

[Farmers' Market opens for season](#)^[1]

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The farmers' market concept has been added to neighborhood activities around the Anschutz Medical Campus. It's [open for business 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesdays in General's Park at East Colfax Avenue and North Quentin Street](#)^[3].

CU's interdisciplinary student group BRANCH (Bridging Research and Aurora Neighborhoods for Community Health) worked to bring the market to the area. Jessie Robinson, BRANCH faculty adviser, says, "Although it didn't end up in the original planned area on campus, the efforts of this group of dedicated and hard-working students was realized. BRANCH conducted the necessary research to have the Metro Denver Farmers' Market organization consider the campus as a location. When the proposed location was not approved, BRANCH worked to elicit the necessary support to secure a new location."

According to Robinson, there's still room for other campus groups to participate in this market.

"This campus has a tremendous amount of educational resources that could make a positive impact on our neighbors," Robinson said. Anyone interested should contact Erin Martinez or Matt Lebsack at BRANCH@branch4health.org^[4].

On its opening day, July 12, CU staff, faculty and students stopped by to shop for fresh fruits, veggies, baked goods and other items.

Organizers say the market will continue into October.

[Associate professor earns midwifery honor](#)^[5]

Hastings-Tolsma

Marie Hastings-Tolsma, associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Colorado Denver, was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) at its annual meeting in May in San Antonio.

Hastings-Tolsma teaches in the undergraduate program, the nurse midwifery specialty area of the master's program and in the Ph.D. program. She is a past nurse midwifery program director at the college and combines teaching with a nurse midwifery practice.

Prior clinical work includes serving as the service director for the University of Colorado Nurse Midwifery Faculty Practice and the Nurse Midwifery Practice at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. An active nurse midwifery scientist, Hastings-Tolsma has an ongoing program of research in which she is currently examining cervical remodeling and the use of complementary therapies. Hastings-Tolsma has been chair of the research committee of the Colorado Chapter of the ACNM and a member of the committee, among other roles in that organization. She is currently chair of the research committee of the American Midwifery Certification Board.

[CU Foundation names Robb Pike new UCCS development leader](#) ^[7]

Robb Pike

The [University of Colorado Foundation](#)[9] has named Robb Pike as vice president for development, effective Aug. 22. Pike will lead development activities at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs and manage the foundation's seven member local staff.

Pike comes to the CU Foundation from Colorado College, where he served as a director of development. He has more than 12 years fundraising experience for such institutions as Project Angel Heart, United Way, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is vice president for the Lewis Palmer School District Board of Education in Monument. A certified fundraising executive, he earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Mesa State College, Grand Junction.

"Robb Pike brings outstanding fundraising acumen and local knowledge to this position, and we're excited to have him on board," said Wayne Hutchens, president and chief executive officer, CU Foundation. "As we pursue our goal for Creating Futures, the University of Colorado's largest campaign ever, we are on strong footing under Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak's leadership, and with Robb's unique skill set."

Pike replaces Brian Winkelbauer who oversaw two of UCCS's strongest years ever for private support.

"I hope to further the relationships Brian has developed within and beyond the UCCS family," Pike said. "UCCS is a premier Colorado institution and a vital community asset, and I am eager to help the university achieve its vision."

Founded in 1967, the nonprofit CU Foundation partners with the University of Colorado to raise, manage, and invest private support for the university's benefit. The Foundation is currently undertaking Creating Futures, a \$1.5 billion fundraising campaign to enhance University of Colorado education, research, outreach, and health programs benefiting citizens throughout and beyond Colorado. Visit <http://www.cufund.org>[10] for more information.

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs, located on Austin Bluffs Parkway in Colorado Springs, is one of the fastest growing universities in the nation. The university offers 36 bachelor's degrees, 19 master's and five doctoral degrees. The campus enrolls about 9,000 students annually.

