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SCOLORADO COLLEGE STATE OF THE ROCKIES CONFERENCE



MONDAY AND TUESDAY MAY 3-4, 2004



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MONDAY MAY 3, 2004:

7:30-9:00 PM - Gates Common Room (on the top floor of Palmer Hall)

Welcome to the Conference - President Richard Celeste

Introduction of Speakers - Prof. Walt Hecox

Charles Wilkinson, Moses Laskey Professor of Law, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

“Endurance and Sovereignty Among The Indian Nations of the Rocky Mountain West”

Ed and Betsy Marston, former editors of High Country News, Paonia, CO

“Home and Hope in the Rockies: 20 Years of Observation”

TUESDAY MAY 4, 2004:

1:30-4:45 PM - Gaylord Hall (in Worner Campus Center)

1:30-2:15 - Prof. Walt Hecox and F. Patrick Holmes

“Unveiling of the 2004 State of the Rockies Report Card”

2:15-3:00 - Jill S. Baron, Ph.D., Research Ecologist, Natural Resource Ecology Lab,
US Geological Survey, Fort Collins, CO

“Rocky Mountain Futures - An Ecological Perspective”

3:15-4:00 - Prof. Thomas Sisk, Center for Environmental Sciences and Education,
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

“Developing a Public Science That Can Weather the Politics of Resource Management in the Rockies”

4:00-4:45 - Panel- **On the Front Lines: Community Organizations Confronting Change**
George Sibley, Director, Headwaters Conference, Western State College,
Gunnison, CO

Ellen Stein, Executive Director, Mountain Studies Institute, San Juan Mountains,
Silverton, CO

7:30- Keynote Speaker - Shove Chapel

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“The Angry West, Revisited” -

**Reflections on 20 years of change in the West since Gov. Lamm’s 1982 book:
The Angry West: A Vulnerable Land and Its Future**

Respondents:

Jill Baron

Betsy Marston

Ed Marston

Charles Wilkinson

C O N F E R E N C E S P E A K E R S

Dr. Jill S. Baron



Dr. Jill S. Baron is an ecosystem ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and a Senior Research Ecologist with the Natural Resource Ecology Laboratory at Colorado State University. Her recent interests lie in applying ecosystem concepts to management of mountain environments, freshwater ecosystems, and human-dominated regions such as the Colorado Front Range. Baron has edited two books: *Rocky Mountain Futures: an ecological perspective* (Island Press 2002), which addresses the past present, and possible future human influences on ecosystems of the Rocky Mountains, and *Biogeochemistry of a Subalpine Ecosystem* (Springer-Verlag 1992) which summarized the first 10 years of research to the Loch Vale Watershed in Rocky Mountain National Park. Dr. Baron received her Ph.D. from Colorado State University in 1991, and has undergraduate and master's degrees from Cornell University and the University of Wisconsin. She has received a number of achievement awards for her work from the National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and USDA Forest Service, including the Department of Interior Meritorious Service Award in 2002. She is a member of the Governing Board of the Ecological Society of America, serves on several western Science Advisory Boards, has given testimony to Congress on western acid rain, and is an associate editor for *Ecological Applications*.

Prof. Walter E. Hecox



Walt Hecox is currently David Packard Professor of Economics and head of the Rockies Project and Sustainable Development Workshop, Economics Department, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. He has conducted research and taken leave to work for the U.S. Dept. of Energy and Colorado Dept. of Natural Resources, and is author of *Charting the Colorado Plateau* (Grand Canyon Trust, 1996) and co-author of *Beyond the Boundaries: The Human and Natural Communities of the Greater Grand Canyon* (Grand Canyon Trust, 1997).

F. Patrick Holmes



Patrick Holmes is Program Coordinator of the Rockies Project at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. He was research assistant at the Sonoran Institute in Montana Summer 2003 and involved with the Colorado College Sustainable Development Workshop. Holmes is co-author of the article "Smart Growth: What Measures Can Local Governments Use?" and "Does Wilderness Impoverish Rural Regions?: Research on Economic Conditions in Rural Counties In the American West Containing Designated Wilderness" to be included in the *International Journal of Wilderness*, August 2004.

