious match to the reality: I had secured funding for only one year.

For a spell, a kind, anonymous donor repeatedly bailed me out and made the Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Annual Center of the American West Writing Prizes possible. And then, in 2005, Jeannie and Jack Thompson created an endowment that will permit the Center to grant the Thompson Awards for Western American Writing prizes in perpetuity.

Age has brought caution, and it seems unlikely that I would now attempt to extend the Center's reach by attaching the phrase "First Annual" to a precariously funded program. But this example still stands for a large and lasting pattern that has been much in evidence in the year covered in this report. The Center has been fortunate to arrive at an operating mode characterized by a dynamic combination of innovation allied with tradition. We are constantly checking to see if we have inadvertently overlooked a valuable opportunity or submitted to an unnecessary constraint or prohibition. And yet, we also keep track of our assets and consolidate our gains.

You can see that dynamic combination at work in the record of our activities in the year 2012. While our interests and activities remain wide-ranging, several projects have given us spectacular opportunities for sustained effort. Focusing did not narrow our work; rather, it permitted us to reach further and to deepen our influence.

In the Fall of 2012, in collaboration with the Public Lands Foundation, we organized a big conference to put the 200th anniversary of the founding of the General Land Office to work as an occasion for reflecting on two centuries of public lands management. A round table representing a very diverse range of interests arrived at a surprising degree of consensus, while a remarkable group of students, recruited from universities around the country, also put together an impressive set of recommendations. Those two sets of recommendations are now both at work, extending the Center's reach with a printed version and a digital version (on the Center's website).

In September of 2012, the publication of [A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water](#) led to an abundance of speaking invitations from water management groups. As you will see in the list on page 16, I received many invitations to talk about the historical case study of the Denver Water Department. Many of those invitations came from professional associations of water managers, but a good share of the invitations came from book discussion groups and civic organizations. And perhaps most important, individual citizens did not wait for groups to organize an official program. A newly appointed coordinator for

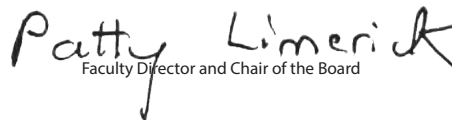
a city's conservation efforts stopped me to say that reading [A Ditch in Time](#) had given him his bearings in understanding Western water issues. A pleasant man who identified himself as a retired teacher suddenly halted me outside a Boulder store to declare that he had found much of interest in the book. I hear, as well, reports of people meeting at various gatherings who suddenly learn that having read [A Ditch in Time](#) is their first discovery of common ground.

In October of 2012, a vast opportunity to "extend our reach" opened up, with the decision of the National Science Foundation to award a consortium, based at the University of Colorado, a twelve million dollar, five year Sustainability Research Network grant to study natural gas development and hydraulic fracturing, with the goal of maximizing the benefits while minimizing the risks of producing this very consequential resource. The Center's extended reach was unmistakably a big factor in CU's successful quest for this grant, as was our track record in hosting civil, forthright public forums on contentious issues. As soon as we got the grant, we set to work planning what proved to be a successful and effective lecture series, FrackingSENSE. Their availability on our website permits people throughout the West (and, for that matter, in other regions and nations) to have access to the expertise captured in those talks. More and more, people seeking to understand the contentious issues raised by hydraulic fracturing are finding the Center to be a rare place to turn for careful appraisals of current knowledge and for civil and calm reflection.

Our efforts at recruiting and engaging students, both graduate and undergraduate, continue to prosper, with a newly launched, interdisciplinary CU graduate student book discussion group, and with a continued undertaking to invite Westerners of note to talk to student gatherings at my house. The various class and internship offerings of Center of the American West (including CAMW 2001, an introduction to Western American Studies) continue to bring impressive and talented young people into our circles. Those students are beneficiaries of the Center's sizable network of well-placed allies and contacts, and, more and more, they are becoming themselves key figures in our public programs. Students attending the FrackingSENSE lectures, for instance, wrote papers about what they learned there. They also took up their assignment—to select a couple of audience members and find out what had brought them to hear the lecture—with spirit, offering insightful and often original perspectives on the opinions and attitudes of their elders.

All of us at the Center enjoy the privilege of a workplace that is genuinely a point where Westerners rendezvous with each other and expand the range of their thinking. The term "outreach" is a fine concept, but it barely begins to capture the constant movement of ideas—from the Center, into the Center, and around the Center—that characterize all the days in our organization's life. The dynamic combination of expanding and consolidating, maintaining tradition and pursuing innovation, gives each of those days an equal measure of surprise and satisfaction.

Yours,


Faculty Director and Chair of the Board



A Letter from Kurt

Program Director

Dear Center of the American West Community:

I want to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to drop in and visit us here at the Center of the American West. Our offices are located on the 2nd floor of Macky Hall on the west side of the building. We have a nice social area complete with a soft brown sofa adorned with throw pillows; we always have coffee on hand (as well as some chocolate for those who have a bit of a sweet tooth). Although we'll be busy arranging events, designing new programs, and updating old ones, we'd love to take a little break and spend some time with you.

However, I have to let you know that we are in the midst of a construction zone. One crew has pulled up the sidewalks leading up to Macky Hall, scattering the concrete about like misshapen Lego pieces. Another crew, much younger and all mysteriously dressed in white, is sanding the staircases, prepping them for staining. Last week, the elevator crew came in and installed new buttons, new lights, and right now they are working on replacing the mechanisms that move the whole thing up and down. Next door, a slew of workmen are ripping out the drywall of and installing a new women's restroom. As many of you know, construction is a noisy affair. So if you visit, our conversations may be complemented by the whirr of a drill, or the banging of a hammer, or the occasional grunting of a workman trying to wedge some new piece into place. It may be distracting, but we'll engage you with the same attention, respect, and true joy that we always have. In fact, the construction has been going on so long, we may not even notice the noise. We've accepted this as a part of Macky's growth.

Why do I bring this up?

This construction zone seems a fitting metaphorical reflection of where the Center of the American West is at in its evolution as an organization. Like these workmen, we are expanding the Center's capacity. Our tools differ. Instead of a hammer, we pick up the phone, or flip on the computer; instead of shifting walls and subflooring, we are developing unique perspectives on the contemporary issues all Westerners face. Like these workmen, we aren't changing the face of the Center; we are simply expanding its capacity.

Our increased activity truly depends on the people who make up the Center – all charming, and all committed to the Center of the American West's vision to separate the signal from the noise in public discourse, and to do so with good humor, a keen critical mind, and a generous nature. As we've been extending our reach, we have also

been extending the Center's family. New additions to the Center include: student employee Will Rempel, who has been working diligently on our Natural Gas report; Adrienne Kroespch, grad student extraordinaire, who guides Will's work and co-teaches Patty's large lecture course; Sam Bock, also a spirited grad student and co-teacher, as well as a jack of all research trades; Chris Cantrell, our new classified staff member who is working with Honey on expanding our online presence; Jessica Brawner, who has taken over front office duties; and Sarah Thomas, our visiting scholar, who is writing a "trail guide" for navigating the challenges and benefits that come as a result of the vitality of the outdoor recreation industry.