[Finalists for dean of Colorado School of Public Health announced](#)[11]

University of Colorado Denver Provost Roderick Nairn and the Colorado School of Public Health Dean Search Committee, chaired by Vice Chancellor and Dean Richard Krugman, have announced that four candidates from a distinguished group of applicants have been identified as finalists for dean of the Colorado School of Public Health. They will visit Colorado for interviews as soon as they can be scheduled.

The finalists are:

Susan G. Fisher, M.S., Ph.D.

Professor and Chair

Department of Community and Preventive Medicine

Director, Doctoral Program in Epidemiology

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry **David C. Goff Jr., M.D., Ph.D.**

Professor and Chair, Department of Epidemiology and Prevention

Professor, Department of Internal Medicine

Wake Forest University School of Medicine **Deborah Helitzer, Sc.D.**

Associate Director, Clinical and Translational Science Center

Associate Dean for Research Education

Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine

University of New Mexico School of Medicine **Howard Hu, M.D., M.P.H., Sc.D.**

National Science Foundation International Endowed Department Chair and Professor, Environmental Health Sciences

University of Michigan Schools of Public Health and Medicine

Details about the finalists' campus visits, interviews and open forums will be published on the [CU Denver Provost](#)

[website](#)^[12] in the coming weeks.

[Study: Farthest, largest water mass in universe found](#)^[13]

Jason Glenn

An international team of astronomers led by the California Institute of Technology and involving the University of Colorado Boulder has discovered the largest and farthest reservoir of water ever detected in the universe.

The distant quasar is one of the most powerful known objects in the universe and has an energy output of 1,000 trillion suns – about 65,000 times that of the Milky Way galaxy. The quasar's power comes from matter spiraling into the central supermassive black hole, estimated at some 20 billion times the mass of our sun, said study leader Matt Bradford of Caltech and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Because the quasar – essentially a voraciously feeding black hole – is so far away, its light has taken 12 billion light years to arrive at Earth. Since one light year equals about 6 trillion miles, the observations reveal a time when the universe was very young, perhaps only 1.6 billion years old. Astronomers believe the universe was formed by the big bang roughly 13.6 billion years ago.

The water measured in the quasar is in the form of vapor and is the largest mass of water ever found, according to the researchers. The amount of water estimated to be in the quasar is at least 100,000 times the mass of the sun, equivalent to 34 billion times the mass of the Earth.

In an astronomical context, water is a trace gas, but it indicates gas that is unusually warm and dense, Bradford said. "In this case, the water measurement shows that the gas is under the influence of the growing black hole, bathed in both infrared and X-ray radiation."

"These findings are very exciting," said CU-Boulder Associate Professor Jason Glenn, a study co-author. "We not only detected water in the farthest reaches of the universe, but enough to fill Earth's oceans more than 100 trillion times."

The water measurement, together with measurements of other molecules in the vapor source, suggests there is enough gas present for the black hole to grow to about six times its already massive size, Bradford said. Whether it will grow to this size is not clear, however, as some of the gas might end up forming stars instead, or be ejected from the quasar host galaxy in an outflow.

In the Milky Way, the mass of gaseous water is at least 4,000 times smaller than that in the quasar, in part because most of the water in our own galaxy is frozen into ice. While the water vapor in the Milky Way is found only in a limited number of regions, a few light years in size or smaller, the water in the distant quasar appears to be distributed across hundreds of light years, said the researchers.

The discovery was made with a spectrograph called Z-Spec operating in the millimeter wavelengths – found between the infrared and microwave wavelengths – at the Caltech Submillimeter Observatory, a 10-meter telescope near the summit of Mauna Kea, on the big island of Hawaii. Z-Spec's detectors are cooled to within .06 degree Celsius of absolute zero in order to obtain the exquisite sensitivity required for these measurements.

"Breakthroughs are coming fast in millimeter and submillimeter technology, enabling us to study ancient galaxies caught in the act of forming stars and supermassive black holes," said Glenn, who is a co-principal investigator on the Z-Spec instrument development and a fellow at CU-Boulder's Center for Astrophysics and Space Astronomy. "The excellent sensitivity of Z-Spec and similar technology will allow astronomers to continue to make important and surprising findings related to distant celestial objects in the early universe, with implications for how our own Milky Way galaxy formed."