Betsy Marston

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rently the editor of *Writers on the Range*, a High Country News syndicate that sends three op-eds a week to approximately 60 subscribing newspapers across the West. From 1975 to 1980 she was editor of a community weekly newspaper in Paonia, Colo., which she co-founded with her husband, Ed Marston, and editor of the bi-weekly *Western Colorado Report* from 1982-1983. In New York City she worked as a documentary film producer and on-air host of a nightly news show for public television (channel 13). In 1974, she won a New York-area Emmy Award for her documentary, "A Tribute to Paul Robeson." Her master's degree in journalism is from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. In 1993, the alumni association awarded her its award for distinguished achievement. For the last year she has been the host of the half-hour *Radio High Country News*, which is heard on 11 public radio stations in western Colorado, southern Wyoming and parts of Utah. Betsy is vice president of the Delta County School Board, she is active in the Partners program, which matches up adults as mentors to high-risk kids, and is a Democratic Party precinct committee chair.



Ed Marston

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mile interior West. He and his wife Betsy founded his town's weekly, *North Fork Times*, in 1975 and ran it for six years. They also founded a regional newspaper, *Western Colorado Report*. He is currently a free-lance writer and a re-developer of his town's two-block downtown. In his 30-year journalism career, he wrote extensively about ranching, forestry, water, wilderness, mining and life in small rural communities. He served from 1983-2002 on the board of his local rural electric co-op, Delta-Montrose Electric Association, including two years as board president. He earned his Ph.D. in experimental physics in 1968 from SUNY Stony Brook, and has written or edited several books, including *The Dynamic Environment* (Wiley, 1975), *Western Water Made Simple* (Island Press, 1987), and *Ranching West of the 100th Meridian* (Island Press, 2002). His 35,000-word memoir appears in *Colorado: 1870-2000*, by photographers W.H. Jackson and John Fielder (Westcliffe Press, 2000).

George Sibley



George Sibley is a writer and teacher living in the Upper Gunnison River valley; since 1988 he has taught journalism and regional studies at Western State College, and he coordinates special projects for the college, including the college's annual fall Headwaters Conference, the summer Water Workshop, and the spring Environmental Symposium. He spent most of his early years in Western Pennsylvania, but returned to Colorado after graduating from the University of Pittsburgh. As a writer, he has had one book published nationally, *Part of a Winter*, an account of life in the Upper Gunnison valley, and has also written or co-written local histories of Crested Butte and Crawford, Colorado. His essays and articles have appeared in *Harper's Magazine*, *Technology Illustrated*, *The High Country News*, *New Age Journal*, *Mountain Gazette*, *Colorado Central*, and a number of other local and regional publications.

Prof. Thomas D. Sisk



Tom Sisk is an ecologist with the Center for Environmental Sciences and Education at Northern Arizona University. He is a native of New Mexico and has spent most of his life in the Four Corners region. He directed an international program in tropical conservation biology for the Center for Conservation Biology at Stanford University, where he received his Ph.D. in 1992. Before joining the NAU faculty in 1996, Tom served as the Special Assistant to the Director of the National Biological Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. Currently, he teaches courses in ecology, conservation biology, and environmental policy, and oversees a research group studying the effects of habitat fragmentation, livestock grazing, and long-term changes in land use and land cover. In 2001 he was named a fellow of the Aldo Leopold Leadership Program of the Ecological Society of America.

Ellen R. Stein



In June 2002, Ellen became the first Executive Director of the Mountain Studies Institute (MSI), a mountain research and education institution based in Silverton, Colorado. Ellen came to MSI from Steamboat Springs where she served as the first Executive Director of the Community Agriculture Alliance. Her recent work experience also includes serving as a Land Stewardship and Fundraising Consultant to the Western Governors' Association; and as a Program Associate with the Ford Foundation's Community and Resource Development unit of the Asset-Building and Community Development program. Since 1988, Ellen has held a variety of positions with the Office of U.S. Senator John Kerry, Quebec Labrador Foundation/Atlantic Center for the Environment, Anti-Defamation League, Green Corps, Union of Concerned Scientists, The Telluride Institute, and the United States Peace Corps where she served as an Agriculture Extension Agent/Rural Development Volunteer from 1988-90 in Mali, West Africa. In 1996, she received an M.A. in Public Policy, with an Environmental and Natural Resources Policy concentration, from Tufts University; and in 1987, a B.A. from The Colorado College in Studio Art. She currently lives along the Animas River in Silverton, Colorado.

