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[CU Advocates Day connects supporters, lawmakers](#)[3]

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More than 110 CU Advocates and guests met there early Friday for the annual event, which provided an opportunity for the CU Advocates to hear from and network with legislators.

CU President Bruce Benson and Vice Presidents Tanya Kelly-Bowry, government relations, and Todd Saliman, budget and finance, spoke to attendees about the outlook for state funding and the role of Advocates in promoting the value of higher education in the state.

Current and former state lawmakers also took to the podium in the Old Supreme Court chambers to talk about challenges facing CU – including TABOR, the TABOR lawsuit and other factors influencing higher education funding – and to express their enthusiasm for CU and its contributions to the state and region as a vital educational institution, research enterprise and economic driver. Those state leaders included former Sen. and Rep. Norma Anderson, Rep. Lois Court, House Majority Leader Crisanta Duran, former Sen. Mike Feeley, House Speaker Dickey Lee Hullinghorst, Rep. Kevin Priola and former state Sen. and CU Regent Emerita Gail Schwartz.

Attendees included other state legislators and CU Regents Michael Carrigan, John Carson, Glen Gallegos and Vice Chair Irene Griego.

Both political parties were represented. In remarks, leaders described not only the good news for CU and higher education in the coming years, but the more threatening outlook as well.

"This is a really good year for higher education at the state Capitol," Saliman said, emphasizing the encouragement in the current state budget under review by the Legislature. Although the Joint Budget Committee this week reduced a [previously proposed increase for higher education](#)[5], institutions in the state still stand to benefit from a \$66.6 million boost to operating budgets, an increase of 11 percent for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The future beyond that budget year is cloudier. Looming TABOR refunds, a reflection of an improving state economy, could potentially threaten higher education funding as soon as next year.

"The Legislature is struggling in figuring out how to make those refunds happen and still meet the needs of the state," Saliman said.

Anderson, a Republican, went so far as to say that TABOR might lead to zero public funding for higher education in the coming decades.

"I have very bad news for you," she said. "In 15 to 20 years, the state will probably be broke unless something

changes. ... TABOR was called a growth limit, but it's really a spending limit – even the courts have called it that.”

Feeley, an attorney who now represents plaintiffs in a long-underway lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of TABOR, gave a brief update on the status of the case. Though filed four years ago, it awaits a Supreme Court decision on whether it may proceed, likely in June. Anderson said the case could potentially be in the courts another six to eight years.

“The case is about the right of the legislative body to set the budget through taxes,” she said. “It’s impossible to budget with TABOR in the Constitution.”

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Priola, a Republican, offered a different perspective, saying “TABOR allows for the voters to give that nod for whatever purpose going forward.” The CU-Boulder business school graduate – and former Ralphie handler – also took the opportunity to advise CU Advocates.

“CU is a prime economic driver not only in Colorado, but in the region,” he said. “Keep that in mind when you’re talking to folks about the University of Colorado and what it means to our state.”

Schwartz – a CU alumna as well as regent emerita – also offered tips for CU Advocates, specifically how to talk to legislators about supporting CU and higher education.

“Call your representatives and tell them what your position is,” she said. “Our CU Advocates should give (lawmakers) talking points in a minute or so. It’s important to be succinct. ... And personalize it – tell them your story about your connection to higher education.”

Shortly after the main program ended, with CU Advocates filling the gallery, Priola led the House of Representatives in singing the CU fight song.

Court, also referring to the challenges posed by TABOR, offered an alternative during the earlier program: “This is the CU fight song for the future: Fight for our fiscal sanity.”

[See more photos from CU Advocates Day 2015](#)[6]

[President Benson’s Town Hall at CU-Boulder](#)[7]

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[CU-Boulder's Conference on World Affairs accessible from anywhere](#)^[14]

When the University of Colorado Boulder's annual Conference on World Affairs returns to campus for the 67th time April 6-10, you won't need to be in Boulder to enjoy it.

This year the CWA will not just be bringing the world to Boulder but bringing CWA to the world. Audio recordings from all 200 panel discussions, performances and plenaries will be posted within 24 hours of the live event to the conference website, www.colorado.edu/cwa^[15], for on-demand listening. Live stream videos of events in Macky Auditorium, the University Memorial Center (UMC) center ballroom and UMC room 235 also will be available on the CWA website. Recordings also may be purchased from National Conference Recording Services at ncrsusa.com^[16] or in UMC 247 during the week.