Confirmation for this important discovery came from images obtained by the Combined Array for Research in Millimeter-Wave Astronomy, or CARMA, a sensitive array of radio dishes located in the Inyo Mountains of Southern California. The distant quasar under study is named APM 08279+5255.

The discovery highlights the utility of the millimeter and submillimeter band for astronomy, which has developed rapidly in the last two to three decades. To achieve the potential of this relatively new spectral range, astronomers, including the study authors, are now designing CCAT, a 25-meter telescope for the high Chilean Atacama desert. With CCAT, astronomers will discover some of the earliest galaxies in the universe, and will be able to study their gas content via measurements of water as well as other important gas species, Glenn said.

In addition to Caltech, JPL and CU-Boulder, the Z-Spec collaboration includes the Institute of Space and Astronautical Science in Japan, the Observatories of the Carnegie Institute of Science and the University of Pennsylvania. Funding for Z-Spec was provided by the National Science Foundation, NASA, the Research Corporation and partner institutions.

The Caltech Submillimeter Observatory is operated under a contract from the National Science Foundation. CARMA was built and is operated by a consortium of universities with funding from a combination of state and private sources, as well as the National Science Foundation and its University Radio Observatory program.

[Campus hosts Korean youth for summer enrichment camp](#)[15]

Twenty-five South Korean youngsters will spend four weeks at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs attending a summer camp focused on improving the students' knowledge of English and American culture.

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The children, ages 8 to 13, who are accompanied by four faculty members from the Daegu Gyeongbuk English Village and Yeungjin College of Daegu South Korea, arrived at UCCS on July 18 and will be on campus until mid-August.

The summer camp consists of 20 hours a week of English language classes studied across the content areas of math, science, history, music and art. The students also will participate in cultural and recreation activities in the afternoons and weekend field trips. The camp is sponsored by the Office of Global Programs of the UCCS College of Education. UCCS is partnering with local educators and summer camp coordinators whom either have spent time working in Korea or have experience teaching Korean children.

The Children's Summer Enrichment Camp is an extension program of the current Daegu Gyeongbuk English Village and the UCCS College of Education partnership with Yeungjin College of Daegu, South Korea. Information on the Daegu English Village can be found at: <http://www.uccs.edu/coe/international/dgev.html>[17] or by contacting Anthony Shull, Office of Global Programs, 719-255-7528.

The UCCS College of Education is accredited by the National Council of Accreditation of Teacher Education. In 2008, the college received the highest level accreditation possible. The college enrolls more than 400 undergraduate and graduate students each semester in areas of study such as special education, counseling, curriculum and instruction and leadership. The college also provides professional development for hundreds of practicing educators throughout the region.

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[President and CEO Wayne Hutchens to retire from CU Foundation](#) [18]

Wayne Hutchens

Having led the University of Colorado's fundraising arm to its five most successful years for private support in the university's 135-year history, Wayne Hutchens (BS '67, CU-Boulder) will retire after nearly six years as president and chief executive officer of the [CU Foundation](#) [9].

"Under Wayne's guidance, the CU Foundation has inspired unprecedented confidence in alumni, donors, friends, and citizens of Colorado and beyond," says Bruce Benson, president of the University of Colorado. "Wayne has built a great organization that will allow us to continue to exceed our fundraising goals and add value to CU's people, places and programs. Thanks to his leadership, we have made significant strides toward the \$1.5 billion fundraising goal for the Creating Futures campaign."

Hutchens will continue to lead the foundation through an executive transition period expected to occur in the first half of 2012, as the CU Foundation Board of Directors works with university leadership to select a successor.

"Certain leaders are transformational," says Mary Lee Beauregard, chair of the CU Foundation Board of Directors. "Wayne was the right person with the right skills at the right time to lead the foundation to the success we are experiencing today."