Charles Wilkinson



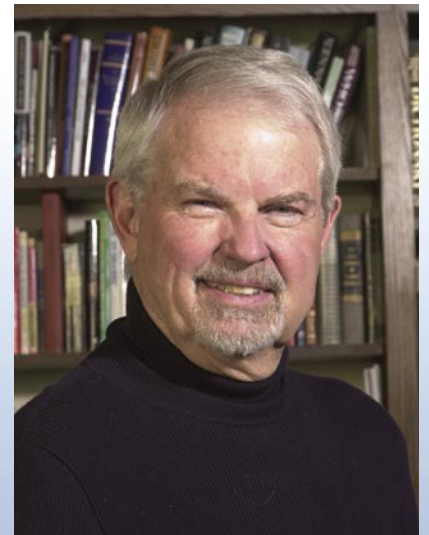
Charles Wilkinson is the Moses Lasky Professor of Law at the University of Colorado. The University has named him Distinguished University Professor, one of twenty on the CU-Boulder campus. He received the 2002 Hazel Barnes Prize, the University's highest award for teaching and research. Wilkinson has written broadly on law, history, and society in the American West. His twelve books include the standard law texts on federal public land law and Indian law. Over the past decade, Wilkinson has moved beyond legal scholarship to a general audience in books such as *The Eagle Bird* (1992), *Crossing the Next Meridian* (1992), and *Fire on the Plateau* (1999). The *New York Times* praised *The Eagle Bird* as a book of "elegant essays. A vigorous study of [how] the development of the West has both disrupted many delicate environments and profoundly reshaped the societies that emerged on the frontier." Of *Crossing the Next Meridian*, the *Christian Science Monitor* wrote "He is an extraordinary writer, able to tell the human stories that make up both history and law." His most recent book, *Messages From Frank's Landing: A Story of Salmon, Treaties, and the Indian Way*, a profile of Billy Frank, Jr. of the Nisqually Tribe of Washington, received the 2000 Colorado Book Award. The National Wildlife Federation presented him with its National Conservation Award. In its 10-year anniversary issue, *Outside Magazine* named him one of 15 "People to Watch," calling him "the West's leading authority on natural resources law." He has served on the boards of The Wilderness Society, Northern Lights Institute, and the Western Environmental Law Center, and is currently Board Chair of the Grand Canyon Trust.

Keynote Speaker: Richard D. Lamm

Richard D. Lamm is Co-Director of the Institute for Public Policy Studies at the University of Denver, and the former three-term Governor of Colorado. (1975-1987) He is both a lawyer (Berkeley, 1961) and a Certified Public Accountant. He joined the faculty of the University of Denver in 1969 and has, except for his years as Governor, been associated with the University ever since.

Lamm was selected as one of *Time Magazine's* "200 Young Leaders of America" in 1974, and won the *Christian Science Monitor* "Peace 2020" essay in 1985. In 1992, he was honored by the *Denver Post* and *Historic Denver, Inc.* as one of the "Colorado 100" - people who made significant contributions to Colorado and made lasting impressions on the state's history. He was Chairman of the Pew Health Professions Commission and a public member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

Lamm has appeared on virtually every national news program, including *Buchanan & Press* (MSNBC), *Larry King Live* and *Inside Politics* (CNN), *Today* (NBC), *Meet the Press* (NBC), ABC's *Good Morning America*, *Lehrer NewsHour* (PBS), and CBS's *Face the Nation*. His editorials have appeared in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *New York Times*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Newsday*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Chicago Tribune*, as well as in a number of academic and medical journals. While Governor, Lamm wrote or co-authored six books: *A California Conspiracy*, with Arnold Grossman (St. Martin's Press, 1988); *Megatraumas: America in the Year 2000* (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1985), *The Immigration Time Bomb: The Fragmenting of America*, with Gary Imhoff (Dutton and Company, 1985), 1988, with Arnie Grossman (St. Martin's Press, 1985), *Pioneers & Politicians*, with Duane A. Smith (Pruett Publishing Company, 1984) and *The Angry West*, with Michael McCarthy (Houghton Mifflin Company, 1982).