And our veterans are still hard at work. Jason Hanson is writing a report about building more vibrant communities, as well as spearheading our efforts to make Governor John Hickenlooper's initiative to get more Colorado history into the public school curriculum a reality. And of course there's our outstanding staff – Honey, Roni, Chris, and Jessica – who are improving our communication streams and are finding new ways to reach out to both the students and the public with far greater effectiveness. And they have plenty of help, as our continuing student employees – Ryan Rebhan, Ashley Sanks, Emily Haver, and Makayla McGivern – teach us how to appeal to more than just one demographic while we teach them the ways of the Center.

And during your visit, if you're lucky, you'll run into one of our thirty-one board members, or a member of our Faculty Council, or a new student seeking entrance into our certificate program. Our offices are never dull. You could walk into a conversation about the unintended methane emissions from natural gas wells, or hikes along the Pacific Crest Trail, or the significance of oysters in Colorado history, or what places make Colorado great. Our team is doing more work, on more issues, than ever before with the same quality you've come to expect from the Center. The pages of this report are evidence of this work.

So come by for a visit – maybe one of the above mentioned people will be on hand, or maybe you'll meet a new Centerite we've added to our team – we'll talk about whatever is on your mind: energy in the West, beer brewing techniques, the merits of a commuter bike, or what a joy it is to be a part of the extended family of the Center of the American West.



Program Director

Outreach

The Center of the American West is situated on the campus of the University of Colorado Boulder. Given our activity in a variety of arenas, from energy to land use, to Native American identity—and given our extensive rolodex—it would be easy to forget that the Center is first and foremost a collegiate educational unit. Fortunately for the Center and for our future, we understand both the

responsibility and the opportunity this position offers us. Once again, this year, Patty appeared both locally as well as nationally, bringing the Center's vision and expertise to a variety of audiences. Here you will find just a small sampling of the numerous talks Patty gave throughout the year.

“A Ditch in Time: The City, the West and Water”

Fall of 2012 saw the release of Patty's first full-length book in a number of years: *A Ditch in Time: The City, The West, and Water*. The book garnered much praise and numerous invitations for Patty to speak to a diverse array of groups, including:

- October 23** - Tattered Cover Rocky Mountain Land Series - Denver, CO
- October 24** - The 23rd Annual South Platte Forum - Longmont, CO
- October 27** - American Association of University Women's Authors' Day - Colorado Springs, CO
- November 7** - Northern Water Fall Water Users Meeting Luncheon University of Northern Colorado - Greeley, CO
- November 16** - Continuing Education Dean & Directors Meeting, University of Colorado - Boulder, CO
- November 28** - Denver Water Board Meeting - Denver, CO
- November 29** - Silver Sneakers Speaker Series Potluck - Boulder, CO
- January 18** - 50 For Colorado - Boulder, CO
- February 26** - Water and the Arts Symposium - Denver, CO
- March 1** - Coping with Extremes: A Western Water History Symposium by Colorado State University - Fort Collins, CO
- March 6** - Come to the Well: Conversations on Wine and Water at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law - Denver, CO
- March 16** - Bighorn Leadership Program Alumni event - Denver, CO
- March 18** - CU Hydrologic Sciences Symposium - Boulder, CO
- April 3** - Phi Beta Kappa Annual Banquet - Denver, CO
- April 28** - Book Club Event - Boulder, CO
- May 4** - Scholarship Fundraiser for American Association of University Women - Boulder, CO
- May 15** - Book Club Event - Boulder, CO
- May 22** - Denver Association of Business Economists - Denver, CO
- June 1** - Lecture and Book signing at Nederland Library - Nederland, CO
- June 4** - Book Club Event - Denver, CO
- June 24** - Meeting with Water and Sewer Department - Greeley, CO

Hydraulic Fracturing and Natural Gas Presentations

In the fall of 2012, the National Science Foundation awarded the AirWaterGas Sustainability Research Network a twelve million dollar grant to study Natural Gas Development and Hydraulic Fracturing. Fittingly, the Center of the American West has the lead role in communicating the study's findings to the general public. While we await those findings, Patty has visited numerous groups to talk about the complex issues around hydraulic fracturing, educating them about the grant, and about what it is we know, what we don't know, and what we hope to find out about Natural Gas Development. This series included:

- December 10** - “Community, fracking, and the multiple-year, NSF funded CU study on oil and gas production”, Radio Interview with KGNU - Boulder, CO
- January 30** - “Routes to Sustainability for Natural Gas Development and Water and Air Resources in the American West”, NSF Study Presentation to Colorado Oil & Gas Association - Denver, CO
- February 26** - Opening Lecture in the Center of the American West's FrackingSENSE Series - Boulder, CO
- March 5** - Responsible Energy Development and Community Impact Interview with Rational Middle Energy Series - Boulder, CO
- March 13** - “The West Beneath the Surface: Natural Gas Development in the Big Picture of Western Extractive Industries” Hartman Hotz Lecture at the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, AR
- May 3** - Speaking at the Boulder Rotary - Boulder, CO
- June 25** - Presenting at SRN Grad Student Lunchtime Seminar - Boulder, CO
- June 26** - Speaking at the Fort Collins Rotary - Fort Collins, CO

“Cowell College as the Quotable Campus: Or Why I Am Not MOOC-Compatible”

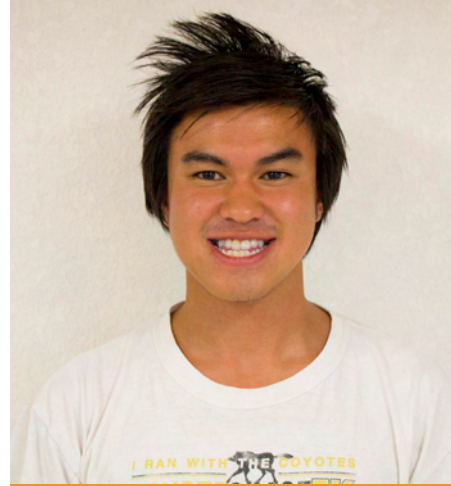
**Commencement Address at Cowell,
University of California, Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, CA - June 15, 2013**

Patty returned to her alma mater, Cowell College, the founding college of UC Santa Cruz, to give the commencement address. Appropriately enough, the motto for the college is, “The Pursuit of Truth in the Company of Friends,” a phrase that reflects the Center of the American West’s operating principles. In her speech, Patty recognized the pioneering spirit that led to the creation of Cowell just four years before she attended, noting that one of the biggest lessons she learned was, “*if something does not yet exist, but it should exist, you can create it.*” This lesson led directly to the founding of the Center of the American West.