Since Hutchens took the helm in 2006, more than \$984 million in private support has been recorded on behalf of the University of Colorado, including more than \$500 million by the CU Foundation. The investment returns on the CU endowment, managed under the CU Foundation's auspices, have been in the top 10 percent of similarly managed funds. The foundation's operations have become substantially more efficient and effective during Hutchens' tenure, with the organization expanding its expertise in preparation for the Creating Futures campaign, while reducing its cost to raise a dollar.

"It has been my pleasure to work with Hank Brown and now Bruce Benson during their respective presidencies, as well as with our wonderful campus leadership," Hutchens says. "The University of Colorado is an outstanding institution of which we can all be proud."

Before Hutchens's appointment to the CU Foundation, he had a 29-year career in the banking industry, most recently as chairman of Chase Bank Colorado, where he oversaw two successful mergers. He has long been active in community service and has chaired the board of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Colorado Council for Economic Education, and the Colorado Outward Bound School. He has scaled all 54 Fourteeners in Colorado and numerous other peaks around the world, including Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and Mount Elbrus in Russia. He received an undergraduate business degree from CU-Boulder in 1967.

[Lipton named interim vice chancellor for administration at CU-Boulder](#) [20]

Jeff Lipton

Jeff Lipton has been appointed interim vice chancellor for administration at the University of Colorado Boulder. Lipton replaces **Frank Bruno**, who is leaving the university to become vice president of Western Disposal Inc. of Boulder.

"I believe Jeff Lipton will provide strong and seasoned leadership in the interim vice chancellor post until such time as a decision on a search is made," said Ric Porreca, senior vice chancellor and CFO at CU-Boulder. "With the start of a new academic year (later this month), it is vital that we have leadership in place in this position to prepare the campus

for the arrival of students, faculty and staff.”

Lipton currently serves as director of real estate for CU-Boulder and brings more than 30 years of experience to the job. He previously served as interim vice chancellor for administration in 2008. He also has served as interim business manager for the CU athletic department (2006-07), executive director of facilities management (1998-2006), director of business and telecommunications services (1982-1998) and as assistant to the vice chancellor for administration (1979-82).

[New book examines ‘Reshaping of U.S. Intelligence’](#)^[22]

Bean

University of Colorado Denver communication Assistant Professor **Hamilton Bean**’s *No More Secrets: Open Source Information and the Reshaping of U.S. Intelligence* (Praeger Security International) has been published with a foreword by former Sen. **Gary Hart** of the School of Public Affairs.

According to the publication, “Since 9/11, U.S. intelligence organizations have grappled with the expanded use of open-source information derived from unclassified material, including international newspapers, television, radio and websites. They have struggled as well with sharing this information with international and domestic law enforcement partners. The apparent conflict between openness and secrecy provides an opportunity to reconsider what constitutes intelligence and how citizens and their government interact in the interests of national security.”

[Denver School of Science and Technology students visit campus](#)^[24]

?By Daniel Martin
Office of Integrated University Communication

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Students from Denver’s Cole Middle School visited the Auraria Campus on July 22 to learn about sustainability research being done at the University of Colorado Denver. Cole is a Denver School of Science and Technology (DSST) with a focus in sustainability.

Associate Professor Doris Kimbrough, Ph.D., chemistry, outlined the day’s agenda and directed the students to rotate through learning stations to see different projects. “Any time we have kids on campus, I think it’s just enormous for them,” Kimbrough said. “Look how enthusiastic they are!”

At each learning station, the middle-schoolers worked with university students and faculty to understand projects that could improve the way cities are built and how resources are managed. In keeping with the theme, Auraria Campus Planner Jill Golich noted, “This is really one of the most sustainable campuses in the nation. The electricity used at the Auraria Campus is completely offset by wind credits.”