The ability to virtually access audio recordings will bring the more than 100 conference participants — who pay their own way to travel to Boulder from around the country and the globe — to curious people far beyond Boulder's borders.

Scattered throughout the schedule of the week's 200 events are sessions on race, Iran, patriotism, jazz, space exploration, health care, drug policy, film, poverty and many other topics. Unlike other conferences that set an agenda for speakers, the CWA panels are created from topics suggested by the participants.

The full CWA schedule is now available online at www.colorado.edu/cwa^[15].

Gordon Adams, a distinguished fellow at the Stimson Center in Washington, D.C., and a CWA veteran, says the conference is the standout event in his year.

"It is the only meeting in the country where I can feed my right and left brains simultaneously," he said. "It is a cornucopia of gifts, from culture and the arts to science, politics and economics, provided by some of the most entertaining and intelligent people I know. Where else can I read poetry in the morning, solve the federal budget crisis in the afternoon, and the next day do it all over again?"

New York Post associate editorial page editor Robert George, who describes the CWA as his "intellectual spring break," will mark his eighth year of participation at this year's conference.

"That's what the Conference on World Affairs has become for me," he said, "a place to engage in lively conversation with some of the brightest people around." George will serve on panels ranging from "Jon Stewart and the End of a Colb-era" to "We Met On Tinder: Dating and the Decline of Monogamy" at this year's event.

"I've been fortunate to be part of panels on humor, improv, comic books, popular music, television, etc. — truly everything possible," George said.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by Leonard Pitts Jr., syndicated columnist for the Miami Herald. His address, "In a Single Garment of Destiny," is set for 11:30 a.m. April 6 in Macky Auditorium.

The keynote address will be preceded by CWA's colorful, annual opening procession. Led by Pitts and CU-Boulder Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano, the procession will advance at 11:10 a.m. through the avenue of international flags on display in Norlin Quad and into Macky Auditorium, where DiStefano will introduce Pitts.

Other highlights from the 2015 schedule include:

Nuclear nonproliferation expert Valerie Plame Wilson's plenary address, "Do You Wish You Didn't Know: Snowden, Privacy and Democracy," at 1 p.m. April 8 in Macky Auditorium. Senior astronomer at the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) Institute Seth Shostak and New York Times best-selling author and astrophysicist David Brin's debate, "Contacting Extraterrestrials: Beware!," at 2 p.m. April 8 in Macky Auditorium. Television host Richard Alley's Walter Orr Roberts Distinguished Lecture, "Ways Forward on Climate and Energy: Getting Good From What We Do and Don't Know," at 3 p.m. April 8 in Macky Auditorium. HIV experts Joel Gallant and Charlie van der Horst's talk, "Response to Infectious Disease," at 4:30 p.m. April 8 in Muenzinger E050. Sarah Weddington, author and attorney on the 1973 landmark Supreme Court Case Roe v. Wade, delivers the Molly Ivins Freedom Fightin' Memorial Plenary, "Walk the Talk: Everyday Leadership," at 2:30 p.m. April 10 in Macky Auditorium. The Ebert Cinema Interruptus, hosted by author and broadcaster David Bender, will dissect "A Face in the Crowd" from April 7-10. The interruptus takes place each day at 4 p.m. in Macky Auditorium. An uninterrupted screening is at 4 p.m. April 6 in Macky Auditorium.

CWA attendees are encouraged to use public transportation, as there is no event parking on campus. Free parking is offered on the third level of the Macy's parking structure at the Twenty Ninth Street shopping mall in Boulder, at the southwest corner of 30th and Walnut streets. Free rides to campus on the HOP bus are available during CWA week.

The HOP will run on its normal route arriving every 7 to 10 minutes between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The two stops nearest the Macy's parking structure are at the intersection of 29th Street and Walnut Street and the intersection of 30th Street and Walnut Street.

[Expanded health care options to be offered during Open Enrollment](#)^[17]

During CU's two-week Open Enrollment period — April 27 through May 11 — CU employees may enroll in health care plans and programs that provide coverage from July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016. While you can find information now about the benefits enrollment window at www.cu.edu/oe^[18], plan rates and summary books will be available online when Open Enrollment begins on April 27.

What's new this Open Enrollment? Enroll in new CU Health Plan – Extended to get covered care at facilities across

the United States.

With CU Health Plan – Extended, benefits-eligible employees will have access to a national network of providers, in Colorado and throughout the United States. Participants can refer themselves to specialists. With the exception of urgent and emergent care, this plan does not cover out-of-network care. Additional details will be available at www.cu.edu/oe[19].