“Beginning with Banning: From Conquest to Civil Rights, from Stagecoaches to VW Bugs, from the Old West to the New Western History”

**Banning Centennial Celebration
Banning, CA - February 9, 2013**

The town of Banning, California achieved municipal status in 1913, making 2013 Banning’s Centennial. Since Patty was born and raised in this town, she was invited to give a talk to kick off the year’s worth of Centennial activities. With three days in town, in the company of five close friends from high school days who took this occasion for a return visit themselves, Patty had quite an adventure in nostalgia, memory, and intense reckonings with the passage of time. Banning does indeed offer a revealing microcosm of big patterns of Western American history, and she used her Centennial speech to counter the impression she had held, as a restive teenager, that she lived in a boring town. From the remarkable writer and actor Sadakichi Hartmann who spent his last years in Banning, to the sharp, funny, and poignant stories told by a local Serrano Indian woman Dorothy Ramon (and recorded by Eric Elliott in a little recognized, but remarkable book *Wayta’ Yawa’ (Always Believe)*), Banning had more than its fair share of colorful characters. Celebrating the full vitality of the town in the past and present did require some moments of discomfort in reckoning with matters like the ethical flaws of the town’s namesake, railroad developer and lobbyist Phineas Banning, as well as facing up to the tense history of race relations during the Civil Rights era. But the Banningites preserved their equanimity, and a good time was had by all.



With a sense of humor as dry as the West, Patty kept you awake waiting for the next witty comment she had to share.

Ronald Nguyen

Undergraduate Student Highlight

To be honest, I took CAMW 2001 to fulfill humanities electives but I walked out with more than just college credit. Living in Colorado my whole life, I didn’t fully understand the West or what it meant to be Western until I took this class. We explored unique topics like cowboys, Native American history and the beautiful landscape of the West. We had the privilege to have a variety of guest speakers and authors talk to us about their work, and their positive contribution to the American West. Another great feature of the class was the professor herself, Patty Limerick. With a sense of humor as dry as the West, Patty kept you awake waiting for the next witty comment she had to share. CAMW 2001 provided me with a variety of skills like critical thinking, test taking, and writing skills that prepared me for the future. I recommend everyone take CAMW 2001 since you walk away with more than just lower-division college credit; you walk away as a better student.



When life presented a new adventure, she packed up with 24 hours notice and moved to Colorado.

Jessica Brawner

New Staff Member Highlight

Jessica Brawner is the Administrative Assistant for The Center of the American West. Hailing from San Antonio, Texas, she received a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business and a Bachelor of Arts in French from the University of Texas at Austin. Jessica loved the University so much that she then worked there for nearly 10 years in a variety of administrative capacities. When life presented a new adventure, she packed up with 24 hours notice and moved to Colorado to start an agency for educational entertainers. Five years and many adventures later, Jessica has happily returned to a University environment. When not working, she enjoys hiking, reading, playing with her dog Aslan and cat Mischief, and finding new life experiences.

"The American Environment in Historical Perspective" The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers' Seminar

Boulder, CO - July 22-28, 2013

For the past nine years, Patty has partnered with The Gilder Lehrman Institute, leading a weeklong seminar for K-12 teachers nationwide. This seminar uses focused case studies to explore the larger picture of environmental history, a subject that has grown increasingly complex as historians deepen their understanding of the vast role of "anthropogenic change" (also known as "history"!) in reconfiguring the places and processes we think of as "natural." Much of the seminar explores the transformation of attitudes, from the assessment of North American landscapes and resources by early settlers, to the recognition of the changing "baseline" of global warming. Additionally the seminar presents a reconsideration - and revision - of the usual polarity pitting utilitarian approaches in opposition to preservationist approaches to the management of nature. With guest speakers drawn from CU and CSU's environmental history and environmental studies programs, seminar participants received expert instruction on topics ranging from nineteenth century landscape painters and the history of camping, to mountain pine beetles and shale gas production. The concluding field trip to Rocky Mountain National Park gives the themes of the lectures and discussions a down-to-earth grounding in a visit to one of the most popular units in the nation's public lands.

2013 Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Teachers' Seminar



Academic Engagement

The Center reaches out to CU students, offering beyond-the-classroom opportunities and a welcoming, supportive community. Students grappling with decisions about life after college may find inspiration from the extraordinary faculty and other Westerners with whom they meet and mingle, and a framework for connecting their passions with their studies to create meaningful careers that will benefit society and the environment.

Internships

The Center of the American West sponsors a variety of internships for juniors and seniors at CU-Boulder. Under the guidance of a faculty sponsor, students work for prominent non-profit organizations and governmental agencies of import in today's West.

This year, staff researcher Jason Hanson once again served as our program's faculty sponsor. A total of nine students interned at The Nature Conservancy, History Colorado Center, and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The interns shared weekly online journals with one another, and gave final presentations reflecting on what they had learned and the influence that their experiences would have upon their plans for the future.

Hoffman Scholars

The Hoffman Scholars Fund was established in 2005 to engage motivated CU undergraduates in the enterprise of reducing conflict and finding solutions to the West's problems, and connecting academic thought and inquiry to real-world dilemmas. The fund was named after University of Colorado President Elizabeth Hoffman, who adopted the phrase "a university without walls" to capture her vision for CU.

This year, the program sponsored a trip for geology student Alexander Quigley to a symposium called "Water in the West: Coping With Extremes" at Colorado State University.

Western Studies Certificate Program

Our eighteen-credit-hour program offers undergraduates of all majors a regional studies curriculum spanning the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Students take the introductory and capstone courses, and select four more courses from our list - one in humanities, one in natural sciences, one in social sciences, and one elective. In this way, students piece together a survey of the West in line with their own unique interests.

Four students completed the certificate program this Spring: environmental studies majors Alex Loomis, Mary Catherine de Marigny, and Steven Griffin; and English major John Atkins. We look forward to hearing from them and seeing them at future events when they are in the neighborhood.



Though Chris is new to the Center, he is excited about all of the educational opportunities!

Chris Cantrell

New Staff Highlight

Chris Cantrell, is a Tech II for the Center of the American West, where he manages the donor database and assists with website updates. Though born in Oklahoma, Chris moved to Colorado as a toddler and has loved growing up in this beautiful state. Taking advantage of the beautiful scenery, Chris enjoys hiking, disc golfing, photography, and even co-captains a local paintball team. While he enjoys the outdoors, he can also be found reading a good book or a new article that captures his attention. Though Chris is new to the Center, he is excited about all of the educational opportunities!



Academic Engagement (cont.)

Thirteenth Annual Thompson Awards for Western American Writing

Each year, the Center of the American West awards cash prizes to talented CU students writing on Western topics. The recognition bestowed by these awards helps to launch the careers of budding writers. The May 1st awards banquet, with author Stephen Grace as keynote speaker, was an exuberant celebration honoring the prizewinners, the judges, and donors Jeannie and Jack Thompson, whose generosity and support make this contest possible. The winning entries for this year and years past are posted at our website.

The Center stands as an intellectual landmark, beckoning students to learn from the very soil they stand upon.

Atherton Phleger

Student Highlight

The Center of the American West is responsible for my continued presence at CU. During my first semester, I felt lost; no one department had inspired me. I was skeptical about maintaining enthusiasm for what seemed increasingly like a featureless and exhausting prairie. That changed when I was introduced to the Center of the American West. The Center defines the University as El Capitan does Yosemite, or as the Flatirons define Boulder itself. It stands as an intellectual landmark beckoning students to learn from the very soil they stand upon. CAMW 2001 brought context to my newly claimed home in the West, with curriculum that ranged from distant history to contemporary issues. Together, these topics raised a rich cultural topography and a sincere representation of the modern West and the history that created it. In addition, I relished the opportunity to work so closely with Patty and the Center Staff. I have never met anyone so deeply invested in their work. (Or with such an extensive supply of leather jackets.) Patty and the CAMW 2001 teachers take a keen interest in the lives and performance of their students. I felt honored to have their attention. Organizations like this are as rare as the West itself.