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At one of the learning stations, university student Pedro Garcia demonstrated wind power. Ken Bettenhausen, Ph.D., an associate professor in the Business School taught students about carbon dating. Civil Engineering Assistant Professor Stephen Durham, Ph.D., displayed and discussed a new asphalt mixture that stays cooler and improves water drainage. Greg Cronin, associate professor of integrative biology, focused on the agricultural method called aquaponics, or growing food without soil, little water and little space.

"Engineers are visual learners," said station leader Adam Kardos. "It's fantastic that they're exposing them to this information at their age because it can really drive an interest in the sciences."

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By seeing the frontier of sustainability research at CU Denver, the students from Cole Middle School might be inspired to be pioneers in the field themselves and bring new ideas to American sciences.

Parent and chaperone John Schwuyter said when he was in school, he would have valued such an opportunity. "It's an absolutely wonderful experience," Schwuyter said. "I spoke with (my son) after we left the last demonstration and it was wonderful."

[Dropping names...](#)[\[28\]](#)

Jody Fitzpatrick

Dave Young

Associate Professor **Jody Fitzpatrick**, at right, University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs (SPA), has been elected president of the American Evaluation Association. The group has more than 6,500 members from more than 60 countries. This is a three-year commitment: 2011-12 as president-elect (starting at the November conference), 2012-13 as president, and 2013-14 as past president. SPA Dean **Paul Teske** notes, "Jody's leadership position greatly enhances SPA's visibility. This is a tremendous and well-deserved honor for Fitzpatrick, who has written some of the leading books in this field." ... **Dave Young**, instructor in the School of Education and Human Development (SEHD), has been sworn in as the State Representative to the Colorado legislature for House District 50. The district includes portions of Greeley and Evans. Young fills the seat left vacant when Jim Riesberg was appointed by Gov. John Hickenlooper as the new state insurance commissioner. Young teaches in the SEHD Information and Learning Technologies program. ... The results of the election for the 2011-2012 University of Colorado School of Medicine Faculty Officers are President-Elect **Todd M. Larabee**, M.D. (assistant professor, emergency medicine); Secretary **Renata Gallagher**, M.D., Ph.D. (assistant professor, pediatrics); President **Ron Gill**, Ph.D. (associate professor, microbiology) and Past President **L. Chesney Thompson**, M.D. (associate professor, ob/gyn).

[Nurses honored for mentoring](#)[\[31\]](#)

The University of Colorado Hospital's (UCH) Professional Resources Department has named its top nurse preceptors for the second quarter of 2011. Preceptors are experienced nurses who guide nurses new to the profession or to UCH through a 12-week program. The goal of preceptors is to improve the newcomers' clinical skills and serve as mentors.

Second quarter honorees are:

Nikki Kirchner

Nikki Kirchner, rehabilitation unit charge RN: In nominating Kirchner, Clinical Development Coordinator Katherine Foss wrote, "Nikki is an invaluable resource for working with students who need extra time and attention in the clinical setting. Based on her clinical expertise and outstanding clinical instruction skills, (she) offers keen insights to course faculty and valuable feedback to the student."

Rachel Reuss

Rachel Reuss, orthopedics unit: New to precepting, Reuss approached the role with “enthusiasm and a strong desire to succeed,” said Clinical Nurse Educator Andrea McFarland Mullen. “Throughout the orientation process, Rachel was proactive in asking questions and seeking feedback from the orthopedic unit nurse educator and her preceptee to make sure she was doing the absolute best job possible. Rachel assessed the learning gaps of her preceptee and sought patient assignments that would help fill in these gaps.”

Mandy Harris

Mandy Harris, medicine specialties unit: Harris “is an excellent nurse and outstanding preceptor,” wrote Clinical Nurse Educator Kristin Stockman. “The leadership team recognizes Mandy for her ability to challenge and question the new graduate nurses. Instead of giving the answers, she encourages them to think through the process and evaluates their decision-making and critical-thinking skills.”

