Finalists announced for dean of College of Letters, Arts and Sciences[1]

Welshon

Six finalists for the position of dean of the UCCS College of Letters, Arts and Sciences were announced Jan. 11 by Teri Switzer, dean of the Kraemer Family Library and search committee chair. The search aims to replace Tom Christensen, who announced in April 2011 his plan to return to the faculty in June.

Among the finalists is Rex Welshon, associate dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences, who presented his qualifications during a campus forum on Wednesday.

Welshon, associate dean since 2001, joined the UCCS faculty in 1992 as an assistant professor of philosophy and was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and professor in 2010. Before joining the UCCS faculty, he was an instructor and teaching assistant at Rhode Island College, Brown University, the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Boston University. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree from Colorado State University and a Ph.D. from Brown University.

The other candidates are:
Manuel Avalos, director of research partnerships and innovation, University of North Carolina, Wilmington. Peter Braza, professor of mathematics, College of Computing, Engineering and Construction, University of North Florida. Tammy Stone, professor of anthropology, University of Colorado Denver. Elizabeth Throop, visiting associate professor of anthropology and interim dean, Siebens School of Business, Buena Vista University. Kathleen Tiemann, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of North Dakota.
The dates of public presentations by candidates will be announced in Communique[3] and by email to faculty and staff lists.

TTO's annual awards honor faculty researchers, technology commercialization[4]

The University of Colorado Technology Transfer Office (TTO) hosted its annual awards ceremony Tuesday night, honoring several faculty researchers, two companies founded on university research, and several members of the local entrepreneurial community.

In the last two decades, inventions by CU researchers have led to the formation of 114 new companies. Of these, 85 have operations in Colorado, seven have "gone public," becoming publicly traded companies (either through an IPO or via a reverse merger), and 17 have been acquired by public companies. In total, companies created based on CU technology have attracted more than $5.6 billion in financing.

"The University of Colorado is a primary driver for the Colorado economy in many ways – one way that is often less visible than our thousands of graduates, new buildings and faculty accolades is the commercialization of research," said David Allen, associate vice president for technology transfer at CU. "This event recognizes excellence in the people and licensee companies that exemplify CU's success in transforming research into real-world impact."

The researchers and companies that were recognized this year represent all CU campuses, and are developing technologies ranging from novel treatments for chronic pain, eye disease and metabolic syndrome to new materials with applications in clean energy, and techniques for more efficient biofuels and solar power.

This year's award winners:

Jeffrey L. Olson[5]**, Inventor of the Year, CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus.** Olson, an associate professor of ophthalmology, specializes in the medical and surgical management of retinal diseases like macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and retinal detachment. One of his inventions, a method for preserving eyesight through the use of

nanotechnology, is licensed to a CU startup currently raising Series A financing.

Linda R. Watkins[6]**, Inventor of the Year, CU-Boulder.** Watkins, a Distinguished Professor of psychology, has developed novel drugs and new uses of known drugs targeting various disorders with unmet medical needs, including chronic and neuropathic pain, multiple sclerosis, ALS and addiction. Her inventions have led to numerous industry collaborations and licenses, as well as the formation of a new company, Xalud Therapeutics.

Richard J. Johnson[7]**, New Inventor of the Year, CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus.** Johnson is chief of the division of renal diseases and hypertension; his research has focused on the mechanisms of renal injury and progression, including in diabetes and hypertension. Recent work has also examined the role of uric acid and fructose in obesity, metabolic syndrome, diabetes and hypertension.

Wei Zhang[8]**, New Inventor of the Year, CU-Boulder.** Zhang, an assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, is developing novel materials with potential applications in solar energy conversion, gas separation and storage, chemical sensing and catalysis.

Anatoliy O. Pinchuk[9]**, New Inventor of the Year, CU-Colorado Springs.** Pinchuk is an assistant professor of physics and energy science; his research focuses on nano-materials for intracellular imaging and optical bio-chemical sensors.

OPX Biotechnologies[10]**, Bioscience Company of the Year**. OPXBIO of Boulder is a venture-backed company making renewable bio-based chemicals and fuels that are lower cost, higher return and more sustainable than existing petroleum-based products.

Phobos Energy[11]**, Physical Sciences/Engineering/IT Company of the Year.** Phobos Energy (Menlo Park, Calif., and Lafayette, Colo.) is focused on increasing energy production, decreasing costs, and opening new applications for solar photovoltaic power production.