On May 1, 2013 Patty leads the Old & New West

Toast at the Thompson Awards for Western

American Writing Banquet.

Grace Kempton Student Gatherings

In April 2012, the Center received \$5,000 from an anonymous donor to establish a fund in memory of Grace Kempton, who passed away in February 2012. In keeping with her warm and community-minded spirit, and love of social gatherings, the Grace Kempton fund supports cozy student gatherings featuring inspiring, noteworthy Westerners.

This year's dinners, hosted by Patty Limerick and Houston Kempton, featured Denver Post reporter Jonathan Ingold; Nobel Prize winning physicist Eric Cornell and his wife, local community leader and math teacher Celeste Landry; and Governor John Hickenlooper. The fund also provided an on-campus student lunch with visiting author Josh Garrett-Davis.

On May 1, 2013 the Thompson Awards for Western American Writing Contest winners read excerpts of their work & received their awards. Pictured from left to right: Stephen Blaskowski, Sarena Ulibarri, Adrianna Kroepsch, Sara Belford, Jessica Rachael Ortner, & Elizabeth Koebele.



As part of the Grace Kempton Student Gatherings on February 13, 2013 we welcomed Governor John Hickenlooper to dinner with the Center's Certificate Students.



Publications Update

Fall 2013 - New and Forthcoming Projects from the Center

The Nation Possessed

The Conflicting Claims on America's Public Lands and the Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Founding of the General Land Office

In September 2012, courtrooms and corridors of power gave way to spotlit stages and sunny rooms as the setting for observing two centuries of public lands management in the United States and discussing the future of the nation's public lands. Over three days in Boulder, Colorado, a diverse spectrum of leading stakeholders – many of whom are more accustomed to seeing one another in court or at hearings – engaged in a wide-ranging conversation about some of the most contentious public land management issues facing the nation today. What we heard surprised us. Push past the inflamed sound bites and starkly drawn legal positions that too often count for a discussion of the public lands, and you'll find – as we did – that the public lands are a surprisingly bipartisan place and that users of all types actually share many goals.

The Center of the American West, working in collaboration with the Public Lands Foundation, produced two complementary publications drawn from the conference. The first is an online report detailing the various elements of the event, including the panel sessions, keynote speeches, dramatic performances, a student congress, and a roundtable discussion. The second is a distillation of the key ideas and recommendations to emerge from the conference, printed as a pamphlet, to be circulated among Department of Interior officials, elected decision makers. Both publications are now available on the Center's website.

The Rock that Burns and the Laws that Bind

A Legal History of Oil Shale Claims

When a reporter for the [Grand Junction Daily Sentinel](#) contacted the Center of the American West late last year with a story about a man's claim that the federal government stole his family's oil shale claim in northwest Colorado "in the middle of the night," our effort to help launched us into an exploration of the fascinating and often confusing legal history of oil shale. Ryan Rebhan and Jason Hanson wrote up the findings in a white paper that examines the history of oil shale law, and its implications for Shale Country today. The paper is in the final production stages and will be available this fall from the Center.

Mutual Benefit

Building Vibrant Communities

In communities throughout the nation, the benefits of parks, open space, and other public lands are widely appreciated. Amid rising concerns about the personal and public costs of sedentary lifestyles and the environmental threats posed by sprawling development patterns, the creation of parks and open space can be a positive response to some of the most pressing issues of our moment. Yet, in an era of overstretched municipal budgets, it is important that communities invest wisely in these amenities if they are to reap full benefits and justify expenditures.

A team of Center researchers led by Jason Hanson, Paul Heffron, and Patty Limerick, has conducted an extensive review of studies exploring how parks, open space, and other public lands create value within communities. Our goal is to identify and spotlight tools that forward-thinking decision makers can use to increase well-being, prosperity, and economic resiliency in their communities through the smart development of parks and open space. We are currently articulating our findings in a series of literature review articles to be published in the coming year.

The West Beneath the Surface

The Westerner's Guide to Understanding Unconventional Oil and Gas Extraction

As the public outreach arm for the National Science Foundation-funded AirWaterGas Sustainability Research Network (AWG-SRN), the Center of the American West has taken up the challenge of providing a sound framework for discussion about the current oil and gas drilling "boom" in the Rocky Mountain region. The Center report will serve as the AWG-SRN research group's first foray into the world of (non-journal) print publications. It will bolster dialog between concerned Westerners and the AWG-SRN's environmental scientists and also pave the way for scientific findings yet to come over the course of this five-year project. In its pages, Patty Limerick, Adrienne Kroepsch, and others will explore the issues that trigger controversy in oil and gas development, taking special care to map the disconnects in dialog that derail serious and substantive discussion. The authors will also provide citizens with the vocabulary needed to engage in the discussion over oil and gas development and for understanding the findings of natural and social scientists. We anticipate completing the report in late fall of 2013.

Exploring the Interior

The United States Government and the American West, 1812-2012

The founding of the Department of the Interior in 1849 was a direct response to the nation's acquisition of an enormous parcel of land in the Trans-Mississippi West – the northern Mexican borderlands and the Oregon Territory that had been held in joint occupation with Britain. Having originated in a rebellion against empire, the United States very soon found itself in the ironic situation of owning and governing a vast contiguous land empire of its own, populated with Indian people, the descendants of Spanish colonists, and an ever-increasing population of migrants and settlers. Agencies like the General Land Office and the Office of Indian Affairs, located in the Department of the Interior, thus bore an uncomfortable resemblance to the agencies and structures of colonial governance worldwide. Over the years, Interior acquired a host of new agencies, all of them with particular bearing on the history of the West: the US Geological Survey, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Fish and Wildlife Service. As important as their agencies are, the history of bureaucracies can strike even engaged and historically attuned citizens as a terminally boring subject. Patty Limerick hopes that *Exploring the Interior* will invite readers to recognize and reflect on the great significance of Interior and the people, places, and creatures whose destinies are intertwined with this vast and complicated bureaucracy. In the second decade of the twenty-first century, when antigovernment sentiments swirl around the nation, Patty is thinking, writing, and speaking about how one of the largest units of the federal government can provide nearly as much adrenaline as the hang-gliding, extreme skiing, and high-risk rock climbing often performed on lands managed by the Department of the Interior.

