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# STATE OF THE ROCKIES PROJECT

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State of the Rockies Conference Workshop:

## Affordable Housing in Colorado Springs

Monday, April 7th

4:30-6:30

Gaylord Hall, Worner Campus Center

Colorado College Campus

Recent collapses in the U.S. housing market, triggered by subprime mortgage lending has not only had an effect on the availability of credit and the Dow's financial success, millions of low-income families are being forced out their homes. When households spend over 30% of their income on housing costs, they are far less likely to invest in healthcare, education and save for the future. Communities in the Rockies crumble as policemen, teachers, bank clerks, street cleaners, cappuccino makers – the working class – are pushed out, unable to afford housing in their own communities. The goal of this workshop is to discuss the housing needs of Colorado Spring's low-income families. During the workshop, CC students and Colorado Springs citizens will tour several Colorado Springs affordable housing developments and discuss affordability along the front range, and learn about potential internship, volunteer, and employment opportunities assititng low-income families in Colorado Springs. All members of the Colorado Springs community and surrounding areas are encouraged to participate!

Participants will include representatives from The City of Colorado Springs: Office of Housing & Community Development, Habitat for Humanity, and Partners in Housing

Food will be provided

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*The Colorado College State of the Rockies Project is a student-faculty collaborative research initiative that examines issues pertinent to the eight-state Rocky Mountain West. This workshop is an extension of the research conducted by Wiley Rogers, class of '08. His report can be found in the 2008 State of the Rockies Report Card.*