Sandra Fogel, emergency department: “Sandy is a meticulous preceptor, ensuring that each new orientee she is responsible for knows not only how to be a sound ED nurse, but also every detail they need to be successful in our department, from where to chart something to how to collect observation charges to policies,” said ED Clinical Nurse Specialist and Educator Robin Scott. “(She) is wonderful at providing constructive feedback and allows her orientees to improve their processes before completing orientation.”

Rodney Gill, surgical intensive care unit: A 15-year veteran at UCH, Gill “is seen by his peers as a hard worker, patient advocate, and the guy who is most likely to respond to calls for overtime,” noted SICU Nurse Manager Martha Paulson. “As a preceptor, Rodney is impressive mainly because of his patience and dedication to his orientee. He is able to recognize when the new nurse needs guidance and when they need to ‘fly’ on their own.”

Source: UCH Insider

[Shakespeare serving brunch in Boulder](#)[35]

While waiters take orders from a Shakespeare menu — a tasty mix of brunch delicacies — a group of distinguished actors performs scenes from Will’s plays. The best bits and a few surprises are then served up at individual tables and around the restaurant. A little Hamlet with your omelet, anyone?

Presented by the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, the brunches take place at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, and Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Millennium Harvest House Pavilion, 1345 28th St., Boulder.

Commissioned by the English Brighton Festival, the “Shakespeare a la Carte” program was devised and is directed by Richard Hahlo of Hydrocracker Theatre Company in Great Britain. The show was recorded in 2009 for BBC Radio and was broadcast on Easter Monday of that year.

The Boulder Arts Commission helps make the event possible.

Tickets, \$35, are on sale at the [Colorado Shakespeare Festival website](#)[36].

[Five questions for Maria Elena Buszek](#)[37]

Maria Elena Buszek (Photo: Cortney Andrews)

Stitching and sewing have been part of [Maria Elena Buszek’s](#)[39] life for as long as she can remember. Her seamstress mother and aunts grew up sewing, too, in a tiny pueblo of Spain. She learned to crochet from the Polish

grandmother on her father's side. And now she has two daughters to carry on the tradition.

An associate professor of art history in the College of Arts and Media at the University of Colorado Denver, she worked at tying together several threads in an anthology, [“Extra/Ordinary: Craft and Contemporary Art”](#)[40] (Duke University Press). As editor of the book, published this spring, she culled the work of several scholars who examine the ways craft is applied in unconventional ways to make big artistic statements. A critic and curator, Buszek also is author of [“Pin-Up Grrrls: Feminism, Sexuality, Popular Culture.”](#)[41]

“I teach fairly traditional art history,” she says. “I’m not teaching pin-ups, not teaching craft necessarily. But I do teach how these approaches matter equally – whether we’re looking at Picasso’s paintings, or the advertisings he was clipping into his collages – as statements of artistic culture.”

Buszek earned her master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Kansas; bachelor’s degree from Creighton University. Born and raised in Detroit, she lived in Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri before moving to Colorado last year. Away from her teaching and research, she enjoys spending time with her husband and daughters exploring their new home state, including occasional detours into used record stores.

1. What inspired you to take on the editing of this anthology, “Extra/Ordinary”?

Extra/Ordinary: Craft and Contemporary Art

After my first book came out, I was drawn to the emerging generation of artists who were showing in major galleries and museums – but were choosing fiber as their medium. Craft media is something a lot of people associate with the home, but these artists create amazing, thoughtful work. These media are very familiar. Anyone can look around right now and see cloth, ceramic, wood, whether they’ve paid much attention to it or not. Audiences are being asked to look at these tremendously ordinary materials in different ways that are not mundane or ordinary.

2. How do the challenges of writing a book compare with the challenges of editing a book written by others?

People told me that editing an anthology is more work than writing a monograph on your own. That didn’t make sense to me, but I understand why they say that now!

It’s hard enough to manage yourself as a scholar – stay on time, on task, meet deadlines – but when you’re trying to manage 15 other scholars who are also overextending themselves, it’s the experience of herding cats. With art historians, we’re not just managing our own stuff, but also managing the schedules of all the artists, all the galleries, all the museums we need illustrations from. So I’m managing about 15 other people who are each managing about 10 people. It can be a little maddening. The hardest thing to deal with was serving more as an administrator than a scholar.