S. Gail Eckhardt[12]**, Business Adviser of the Year.** Eckhardt is chief of the division of medical oncology at the Anschutz Medical Campus. As an adviser to TTO on drug discovery and development projects, she is critically important in facilitating industry collaborations involving not just her lab, but labs of her CU collaborators.

Michael R. Bristow[13]**, Serial University Start-up Entrepreneur Award.** Bristow, a professor of medicine (division of cardiology) at the Anschutz Medical Campus, was a founder and former chief science and medical officer of Myogen, Inc. (acquired by Gilead Sciences, Inc. in 2006). He is the president and CEO of Broomfield-based ARCA biopharma[14], a company he founded in 2003 with the goal of developing genetically targeted therapies for heart failure. In 2007 he co?founded Boulder's miRagen Therapeutics[15], a company dedicated to utilizing the biologic properties of microRNAs in developing therapies for cardiovascular diseases.

Also, two CU researchers were inducted into the Pinnacles of Inventorship, an all-star group recognizing continuous commitment to best practices in technology transfer: Kristi S. Anseth[16] (Distinguished Professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering, CU-Boulder) and Charles A. Dinarello[17] (professor of Medicine and Immunology, Anschutz Medical Campus).

The TTO presented the awards during a banquet at the historic Tivoli Turnhalle. The awards followed a panel discussion offering faculty perspectives on the origins of university inventions.

Free lecture to consider lessons learned at Deepwater Horizon [18]

Deepwater Horizon, April 2010

The University of Colorado Boulder will host a free public lecture illuminating the lessons learned from the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion that killed 11 workers and resulted in the largest accidental oil spill in U.S. history.

“What Happened at Deepwater Horizon?” will be presented from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Jan. 26, in the Mathematics Building auditorium, room 100.

Donald Winter – former secretary of the Navy, professor of engineering practice at the University of Michigan and chair of the National Academies committee that wrote a report on the Deepwater Horizon accident – will be the first of two guest speakers.

Issued last month, the report points to multiple flawed decisions leading to the blowout and explosion, and calls for a new “system safety” approach to anticipating and managing possible dangers at every level of operation.

A second guest speaker will be Paul Hsieh, a research hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey who was named 2011 Federal Employee of the Year. Hsieh performed the crucial calculations on pressure that deemed it safe to cap the oil well in mid-July without causing it to rupture from beneath the seabed and result in a bigger disaster.

Two CU-Boulder environmental engineering faculty who have been researching the aftermath of the incident also will present their findings at the event. Fernando Rosario-Ortiz will discuss the environmental fate of dispersants used in the disaster response and Alina Handorean will present information on air quality impacts of the oil spill.

“I was really jarred by this event because it was so preventable,” said event co-organizer Jana Milford, professor and director of the Environmental Engineering Program at CU-Boulder. “By learning more about what happened, I think we can encourage a stronger culture around safety.”

The event is presented by the College of Engineering and Applied Science, the BOLD Center, the Department of Mechanical Engineering and the Environmental Engineering Program.

For more information or to request accommodations for disabilities, call 303-492-4774.

College of Nursing recognized in rankings of online programs[20]

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The University of Colorado College of Nursing’s online program in graduate nursing was named an honor roll program in the debut edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by U.S. News & World Report[22].

There are four indicator rankings for online master’s of nursing/doctorate of nursing practice degree programs. The rankings include: admissions selectivity, faculty credentials and training, student engagement and accreditation, and student services and technology rankings. In order to make U.S. News’ honor roll of top online graduate nursing programs, a school needed to place in the top third of ranked schools in a least three of the four categories.

Here's how CU’s College of Nursing[23] (CON) ranked in each of the four categories:
Student Services and Technology[24] (3rd) Student Engagement and Accreditation[25] (10th) Faculty Credentials and Training (13th) Admissions Selectivity[26] (24th)
The U.S. News ranking marks a significant milestone for the college since the nursing faculty spent years transforming quality nursing education into an online format. The online program began in 1996.

“The College of Nursing is thrilled to be on the U.S. News Honor Roll List,” said Diane Skiba, Ph.D., FAAN, FACMI, professor in the College of Nursing. “This is great recognition of our collective efforts to provide a quality online program. The college has been fortunate to receive several grants from the Health Resources and Services

Administration Division of Nursing to create our online informatics, health systems and mental health graduate specialties."

In April 2010, the college also received a $2.6 million grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which has provided much-needed, additional resources to update and expand its online informatics program.