Reports

The Nation Possessed, 2013

What Every Westerner Should Know About Oil Shale, 2009

The Power to Change the World: Energy Epicenter and the State of the Natural Gas Industry, 2009

High Energy Prices and Low-Income Americans, 2009

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Ranchland Dynamics, 2005

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Boom and Bust in the American West, 2002

Facing Fire: Lessons from the Ashes, 2001

Books

A Ditch in Time: The City, the West, and Water – Patty Limerick and Jason L. Hanson, 2012

An Entirely Synthetic Fish: How Rainbow Trout Beguiled America and Overran the World — Anders Halverson, 2010

Remedies for a New West: Healing Landscapes, Histories, and Cultures — edited by Patricia Limerick, Andrew Cowell, and Sharon K. Collinge, 2009

New Geographies of the American West: Land Use and Changing Patterns of Place — William Riebsame Travis, 2007

Seeing and Being Seen: Tourism in the American West — edited by David M. Wrobel and Patrick T. Long, foreword by Earl Pomeroy, 2001

Atlas of the New West — James J. Robb — edited by William E. Riebsame and Hanna Gosnell, 1997

Thomas Hornsby Ferril and the American West — Thomas Hornsby Ferril, Robert C. Baron, Stephen J. Leonard, and Thomas J. Noel, 1996

Arrested Rivers — Arrested Rivers — Chuck Forsman, Helen Mayer Harrison, and Newton Harrison, 1994

A Society to Match the Scenery: Personal Visions of the Future of the American West — edited by Gary Holthaus, Patricia Nelson Limerick, Charles F. Wilkinson, and Eve Stryker Munson, 1991

A Ditch in Time

The City, the West, and Water

Since its publication by Fulcrum Publishing late last summer, *A Ditch in Time* has sold more than 2000 copies (and consistently generated a waiting list at the Denver Public Library). Patty Limerick's and Jason Hanson's work has garnered numerous accolades, including a recommendation in *Newsweek/The Daily Beast* as one of eleven books not to be missed from 2012, praise from Governor Hickenlooper as "a great read," an invitation for Patty to address water professionals from across the nation at the annual American Water Works Association, and selection as a Colorado Book Award finalist.

Tracing the origins and growth of the Denver Water Department, *A Ditch in Time* places this case study in the big picture of regional and national history. The book seeks to reconnect the people who benefit from natural resources to the processes and projects that deliver the resources for their use. Written in a lively style and enriched by nearly fifty photographs, this book raises questions of consequence about the complex relationship among cities, suburbs, and rural areas, the crucial role of engineering in shaping the West, the unexpectedly entrancing workings of governmental agencies and bureaucracies, and the varying roles of contention and cooperation, litigation and negotiation in the control of the West's water. In a world that can no longer take a supply of clean and life-supporting water for granted, *A Ditch in Time* offers an opportunity to enhance the human capacity to think about the past, present, and future with a combination of optimism and realism.

Selected Praise for *A Ditch in Time*

Ironically, most narratives about water are pretty dry. Not this one! Patty Limerick is not only a brilliant thinker she is a brilliant writer. Her wit is rampant; her ability to discern her readers' desire verges on clairvoyance. Wet your lips for a great read!

- John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado

Because of Limerick's depth of knowledge, her story is more than just a local history. It is played against a background of western and even national water development and urban expansion, and deals with the changing attitude toward water use. It is an important book and a lively one. Who knew the history of Denver Water could be so engaging?

- Sandra Dallas, Denver Post

A thought-provoking look at the complex and, at times, surprising relationship between the development of western cities and water.

- ES Norman, CHOICE Magazine

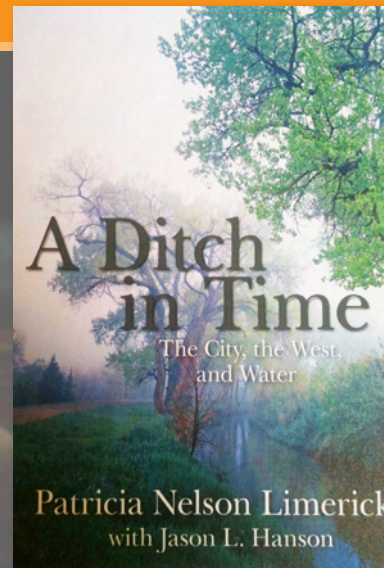
On September 5, 2012 Patty Limerick & Jason Hason read excerpts & signed
copies of *The Ditch in Time* in Old Main on the CU Boulder Campus

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Center Stage

Highlighted Events

The Center of the American West presented a range of dynamic and unique public programming over the past year. As many of you know, we started our FrackingSense speaker series, with Patty getting us out of the gate by looking at the history of communities next door to western extractive industry. Over the course of this series we welcomed a range of speakers, including members of the AirWaterGas network, to talk about “What we Know, What we Don’t Know, and What we Hope to Find Out about natural gas development”. As part of this series Patty engaged Governor Hickenlooper in a wide-ranging conversation about Natural Gas Development in Colorado. If you missed these talks, don’t worry. All of them are available as videos and podcasts on our website.

It’d be easy to assume that all we did this year was focus on natural gas. However, we hosted numerous other events. In conjunction with the Public Lands Foundation, the Center staged a multi-day conference, “The Nation Possessed: The Conflicting Claims on America’s Public Lands,” We also celebrated the release of [A Ditch in Time: The City, the West and Water](#); honored Elliott West with our 2013 Stegner Award; welcomed author Josh Garret Davis; screened the documentary [Watershed](#); and showed clips from a few upcoming documentaries, including, [TINY](#), a documentary about the Little House Movement. As always, the schedule reflected our desire to engage the Front Range community with an array of speakers and topics with the power both to educate and entertain. We thank all of our participants, our sponsors, and especially you, our audience, for a remarkable year.

The Nation Possessed: The Conflicting Claims on America’s Public Lands

September 12-14, 2012

In September 2012, the Center of the American West, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Public Lands Foundation hosted an event entitled “The Nation Possessed: The Conflicting Claims on America’s Public Lands,” which commemorated the bicentennial of the founding of the General Land Office and the 150th anniversary of the passage of the Homestead Act. The conference brought together scores of thinkers, scholars, stakeholders, and citizens (young and old), and asked them to reckon with the dramatic history of the federal government’s management of the public domain. Speakers included former BLM Director Bob Abbey, New York Times Reporter and Pulitzer Prize Winning author, Tim Egan, Utah Senator Bob Bennett, Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar, and much, much more. A report capturing the event can be found on the Center’s website at www.centerwest.org/thenationpossessed

FrackingSENSE: What We Know, What We Don’t Know, and What We Hope to Learn about Oil & Gas Development

February – May 2013

The Center of the American West, Boulder County, and the AirWaterGas Research Network produced and hosted a lecture series that began last February and ran through May. The Center brought speakers with substantial expertise on natural gas development to provide a measured, honest exploration of the controversial topic of hydraulic fracturing. Each presenter acknowledged areas of uncertainty, while emphasizing open questions that require careful deliberation. Participants in this year’s

FrackingSENSE series included: Patty Limerick, Susan Tierney, Reagan Waskom, Charles Davis, Kirby Wynn, Joe Ryan, Jana Milford, Gaby Petron, Nick Flores, Dan Grossman, & Bernie Goldstein. Next fall, we will continue to host honest, civil, and respectful discussions of this crucially important topic. Podcasts and videos of the series can be found on the Center’s website at www.centerwest.org/events/past-events. We also invite you to visit the AirWaterGas Research Network’s website at www.airwatergas.org

FrackingSENSE with John Hickenlooper

May 2, 2013

The Center of the American West, in partnership with Boulder County and the AirWaterGas Research Network brought a special guest, Governor John Hickenlooper as a part of our FrackingSENSE series.

