

The Colorado College State of the Rockies Project

2009 Summer Research Team

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Russell Clarke is a student researcher for the 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. A native of West Simsbury, Connecticut, Russell will graduate in the spring with an economics major and environmental studies minor. Russell's interest for the environment stems from his love of outdoor activities, his favorites being skiing and hiking. He is specifically interested in energy issues and solutions, and hopes to stay in the Rocky Mountains after graduating.



Patrick Creeden is a student researcher for the 2009/10 State of The Rockies Project. From Colorado Springs, Colorado, Patrick's interest in environmental issues was cultivated during a summer he spent working on a cattle ranch in southeastern Colorado. He will graduate in 2010 with a degree in Anthropology, and is interested in cattle ranching as it pertains to the development of the Rocky Mountain West. After college he hopes to work as an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School. He enjoys sports, hiking, and coaches a high school basketball team in Colorado Springs.



Elizabeth Kolbe is the 2009/10 program coordinator for the State of the Rockies Project. This is her third year with the Rockies Project, and second year as program coordinator. When working as a student researcher for the 2007/08 State of the Rockies Project, she wrote a report on Renewable Energy in the Rockies. In May, 2008, she graduated cum laude from Colorado College with a B.A. degree in Environmental Science. Her senior thesis focused on the environmental, political, and economic climate and energy efficiency of ethanol production in Iowa, her home state. Liz is also a volunteer assistant coach for the Colorado College women's basketball team.



Emil Dimantchev is a student researcher for the 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. He is from Bulgaria and is graduating in 2011 with a major in mathematical economics and a minor in environmental issues. Emil spent his last spring break in Copenhagen at a conference on carbon markets and he is deeply interested in environmental economics. When he is not solving mathematical problems or pondering on the meaning of life he likes to mountaineer, bike, swim, climb or explore new places.



Walter E. Hecox is professor of economics and environmental science, director of the Slade Sustainable Development Workshop, and project director for the State of the Rockies Project at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Walt received his B.A. degree from Colorado College in 1964 and an M.A. (1967) and Ph.D. (1970) from Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. He teaches courses in ecological economics and sustainable development. He has conducted research and taken leave to work for the World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Energy, and Colorado Department of Natural Resources. He is author of *Charting the Colorado Plateau: an Economic and Demographic Exploration* (The Grand Canyon Trust, 1996), co-author of *Beyond the Boundaries: the Human and Natural Communities of the Greater Grand Canyon* (Grand Canyon Trust, 1997), and co-editor of the Colorado College *State of the Rockies Report Cards*.



Jayash Paudel is a student researcher for 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. A native of Kathmandu, Nepal, Jayash is a junior mathematical economics major, interested in pursuing graduate work in economics next year. After spending last summer doing a finance internship in Denver, Jayash is excited to explore the Rockies region and enhance his research skills. Extra-curricular interests include writing, racquetball, and hiking.



Matthew K. Reuer serves as the technical liaison for the State of the Rockies Project, overseeing tasks including data assimilation, GIS analysis, and logistics management; in addition he co-edited the 2007, 2008, and 2009 *Report Cards*. He received his doctorate degree from MIT in 2002 and was a Harry Hess postdoctoral research fellow at Princeton University from 2002 to 2004, focusing on global carbon cycle research. Matt's scientific interests in this region include the environmental chemistry of western rivers and watersheds and global change impacts on alpine biogeochemical cycles. He is also highly interested in western development issues and the creation of innovative energy policies in the Rocky Mountain West.



Kay Sherwood is a student summer researcher for the 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. From Ipswich, Massachusetts, she will graduate in 2010 with a major in Environmental Policy. Growing up she spent a lot of time on the ocean, and decided that coming out west for college would be a nice change. In high school she went to The Island School in the Bahamas for a semester, where she studied Environmental Science and Bahamian culture while living completely off the grid, which sparked her interest in sustainable development. She also spent her first semester of college sailing from San Diego, CA to Mexico while conducting oceanographic research with Sea Education Association. She enjoys bicycle racing in her spare time.



Zoë Wick is a student researcher for the 2009/10 State of the Rockies Project. From Seattle, Washington, she will graduate in May 2010 with a degree in sociology. While at Colorado College Zoe has enjoyed beginning to learn about agriculture, and is also interested in the ways that urban planning and consumer habits affect community life and the environment. Her extracurricular interests include running, singing, and learning guitar.