Besides graduate nursing programs, U.S. News ranked online bachelor's degree programs and graduate online degree programs in business, engineering, education, and computer information technology. These rankings were created in response to today's high demand for education provided in a flexible manner. Online education has become increasingly popular due to its flexibility.

While U.S. News applied some of its rankings standards used for traditional schools, many new measures were developed to evaluate online programs. In order to be considered for the rankings, online degree programs need to have at least 80 percent of their course content available online.

Online bachelor's degree programs were ranked in three different categories: student engagement and assessment, faculty credentials and training, and student services and technology. The online master's degree programs were ranked in similar categories, but were evaluated on student engagement and accreditation as opposed to assessment. There also was a separate indicator ranking for admissions selectivity.

There were no numeric rankings for overall program quality this inaugural year. Instead, U.S. News created non-numeric honor roll lists of online programs. There is one honor roll for online bachelor's degree programs and one each for the master's degree programs, excluding computer information technology. Each list includes programs that performed well across a series of numeric indicator rankings.

Data was collected from both for-profit and not-for-profit schools. For more information about the rankings methodology, please go to http://www.usnews.com/onlinemeth[27]

Leeds mentorship program to be supported by alumnus donation[28]

Personal experience with mentoring at the University of Colorado Boulder's Leeds School of Business inspired alumnus Gordon Trafton to donate $500,000 to support the school's Professional Mentorship Program (PMP).

As part of the Creating Futures fundraising campaign, the gift is the cornerstone in an effort to build a $1 million endowment for mentoring over the next year.

"This investment will help establish our mentoring program as a national industry leader and positions us to be a model of mentoring excellence for business schools," said David Ikenberry, dean of the Leeds School. "We are very grateful for Gordon's generosity."

Launched in 2009, the program partners current undergraduate and MBA students with business professionals and corporate leaders, many of whom are former Leeds business students. The program matches students with mentors based on such factors as major, geographic location, career interests and personality.

A 1977 graduate, Trafton is a member of the CU-Boulder Alumni Association's Board of Directors. He says he is passionate about the value of mentoring, having been mentored as an undergraduate student in the CU-Boulder business school by emeritus Professor Jerry Foster. He gave Trafton career advice, connections to the business community and helped him land his first job after graduation. Trafton says his mentorship experience with Foster was the inspiration for his investment in the Leeds Professional Mentorship Program.

"That commitment from the top, from Dean Ikenberry and the school, convinced me to invest philanthropically in the program," Trafton said. "I want mentoring to thrive at Leeds and want mentoring woven into the fabric of the Leeds

experience to give that extra edge to all graduates."

Said PMP Program Director Katie Connor, "Gordon has tremendous commitment, energy and connection to the PMP program and his mentees here at Leeds. Now, with his investment, we have the opportunity to grow and provide mentoring to all Leeds students."

Obituary: Ronald Herdt[29]

Herdt

Ronald "Ron" Herdt, a longtime member of the University of Colorado Boulder community, died in Boulder on Dec. 27, 2011, after a long illness. He was 73.

During his long career, he worked as a reporter and news editor for the Scottsbluff Star Herald in Nebraska and for the Greeley Tribune, where he worked during college. He continued his writing career at the News Service at CU-Boulder. He was known throughout his writing career as a careful and principled reporter.

In 1969 while writing for the News Service, Ron wrote a series of stories about the University Memorial Center's efforts to acquire memorabilia for a display about Glenn Miller. Since then, the display at the UMC has become a major archive recognized and authorized by the Miller family.

Ron worked later in his life for Facilities Management at CU-Boulder, where he retired in 2007 after more than 20 years of service. He enjoyed being part of the university and university life.

Ron had a keen mind and sense of humor; he never lost his interest in people and his wonder for the natural world. He loved music, was an avid sports fan and history buff.

He is survived by his daughter, Julie Heath of Boulder, and two sons, Tim and Greg, as well by his grandchildren, Shushila, George, Patrick, Katie and James. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Dennis, and his former wife, Sheryll.