A geologist by training, Governor Hickenlooper and Patty engaged in a free-ranging conversation about natural gas development, including a few questions from the audience. We expect the Governor back next fall to participate once again in the FrackingSENSE series.

Filmscreening of *Watershed*: *Exploring a New Water Ethic for the New West*

December 5, 2012

The Center of the American West hosted a special screening of *Watershed*, featuring executive producer and narrator Robert Redford. *Watershed*, produced by Robert Redford’s son James Redford, tells the story of the threats to the Colorado River and offers solutions for the future of the

(Continue reading on page 20)

Turning Hindsight Into Foresight™

On May 2, 2013 Governor John Hickenlooper discusses Natural Gas
Development in Colorado as part of the FrackingSense Series.



Center Stage (cont.)

American West. After the screening participants had the opportunity to join Producer James Redford, award-winning Filmmaker and Director Mark Decena, Faculty Director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West Patty Limerick, Justice Gregory Hobbs of the Colorado Supreme Court, Jim Lochhead, CEO and Manager of Denver Water, and Bart Miller, Water Program Director of Western Resource Advocates in a discussion about Watershed and the Colorado River.

Filmscreening of *TINY: a story about living small*

March 21, 2013

The makers of the film *TINY: a story about living small*, Merete Mueller and Christopher Smith, discussed the small house movement, good design, the nature of home, and the changing American Dream. The evening featured the documentary *TINY*, a film about home, and how we find it. The film follows one couple's attempt to build a "tiny house" from scratch, and profiles other families who have downsized their lives into homes smaller than the average parking space. The film addresses the question: Can living small go big?

Wallace Stegner Award Recipient, Elliott West

April 25, 2013

Each year, the Center of the American West presents the Wallace Stegner Award to an individual who has faithfully and evocatively depicted the spirit of the American West. Elliott West, who received his doctorate from the University of Colorado, is author of six books, most recently *The Essential West: Collected Essays*. His book, *The Last Indian War: The Nez Perce Story* is one of three of his books to receive the Western Heritage Award and one of two to win the Western History Association's Caughey Prize. His book, *The Contested Plains*, received six national awards, including the PEN-West Award as the year's best non-fiction book, and the Francis Parkman Prize as the outstanding book in American history. It is considered a classic in the field. Elliott joined Patty in conversation about his career and the commitment that drives him to write history.

On April 25, 2013 Parry Limerick presented Elliott West with the 2013 Wallace Stegner Award.

On March 21, 2013 Merete Muller and Christopher Smith discuss the journey

of building a "tiny house" from scratch and the making of their documentary

TINY: A Story About Living Small





On December 5, 2012 After the screening of *Watershed*,
Producer James Redford and Colorado Supreme Court Justice
Gregory Hobbs join audience members for a discussion about
the movie and the Colorado River.

Financial Information

Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Statement of Income and Expense For the period ending June 30, 2013

(With Comparative Totals for 2011 and 2012)

	Jun-13	Jun-12	Jun-11	2013 Details			
				State Funded	Other Revenue	Grants	Gifts
Beginning Balance <small>(if applicable)</small>	314,438.73	225,614.73	191,387.05	(31,398.00)	39,134.30	53,109.47	253,592.96
Income <small>(Incl. Cash, Budget, Revenue)</small>	905,984.01	704,899.19	571,515.52	260,618.00	41,710.65	281,822.00	321,833.36
Salary Expense Total	566,726.43	480,387.17	414,487.69	229,667.55	7,285.23	93,199.16	236,574.49
Faculty				55,514.93	-	17,340.72	170,563.72
Officer/Exempt				46,511.88	-	9,883.74	1,744.20
Classified Staff				106,269.35	5,811.59	26,692.67	7,959.60
Students (Incl. Student Faculty)				18,531.14	-	16,373.96	-
Benefits				2,840.25	1,473.64	22,908.07	51,862.53
Operating Costs Total	223,135.98	135,688.76	119,050.42	13,037.99	50,610.92	82,135.98	77,351.09
Operating Expenses				13,037.99	42,504.18	82,092.12	65,133.76
Travel				-	5,288.94	43.86	5,777.33
Equipment				-	-	-	-
Indirect Costs				-	3,051.38	38,066.31	-
Other (Transfers)				-	(233.58)	-	3,340.00
Available Balance as of June 30, 2010	430,560.33	314,437.99	229,364.46	(13,485.54)	22,948.80	159,596.33	261,500.74
CUF Spendable Balance	310,788.67	154,242.60	167,936.09				310,788.67
Total Available Balance	741,349.00	468,680.59	397,300.55				

Statement of Assets

For the period ending June 30, 2013

	Fiscal Year 2013		Fiscal Year 2012		Fiscal Year 2011	
	Asset Amount	Actual Expenses as spent from asset categories	Asset Amount	Actual Expenses as spent from asset categories	Asset Amount	Actual Expenses as spent from asset categories
Beginning Balance	314,438.73		225,614.73		191,387.05	
Asset Type <small>(received during the fiscal year)</small>						
State Appropriations	260,618.00	242,705.54	275,814.00	303,922.84	290,650.00	288,144.27
Grant or Contract Activities	281,822.00	175,335.14	103,225.00	55,876.12	15,974.11	15,910.38
Gifts and Donations	321,833.36	313,925.58	263,403.83	226,176.03	224,133.85	182,186.74
Endowment Earnings (Spendable)	310,788.67		154,242.60	-	167,936.09	
Royalty Income	1,571.33	1.68	245.35	293.85	34.23	27.80
Other Income (Ancillary)	40,139.32	57,894.47	62,211.01	29,807.19	40,723.33	47,268.92
Total Assets	1,531,211.41	789,862.41	1,084,756.52	616,076.03	930,838.66	533,538.11
Net Assets <small>(as of June 30, 2013)</small>		741,349.00		468,680.49		397,300.55

Endowment Holdings

For the period ending June 30, 2013

Endowment Name	2013	2012	2011
Wren and Timothy Wirth	138,189.68	131,341.33	140,833.36
Thompson Awards	266,957.77	253,728.05	240,957.90
Endowed Chair	2,364,831.03	2,226,574.21	2,332,608.50
Hoffman Scholars	103,435.32	98,309.36	104,317.15
Olson Stegner Award	115,311.47	109,596.93	90,227.43
Balance <small>(as of June 30, 2013)</small>	2,988,725.27	2,819,549.88	2,908,944.34

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Jane and I have particularly enjoyed the Center of the American West forays into many beautiful and fascinating areas of the West.

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Donor Highlight

The Center of the American West provides forums for important Western issues. It has been a privilege for Jane and I to contribute to, and learn from these events. We enjoy working with Patty, Kurt, and the entire Center of the American West staff. The opportunities to interact with the students are most pleasurable. Being on the Board of the Center of the American West has provided me an opportunity to have a working relationship with a wide range of intellectually stimulating, interesting, and enjoyable people. Jane and I have particularly enjoyed the Center of the American West forays into many beautiful and fascinating areas of the West. We fondly remember our trip to the inner sanctums of the Mormon Church in Salt Lake, the bulging warehouse of potatoes in the San Luis Valley, and most recently having lunch in the "man camp" in Williston, North Dakota. We've learned from and thoroughly enjoyed our speakers, authors, and fellow travelers on our trips. We look forward to more fun, laughs, and learning in the future.