Lamm has always been in the forefront of political change. As a first year legislator, he drafted and succeeded in passing the nation's first liberalized abortion law. He was an early leader of the environmental movement, and was President of the First National Conference on Population and The Environment. Reacting to the high cost of campaigning, he walked the state in his campaign for Governor of Colorado. Lamm was elected to three terms as Colorado's top elected official, and in serving as Governor from January 1975 and retiring in January 1987, he was the longest-serving Governor in Colorado's history to that date.

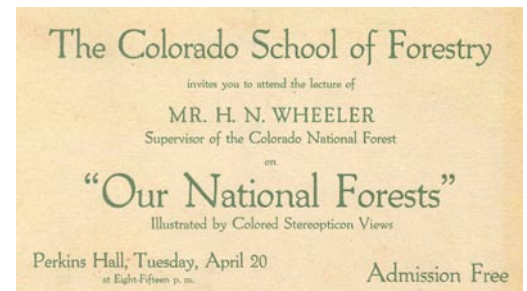




COLORADO COLLEGE & THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

At Colorado College our goal is to provide the finest liberal arts education in the country. Drawing upon the adventurous spirit of the Rocky Mountain West, we challenge our students, one course at a time, to develop those habits of intellect and imagination that will prepare them for learning and leadership throughout their lives.

Colorado College today, as for the past 130 years, is strongly defined by location and events of the 1800s. Pike's Peak abruptly rises out of the high plains that extend from the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers towards the west. This eastern-most sentinel of the Rocky Mountain chain of 14,000 ft. peaks first attracted early explorers and then was the focus of President Jefferson's call for the southern portion of the Louisiana Purchase to be mapped by Zebulon Pike in 1806. Gold seekers in 1858 spawned the start of the "Pike's Peak or Bust Gold Rush" of prospectors and all manner of suppliers to the mining towns. General William Jackson Palmer, while extending a rail line from Kansas City to Denver, in 1869 camped near what is now Colorado City and fell in love with the view of Pike's Peak and red rock formations now called the Garden of the Gods. An entrepreneur and adventurer, he selected that site to found Colorado Springs with the dream it would be a famous resort with a college to bring education and culture to the region. Within 5 years both this new town and Colorado College came into being, preceding statehood for then Colorado Territory in 1876.



Early pictures of present day Cutler Hall, the first permanent building on campus that was completed in 1882, speak volumes to the magnificent scenery of Pike's Peak and t

Springs at a cc summer program and on a trip up Pike's Peak was inspired to write her "America the Beautiful" poem, spreading widely the magnificent vistas and grandeur of Pike's Peak and the surrounding region and providing bragging rights for CC as "The America the Beautiful College."

The last quarter of the eighteenth century was challenging both for Colorado Springs and Colorado College. Attempts to locate financial support in the east and ease the travails of a struggling college were grounded on the unique role of Colorado College in then President Tenney's "New West" that enco ge of the frontier" with a mission to bring education and culture to a rugged land. Even then Tenney saw the college as an ideal place to study anthropology and archeology, to use the geology of the region as a natural laboratory, to serve the mining industry by teaching the science of mineralogy and metallurgy. In the early 1900s a School of Engineering was established that offered degrees in electrical, mining and civil engineering and General Palmer gave the college 10,000 acres of forest land at the top of Ute Pass, upon which a Forestry School was built, the fifth forestry school created in the US and the only one with a private forest.

Subsequent decades brou innovative courses, majors, programs, and the unique Block Plan of one-at-a-time courses that facilitates extended course field trips ranging across the Rockies and throughout the Southwest.

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rado College 2010: The President's Action Agenda." Through the State of the Rockies Project, we will provide annually:

1. the Annual State of the Rockies Report Card - an independent perspective on key regional challenges
2. the Annual challenging current and future community leaders of the Rocky Mountain West and beyond.