Patients needed for free dental exams, screenings[31]

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The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine[33] is seeking patients for State Board exams. Individuals are being asked to participate in free screening exams to determine patient eligibility. Here's how it works:
Free screening exam and X-rays to determine whether you qualify. No appointment necessary. First come, first served. If you qualify, you could receive a free cleaning or up to two free fillings, plus compensation for your participation.
Qualifying criteria
Must be 18 or older. Must have most of your back teeth. No known latex allergy or Type 1 diabetes. Must be available when board exams take place:
Feb. 17-19 and March 30-April 1, 2012 Emergency needs do not qualify.
Screening info
Dates: Jan. 25; Feb. 22, 29 Time: 5-7 p.m. Place: Colorado School of Dental Medicine,

Anschutz Medical Campus; second floor
13065 E. 17th Ave.
For more info
720-435-3449

'Nuts and bolts' orientation greets new students[34]

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An orientation session and resource fair in the North Classroom welcomed new students to the CU Denver campus Jan. 11.

Many of the nearly 125 students who attended were transferring to CU Denver from Metropolitan State College of Denver and Community College of Denver. Also participating were a number of first-time freshmen, about a dozen new graduate students, students from out-of-state and a sprinkling of international students from Canada and as far away as China.

Academic Adviser John Patsey of the Academic Success and Advising Center served as master of ceremonies for the presentation portion of the event.

“It’s kind of a mini-orientation,” Patsey said. “We do a nuts-and-bolts orientation to help make sure these mid-year new students have the basics to get started.”

With classes beginning Jan. 17, new students were invited to learn more about a wide range of subjects, from getting a photo ID, to parking, to safety, to the writing center and more.

Also on hand to provide essential information was Ed Garton, assistant director for Student Affairs.

“We think it’s important to greet new students and provide information they’ll need throughout the year, such as a planner, names and numbers for offices to contact, our Code of Conduct, info on student organizations and upcoming events,” Garton said. Students also are directed to this same information online[36].

Five questions for Steven Johnson[37]

Steven Johnson

Last month’s World AIDS Day (Dec. 1) included an important message of prevention: Get tested. While the number of new HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) cases has declined and the number of AIDS-related deaths has decreased, there still are more than 33 million people worldwide who carry the virus in their bloodstream. Some of those people don’t realize they are infected.

At the University of Colorado, the message of prevention is one that’s emphasized every day, especially by Steven Johnson, M.D., a professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine on the Anschutz Medical Campus. He earned his medical degree from Northwestern University, and completed a residency at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center and a fellowship at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. In 1994, he began work at CU as the director of the Infectious Disease Group Practice and its HIV/AIDS Clinical Program.

He also is medical director of the Mountain-Plains AIDS Education and Training Center[39] (MPAETC), which covers an eight-state area with a mission to educate health care providers about HIV and accompanying issues. He previously served as medical director for the Colorado AIDS Education and Training Center.

Thousands of people have benefited from Johnson's clinical work with HIV as well as his numerous efforts – locally, nationally and in the world – to educate care providers about the virus through lectures, presentations and authored publications. He also is active in the local and medical communities and, in 2000, received the University of Colorado Infectious Disease Fellowship teaching award.

Through his roles at the university and the MPAETC, he has worked to ensure that care providers in urban and rural areas alike can recognize and/or treat the disease, along with those opportunistic infections that often develop as a person's immune system weakens.

"Only about 28 percent of people living with HIV in the U.S. have an undetectable viral load," which means the virus isn't detectable in their bloodstream, said Johnson. "That means they are diagnosed, in care, on therapy and maximally benefitting from therapy." The biggest challenge for care providers and the country, he said, is to increase the number of those who are HIV-positive and have become members of that "undetectable" category.

1. How did you become interested in working with HIV-positive patients and HIV issues?

It was really about timing. I went to medical school from 1980-84, so the disease was described during my time in medical school. The first patient I remember looking in on was at Northwestern (in '82 or '83) before the discovery of the virus and before it was clear how things were transmitted. I paid for medical school with an Army scholarship. When I came to Fitzsimons in 1984, it was about the time HIV testing became available. The military was starting to test people they took care of – there were many who were HIV-positive – and the Army had to figure out if these individuals were sick, if they could do their jobs, and if they needed additional treatments and so on. Fitzsimons also was a regional referral center for HIV-positive individuals, either active duty or non-active duty. One of the infectious diseases physicians there was very influential because he was interested in HIV but approached the patients in a nonjudgmental fashion. He wasn't afraid to hug people, draw blood, shake hands, or do rectal exams – the things that other health care workers were concerned about. That led me to apply for an infectious diseases fellowship at Walter Reed, which also was a large referral center for HIV and had a clinical and research program.