3. Your book “Pin-Up Grrrls” certainly took on provocative material. What reaction did you receive from colleagues in academia? Was it different from general reaction?

Pin-Up Grrrls

The book is the secret feminist history of the pin-up. It began as my dissertation in a fairly traditional art history program, and there were already raised eyebrows. The fact that I wanted to talk about pop culture as much as the art gallery world made it that much more difficult. They were very suspicious about whether this could be sufficiently scholarly, and they didn’t think it could be feminist – the general consensus was that the idea of a feminist pin-up was an oxymoron.

The biggest surprise for me is that once I shopped the dissertation to publishers, the response was almost the opposite: “Finally, someone is talking about this!” A lot of feminist scholars said they’d felt guilty for being interested in the topic. So I was pleased and shocked to find that the response was positive. The book is in its third printing, which is

tremendously gratifying.

4. What does it mean to be a feminist in 2011?

That's a huge question. I guess the short, stupid answer is that a feminist believes that gender inequality still exists – and is willing to do something to change that fact. We're living in an era – and it's not a new concept or unique to our moment – where "feminism" is often considered a bad word. There are caricatures in the media that never really existed, or they're extreme constructions of what feminism represents. Part of the reason I tend to define and consider it broadly is that there's always been a million ways to battle for what the activism should look like.

Maria Elena Buszek, circa 1990, modeling a Devo stage costume at the Omaha record shop where she worked as a student. The CU Denver associate professor is at work on a project about contemporary activist art and popular music. (Photo courtesy Maria Elena Buszek)

As someone who's a pop culture scholar, I'm always having to tell students, "Just because you're a fan of 'Sex and the City' does not make you a feminist." What are the characters or producers doing that's trying to change people's lives? That's at the root of what feminism always has been and always will be.

5. Do you have another book project in the works?

I'm at work on a third book, which is relating to popular music and contemporary art. I'm going back to my own history on lots of levels: I grew up in a house where we didn't go to museums or galleries, but my dad's a musician and an avid reader of the history of music. I grew up collecting music and working in record stores.

It seemed to me that over the last 20 or 30 years, there were artists referencing popular music in ways that art historians don't understand. There's this whole body of work by young Latinos that references Morrissey and the Smiths. I'm going to explain that.

I also wrote a book chapter for "[Punkademics](#),"^[45] an upcoming anthology about punk rock in academia. Growing up a music fan and someone who was part of punk culture, it made me a feminist and taught me the foundations of art history by accident.

[UPDATE: Business, nonprofit, chamber of commerce leaders provide input for regents](#)^[46]

The University of Colorado can expand the use of internships, make better connections with businesses and play a key role in Colorado's emerging economic clusters, a panel told the CU Board of Regents at its annual summer retreat on July 22.

The panel comprised Tom Clark, executive vice president of the Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce; Renny Fagan, president and CEO of the Colorado Nonprofit Association; Richard Lewis, president and CEO of RTL Networks Inc.; and Diane Schwenke, president and CEO of the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce.

The board had a wide-ranging discussion with panelists about how CU contributes to the state's economic health and work force development. Part of the session included a frank assessment of how the university can do better.

Clark said economic clusters key to Colorado's economic health, including aerospace and health care, increasingly are merging, and the university should look for opportunities in the emerging environment. He also said the university needs to do a better job of conveying its value so voters would be inclined to support potential ballot initiatives to increase funding.

Schwenke said higher education needs to be more nimble to serve the needs of a rapidly changing work force.

"We need to allow for people who are working to come back to school," she said. "We need more access points and exit points for education."

Fagan said the university should not forget opportunities for its students and programs in the nonprofit sector. He said the state has some 29,000 nonprofit organizations, which can provide important connections for CU.