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Through the Center I had the opportunity to meet so many interesting and intelligent people and I will cherish the time I spent with all of them.

Ryan Rebhan

Undergraduate Student Highlight

The Center will always hold a special place in my heart. When I first came to CU, I had never left my hometown for an extended period of time, and I wasn't sure how I would fit into Boulder. I really enjoyed school, especially my history courses, but I was looking for something more to do than just classes and homework. I discovered the Center during the summer before my Junior year, and I could not have possibly found a better job with a better group of people.

The people at the Center taught me so much—from bettering my reading and writing skills, to knowledge of general Western history, to plenty about good food, good beer, and a little about yoga, too. Through the Center I had the opportunity to meet so many interesting and intelligent people, and I will cherish the time I spent with all of them. I'll take everything I learned at the Center, especially how to approach serious subjects with a sense of humor, to wherever I may go in life.



Sarah is drafting a report on outdoor recreation in the West—intended as the newest report in the Center’s series “What Every Westerner Should Know.”

Sarah Thomas

Visiting Scholar Highlight

Sarah Thomas joined the Center as the Visiting Fellow in November 2012 and is delighted to be working with Patty Limerick and the Center’s staff. As a Fellow, Sarah is drafting a report on outdoor recreation in the West—intended as the newest report in the Center’s series “What Every Westerner Should Know.” The report serves as a trail guide to help Westerners better understand the complicated role that outdoor recreation plays in the West, including its economic and health benefits, as well as its sometimes negative impacts on ecosystems and communities. She is also co-writing an article with Jason Hanson on outdoor recreation impacts and will present the findings at a planning conference in November 2013.

Prior to joining the Center, Sarah worked for an environmental consulting firm in the San Francisco Bay Area. She also served as lecturer at the University of California, Berkeley, where she taught an upper-division course in environmental studies. Sarah holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University, where she graduated magna cum laude.

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I have been given an opportunity to “get in the game” that will enrich my graduate education

Adrienne Kroepsch

Graduate Student Highlight

To truly address environmental questions, we must throw every relevant academic discipline at them, and that’s exactly what we’re doing on the National Science Foundation’s Air Water Gas Sustainability Research Network team. To measure the social, economic, and climate benefits of natural gas development – as well as the local environmental costs of energy extraction – we are feverishly and relentlessly pitching an assortment of environmental sciences, social sciences, and humanities at the gaps in our understanding. This catapulting of disciplines sometimes leaves one’s arm (or brain) quite tired – particularly if one is a graduate student, as I am, and therefore a beginner at the sport. Lucky for me, I have great instructors of disciplinary synthesis and hefting in Coaches Limerick and Gutjahr, who have been sending me into daily matches of interdisciplinary outreach and coordination. If the doctoral program in Environmental Studies is my practice field, then the Air Water Gas Sustainability Research Network is the real tournament play, and I have been given an opportunity to “get in the game” that will enrich my graduate education in more ways than can be tallied.

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In creating this class, our ambition was to help our students learn more about the West as a region.

Sam Bock

Graduate Student Highlight

I’ve heard it said that those who like sausages shouldn’t see how they are made. If CAMW 2001 were a sausage, though, I can confidently say that I would roll up my sleeves and jump in to help Patty, Sarah, and Adrienne with the preparations without dulling my enthusiasm for the “sausage” at all. I could point to a variety of reasons for my ongoing zeal, but the truth is that my experience in the course (both as a student and as a T.A.) has made me a more conscientious teacher and a much better historian. The class’s focus on applied history – which is an outgrowth of the Center’s motto, “turning hindsight into foresight” – has taught me to connect the dots between our heritage and the ongoing questions and opportunities the region presents to those who call the West their home. In creating this class, our ambition was to help our students learn more about the West as a region, while sparking interest in and engagement with critical western issues. While I think we were very successful in this endeavor, I can’t help also thinking that I came away from the class with as much inspiration and with as many new skills as any of our students.

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Chris Whitney is the Colorado Brand Commissioner, a position that he assumed in 2011. He leads the Brand Inspection Division of the Colorado Department of Agriculture. The Division's purpose is to protect the livestock industry from loss by theft or straying, provide accurate tracking of livestock movements for use in disease traceability, facilitate commerce, and help keep Colorado's three billion dollar livestock industry healthy and viable. Before becoming Brand Commissioner, Whitney practiced law in Washington, D.C. and Colorado Springs and served as a senior executive, administrative officer and General Counsel to several public companies, including Harrah's and Resorts International, Inc. An experienced negotiator and Russian linguist, he was a Presidential Translator on the Washington-Moscow "Hot Line" and has conducted commercial negotiations in Russia and the former Soviet Union. He received his law degree from Georgetown University in 1975 having previously received Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the University of Colorado. Whitney served in the United States Air Force from 1968-1973 and was decorated for service in Vietnam and as a Presidential Translator.

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He is an elected fellow of
the American Association
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Todd Gleeson

New Board Member Highlight

Todd Gleeson earned his Ph.D. at the University of California, Irvine and has been a member of the Boulder faculty since 1981. He is a professor in the Department of Integrative Physiology, where he has trained students and published in the area of muscle fatigue and animal metabolism. He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). On the Boulder campus he served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Faculty Affairs from 1997-2001, and as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2001-2012. He currently directs the Buffalo Bicycle Classic, and is faculty director of the Health Professional Residential Academic Program.



Appointments by Colorado Governor Bill Owens, Governor Bill Ritter, Governor John Hickenlooper & President George W. Bush...

Ann Pritzlaff

New Board Member Highlight

Ann A. Pritzlaff serves as a Preservation and Policy Consultant working on historic preservation, public lands, heritage education and tourism outreach and policy. Particular areas of expertise include heritage tourism, working with elected officials and advocacy, and coordinating educational events. Ms. Pritzlaff produced and coordinated the Saving Places Conference, an event widely recognized as the leading statewide historic preservation conference in the country. For over thirty-five years, Ms. Pritzlaff has been a leader in the field of historic preservation. With an M.S. in Historic Preservation, her career highlights include serving as State Historic Preservation Officer in Arizona, and appointments by Colorado Governor Bill Owens, Governor Bill Ritter and Governor John Hickenlooper to the State Historic Preservation Review Board and President George W. Bush to serve as an "Historic Preservation Expert" for two 4-year terms on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, where she also served as chair of the Preservation Initiatives Committee and on the Executive Committee. Ms. Pritzlaff has also published numerous articles in preservation publications and is a frequent presenter.

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Pam has served on numerous non-profit boards with a strong personal interest in education programs and strategic planning.

Pamela Beardsley

New Board Member Highlight

Pam Beardsley joined the Center of the American West Board of Directors following the death of her husband, George, board member since 2008.