2. After all these years, why is it still important to educate care providers in Colorado about HIV infection?

We're really teaching different providers different things. In the late 1990s, when I would present a slide that showed the decline in mortality that had occurred over the years, people in the audience would gasp. They couldn't believe how successful these new therapies were. Now we're 15 years out from there and a lot of people, especially younger physicians and students, have grown up in a medical world where HIV is treatable. To them, it is a problem that happened in the past, like polio, so they see HIV in a historical context.

There are also geographical and case differences. If we go to an HIV clinic in Colorado Springs, we provide content that is higher-end, like drug interactions with medications, resistance testing for the virus, or treating opportunistic infections -- things that are more appropriate for a clinic in a metro area that is treating HIV folks. If we go to Springfield, where there is no HIV care, we'll focus more on HIV testing or how to recognize the infection. We'll also stress referral resources so that if they encounter someone with HIV, they can get those people into care right away.

3. You mentioned how medical students and young physicians think of HIV differently. As a society, we seem to talk less about HIV-AIDS. How has that affected what you're trying to do and what are some of the biggest challenges you face?

HIV's specter as a uniformly lethal disease has been replaced by the fact that, in many patients, it's a chronic but manageable disease. We have about 1,500 patients under care at the HIV/AIDS Clinic at the University of Colorado Hospital[40]. Ten or 15 years ago, you might have an annual mortality rate of 10 percent to 15 percent. Most were AIDS deaths. Now, that rate is 1 percent, and the majority is non-AIDS deaths, related to co-morbidities illnesses that may come along with HIV, like Hepatitis C, higher rates of tobacco use that lead to lung cancer, and higher rates of

mental illness. We preach in our clinic that individuals who take medications and stay in care have the potential for a normal lifespan. Because of that, HIV isn't on the radar as much, and that is part of the reason why you don't hear as much about it.

One of the issues that we face is co-morbidities. It used to be that I could come up a combination of HIV medications to effectively control the virus, and we can still do that in a vast majority of individuals. But in our clinic, 15 percent to 20 percent of the people are co-infected with Hep C or Hep B; 40 percent to 50 percent either smoke or have a strong history of smoking; and 25 percent to 50 percent have a history of mental illness. So we've had to retool what we're doing to focus on co-morbidities and make sure we're providing excellent mental health care, tobacco cessation programs and treatment of viral Hepatitis or other conditions. Ten or 15 years ago we were doing HIV-AIDS specialty care, and now we refer to it as HIV primary care. We're providing the expertise necessary to treat HIV and its complications, but we're doing it in a primary care setting where we also monitor things like blood sugar, blood pressure and health habits.

The other challenge is retention in care. There is a subset of people living with HIV who are not doing as well as the majority and that's predominately related to the inability of the patients to be in regular care. Some of that can be financial, cultural or include health literacy issues.

In addition, a recent Centers for Disease Control study estimates that nearly 1.2 million people in the United States have HIV, but about 21 percent are undiagnosed. Other people have been diagnosed and aren't in care, while some are in care but aren't getting treatments. The goal is to get people into therapy and to treat them so their HIV viral load is undetectable.

4. How has HIV changed science and medicine?

The understanding of the immune system has been greatly enhanced by research into HIV, which targets specific white blood cells. In fact, the whole field of immunology has greatly benefited. Medications to fight HIV have been models for development of medications for other diseases, such as protease inhibitors for Hepatitis C. Fifteen years ago, protease inhibitors were developed for HIV.

5. How are we doing on HIV prevention?

This year has been remarkable in the area of prevention studies. First, people who know their HIV status are changing their behavior and are less likely to transmit the virus. There also has been a series of studies that have shown success in the reduction of disease transmission by those HIV-positive people who take medications before sexual activity.

A big focus on prevention is testing. We're trying to find the 21 percent of the epidemic who are living in the U.S. with HIV and who don't know it. That figure in Colorado is 2,000 or 3,000 people.

Assistant professors create program to support cancer survivors[41]

Catherine Jankowski, Ph.D., investigator at the University of Colorado Cancer Center and assistant research professor of geriatric medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and **Ellyn Matthews**, Ph.D., R.N., assistant professor in the CU College of Nursing, have co-authored a brochure that helps make planning and monitoring exercise easier for cancer survivors.

The brochure was recently published in the Clinical Journal of Oncology Nurse and is endorsed by the American College of Sports Medicine.

"Our program is geared toward small steps, reaching goals, and then modifying them as needed," Jankowski said. "You have cancer survivors who overestimate or underestimate their abilities, or fear returning to exercise. For some

people who weren't exercising before, cancer can even be their wake-up call."