"We want people who are critical thinkers and problem solvers," Fagan said. "We need to promote volunteerism and community engagement with students."

"The university should encourage the nonprofit world as a profession. Calling is important, but it's also a business."

CU does a good job in offering select nonprofit certificate programs, citing those at CU Denver and UCCS as prime examples.

Lewis said internships offer small businesses a resource while also providing potential career paths for students.

"It doesn't take much to take a kid with fresh knowledge into a position where they are generating revenue," he said.

Regent Stephen Ludwig asked the panel to provide insight into what is working at the university and what isn't.

"The CU system needs to serve the state as best we can with limited resources. We need to hear what we're doing right and what we could do better," he said.

Panelists agreed that alternative delivery methods for educational offerings, robust internship programs, public-private partnerships and access to faculty expertise need to be expanded. And CU needs to do a better job marketing itself.

"As you create partnerships, you create connections with people who will support you," Schwenke said.

Clark said the university needs to tout its strengths more. "You have too many good stories to tell, but some of the people telling them are afraid they are bragging."

He suggested a collaboration among the university, chambers of commerce, and business and community leaders to focus on sharing higher education's value.

[UPDATE: Regents make slight changes to draft of 'Abilities and Attributes of a CU Graduate' document](#)^[47]

The University of Colorado Board of Regents made slight refinements to a draft list of the desired attributes and abilities of a CU graduate and has asked the faculty and other constituent groups to add their insights to the document, which will serve as a guidepost for further discussion on student learning outcomes and core curriculum. The board considered the draft at its annual summer retreat on July 22 and 23.

Most of the board's revisions were wording changes, but it also added two attributes: "demonstrate civic literacy" and "master relevant technologies."

The board asked that the faculty be the first stakeholder group to review and further refine the list. The board stressed that it wants the full Faculty Council and campus assemblies to have full discussion on the list and provide feedback. That process will occur over the course of the fall semester. The list will then be shared with other stakeholder groups, including students, alumni, staff and community members.

Faculty Council's Educational Policy and University Standards (EPUS) committee drafted the original document. Members of the Board of Regents expressed their thanks to the faculty and said the draft is on the right track. The

current iteration of the list of desired attributes and abilities is:

Understand and practice ethical standards in all endeavors. Think critically, analytically and creatively. Identify, evaluate and apply appropriate information, evidence and technologies to solve problems. Master relevant technologies. Apply independent rational inquiry and self-directed learning to create new ideas. Communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing, for varied audiences. Possess knowledge and understand current conventions and modes of inquiry in disciplinary areas of study. Work collaboratively while respecting professional and individual differences. Serve and be actively engaged in local and global communities. Demonstrate civic literacy. Appreciate and respect diverse experiences, perspectives and realities. Pursue learning with enduring curiosity.

[Welcome to CU Connections](#)^[48]

The University of Colorado Faculty and Staff Newsletter has a new name: CU Connections.

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We think it's a bit catchier, certainly more succinct, and refers to what we have strived for since we began publication more than two years ago: foster connection among the faculty and staff throughout CU's four campuses and system administration. The name was chosen with the input of the systemwide Faculty Council and Staff Council.

It's been some time since we selected the name. That's because we wanted to have something new to pair with it, and today you're looking at it. CU Connections has been redesigned to provide a cleaner look and enable commenting on individual stories. We hope readers will take advantage of the opportunity to engage in discussion about individual items – simply sign up today to register with our site. We're asking those who post comments to provide their names and contact information so that we may verify authenticity, but only names will be posted to the site with comments.

We'll also continue to publish letters to the editor – including any thoughts and comments you have on this redesign.

As more colleagues and students return to campuses next month, we'll talk more about the changes we've made and how we think they'll make for a better reader experience. We also ask for your patience, as we're still getting used to our "new home" – we're bound to discover bugs that need fixing, and welcome your help in that mission. Feel free to contact the editor directly – Jay.Dedrick@cu.edu^[50].

As always, thank you for reading.

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