Pam has served on numerous non-profit boards with a strong personal interest in education programs and strategic planning. The Center's commitment to the close study of issues of statewide concern, its ability to attract a wide range of diverse talent to speak, teach, and publish, and the extraordinary presence of Patty Limerick pulling it all together are all reasons why Pam is looking forward to being on the Board.

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Happy served 13 years on the Denver City Council from 1990 – 2003 and was President from 1998 - 2000.

Allegra "Happy" Haynes

New Board Member Highlight

Allegra "Happy" Haynes was elected in November of 2011 to the Denver Public Schools Board of Education and served as Vice President of the Board. She is currently the Director of Civic and Community Engagement at CRL Associates, Inc., a public affairs consulting firm. Happy is a Denver native and her nickname is derived from the Spanish translation of her first name, Allegra. She received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Barnard College at Columbia University and a Masters Degree in Public Policy from the University of Colorado at Denver. Happy served 13 years on the Denver City Council from 1990 – 2003 and was President from 1998 - 2000. She currently chairs the Colorado Advisory Board of the Trust for Public Land, is a member of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and serves on the boards of the Stapleton Development Corporation and Foundation, KUVU/Rocky Mountain PBS and City Park Jazz. Ms. Haynes was a founding board member of Mile High Youth Corps, Colorado Black Women for Political Action and the Foundation for Education Excellence. She is an avid jazz fan and enjoys gardening, science fiction, basketball, golf and outdoor sports.

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One of his current projects is Parks as Portals to Learning, a research and learning model based on environmental history.

Mark Fiege

New Faculty Affiliate Highlight

Mark Fiege is a professor of history at Colorado State University and a founding member of CSU's Public Lands History Center. He is the author of *Irrigated Eden: The Making of an Agricultural Landscape in the American West* (1999) and *The Republic of Nature: An Environmental History of the United States* (2012). His article "The Weedy West," which appeared in the *Western Historical Quarterly* in 2005, received the Theodore Blegen Award from the Forest History Society. One of his current projects is Parks as Portals to Learning, a research and learning model based on environmental history that brings together faculty, students, and resource managers at Rocky Mountain National Park. Patty Limerick and the Center of the American West have advised and helped Mark and his colleagues in the Public Lands History Center, and Mark has participated in Center of the American West events and spoken to Patty's summer seminar for teachers.

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Melissa Hart

New Faculty Affiliate Highlight

Melissa Hart devotes her teaching and scholarship to legal ethics, employment discrimination, civil procedure and constitutional law. She has been teaching at the University of Colorado Law School since 2000 and has been the Director of the Byron R. White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law since 2010. A 1995 graduate of Harvard Law School, Professor Hart clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the Second Circuit and for Justice John Paul Stevens on the United States Supreme Court. Professor Hart practiced law for several years in Washington, D.C., including as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. She remains active in the legal community, serving on the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession, the Colorado Access to Justice Commission, and the Colorado Supreme Court's Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee and Board of Continuing Judicial and Legal Education. She has authored several amicus briefs in employment discrimination cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and in other matters before several courts of appeals.



His love for the western United States has grown through the years because of his participation in the “Words to Stir the Soul” evenings...

Alphonse Keady

New Faculty Affiliate Highlight

Alphonse Keady became a Center of the American West devotee after performing in Patty Limerick’s delightful playlet “The Urban-Rural Divorce.” Though he co-taught writing with Professor Limerick in the Minority Arts and Sciences Program, an academic program that he directed for 13 years, he truly learned the meaning of living in the western United States through performing the playlet and participating in the discussions following the performance. His love for the western United States has grown through the years because of his participation in the “Words to Stir the Soul” evenings, and later as he served on the Center of the American West’s (CAW) Thompson Writing Award Competition selection committees. Though his responsibilities as a University of Colorado Boulder Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity occupy most of his daily activities, he routinely supports CAW in his classroom activities or whenever a CAW student requests an interview with him. He greatly appreciates the tremendous cultural diversity that is present in the western United States and treasures moments of exploring contemporary western America.

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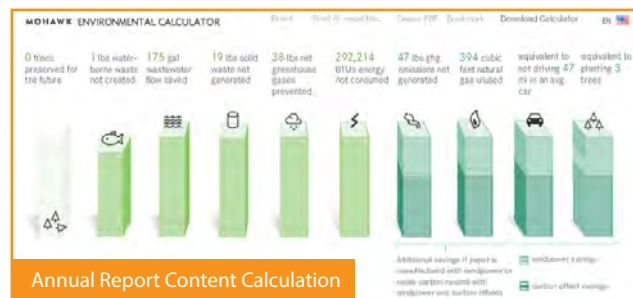
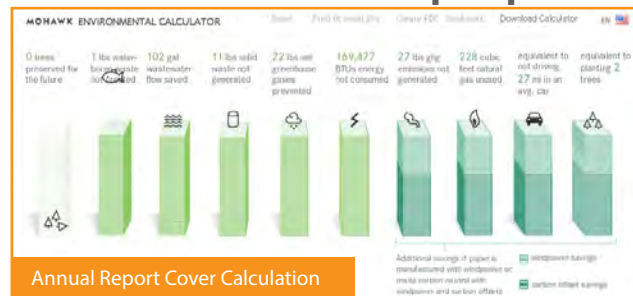
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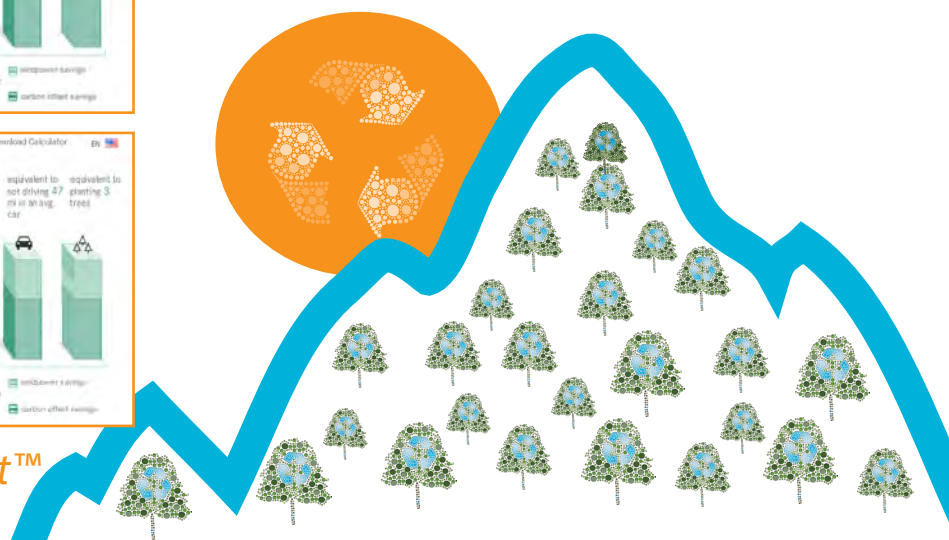
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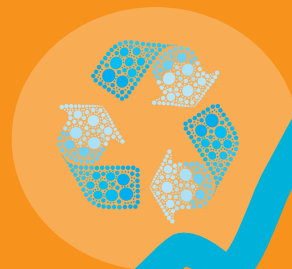
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