Studies show that the overall quality of life is higher in cancer survivors who exercise, and that the rate of cancer recurrence is lower. But while most doctors recommend exercise, many patients fail to follow through. Jankowski and Matthews said a major challenge for cancer survivors is the idea that exercise will add more fatigue on top of the debilitating tiredness that can accompany cancer treatment. In fact, they said, the reverse is true: In cancer patients -- like the population at large -- exercise decreases feelings of fatigue. The program guides cancer survivors through the process of picking an exercise, setting short- and long-term goals, monitoring progress and revising goals as needed. Importantly, the brochure helps the diverse population of cancer survivors personalize their exercise goals to maximize well-being across psychological and physical health. Cancer survivors can download the brochure for their personal use or physicians may include the brochure in patients' paperwork.

Colorado Weigh classes coming to Boulder, Denver, Colorado Springs[42]

January is the time for New Year's resolutions, and for many people, their top resolution is to lose weight. To help more people be successful, Be Colorado is bringing the popular Colorado Weigh program to the Boulder, Denver and Colorado Springs campuses with subsidized Phase 1 classes starting in February.

The 12-week weight loss and long-term maintenance program, taught by registered dietitians, puts into practice the world-renowned research by faculty at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in the area of obesity treatment.

In 2011, Be Colorado sponsored and subsidized three Phase 1 Colorado Weigh classes on the Anschutz Medical Campus. The class participants had an average 5.7 percent weight loss over the 12 weeks. Not only did participants lose weight, but they also enjoyed the classes, giving them a rating of 4.7, with 5 being excellent.

These Colorado Weigh classes are open to all University of Colorado faculty and staff. The cost for the Phase 1 class is $240, a substantial discount from the regular price of $349, and is paid through payroll deduction. In addition, University of Colorado Health and Welfare Trust members can receive a $100 rebate for meeting attendance and logging goals.

Here are upcoming class details:

Campus
Week Day
Start Date
End Date *
Class Time
Building

UCCS Tuesday Feb. 14 May 8 11:30 - 12:15
University Center **CU-Boulder** Wednesday Feb. 8 May 2 11:30 - 12:15
Leeds Business School,
Koelbel Building **CU Denver** Thursday Feb. 9 May 3 11:30 - 12:15
Lawrence Street Center,
1380 Lawrence Street
* - No class during Spring Break

To sign up, go to http://www.becolorado.org/[43]. Classes are capped at 25 participants and they fill quickly, so sign up today. For more details on the Colorado Weigh program, go to http://www.coloradoweigh.com/[44]. Email questions to risa.heywood@cu.edu[45].

Dropping names …[46]

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Yuk Lee, professor of planning and design at the University of Colorado Denver and associate dean of Academic Affairs-Denver, presented a paper, “Impact of Hypermarkets on Commercial Land Value in Selected Thai Cities and Planning Implications,” at the Third Asian Association of Urban and Regional Studies Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, Dec. 9-12. He presented with co-author alumnus Kollawat Sakhakara (Ph.D. 2011) of the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Bangkok. … An essay by **Maria Elena Buszek**, University of Colorado Denver College of Arts and Media, is included in the catalog for the traveling art exhibition “In Wonderland: The Surrealist Adventures of Women Artists in the United States and Mexico.” The catalog, titled “Eros and Thanatos: Surrealism’s Legacy in Contemporary Feminist Art,” is published by Prestel. In addition, a review of Buszek’s book “Extra/Ordinary: Craft and Contemporary Art” has been published in the scholarly e-journal “Liminalities.” … **Teresa Sakraida**, Ph.D., R.N., an assistant professor at the University of Colorado College of Nursing, has received the 2011 Bronze Award from the Online Journal of Nursing Informatics. Also in the College of Nursing, Assistant Professor **Eileen Thomas**, Ph.D., R.N., has been selected to receive a pilot grant for Improving Translational Research Through Community –Academic Partnerships for her application titled “Integrative Care Services for Asian Pacific Islanders in Colorado Communities.” The award was given by the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) and the Community Engagement PACT Council. … Professor **Diane Skiba**, Ph.D., FAAN, has received a Certificate of Recognition from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology for leadership, dedication and commitment to furthering the goals of the HITECH Act through expanding and enhancing the Health Information Technology professional programs that ensure public health, rural and underserved areas have Health IT-trained professionals. Skiba, in turn, recognized Donna DuLong for her efforts in recruitment and grants management for the program and said that without her help, CU would not be receiving the recognition.

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