CU Health Plan – Access Network is being discontinued.

Following years of increasing rates for Access Plan coverage, CU Health Plan – Access Network is being eliminated effective July 1, 2015. Current members enrolled in this plan must take action to enroll in another medical plan or waive their coverage. If they do not, they will be automatically enrolled in another CU Health Plan, based on [CU's auto-enrollment strategy](#)[20].

Save pre-tax dollars: Pair your high-deductible plan with a new health savings account (HSA).

By enrolling in CU Health Plan – High Deductible (HSA Compatible) — or an HSA-qualified high-deductible plan outside CU — employees may save money for future medical expenses, or for retirement (just as you can by enrolling in a CU 403(b) Voluntary Retirement Plan). Starting July 1, CU will offer an HSA through Wells Fargo. When employees open a Wells Fargo HSA banking account, they may set aside pre-tax funds to pay for qualified medical expenses, just as they may by opening a flexible spending account.

Most CU health plans will now cover acupuncture.

Plan participants have requested acupuncture more than any other benefit they'd like added to their covered services, and the CU Health Plan has responded by offering it to all of its plans' participants (with the exception of those enrolled in CU Health Plan – Medicare). This benefit will cover a limited number of annual, pre-authorized visits.

Diabetes prevention program strives to educate and empower at-risk population.

CU Health Plan – Diabetes Prevention tackles the epidemic of pre-diabetes, which afflicts about 60 million American adults who are at increased risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Plan members who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes can participate in this 16-week program, which aims to help them make lifestyle changes via educational tools, social support and health coaching.

Documentation is now required for optional life insurance coverage increases.

During Open Enrollment, you may increase your optional life insurance; however, to do so, you must complete the insurance company's Medical History Statement Form. If you are approved for coverage, it will begin July 1.

Find more information about your options this Open Enrollment at www.cu.edu/oe[19].

[Six community members honored by Board of Regents](#)[21]

The University of Colorado Board of Regents has announced its selection of five recipients of honorary degrees and a Distinguished Service Award-winner.

Upon the recommendation of the Regents' Awards Committee, the board approved the 2015 nominees at a February meeting. Each award recipient has been invited to attend a campus commencement ceremony to accept his or her award.

The 2015 recipients are:

HONORARY DEGREE

John Darrah served as a research physicist and senior scientist at the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. He retired in 1999 as the Chief Scientist for the Air Force Space Command. He was instrumental in setting up the Strategic Defense Initiative, focusing on advanced and classified effects of both the radiation and electromagnetic pulse (EMP) of nuclear devices. He helped lead various engineering teams that assured resistant and uninterrupted C3 – Communications, Command and Control – between the President's Airborne Command Centers. Much of his work remains classified and he still holds top secret clearance. In Colorado, he served on an advisory council for several presidents of the University of Colorado, starting with Arnold R. Weber in 1980. A specific measurable goal was to win competitive awarded space-related research grants against MIT, Harvard and Stanford, which CU does today. He also formed and led the Higher Education Task Force that developed the master plan for UCCS. (Nominated by CU-Boulder; to be

presented at CU-Boulder commencement, May 9)

Richard Jessor, Ph.D., is the longest-serving active member of the faculty in CU history (1951-2009). During that time he served as chair of the Council on Research and Creative Work, as a member of the Boulder Campus Institute Directors Committee, as a member of the Chancellor's Task Force on Interfacing the Campus and the Community, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (VCAC), and on various chancellor and dean search committees as well as numerous psychology department committees. The last five years he has served as Distinguished Professor Emeritus and research professor in the Institute of Behavioral Science (IBS). He was a full professor in the Department of Psychology (1961-2009) and a founding member of the Institute of Behavioral Science, for which he served as director from 1980 to 2001. He retired in 2009 so that IBS could use five years of salary savings to help finance the new IBS Building, but continued to direct the Research Program on Health Behavior in IBS and was a member of the IBS Board until June 2014. He has authored or edited more than 130 publications including eight books on adolescent and young adult development. His research, which has been cited 21,471 times, has focused primarily on the psychosocial determinants and developmental consequences of involvement in high-risk behaviors by young people, including alcohol and drug use, risky driving, smoking, early sexual involvement and limited academic involvement. His work has helped shape the field of adolescent development. (Nominated by CU-Boulder; to be presented at CU-Boulder commencement, May 9)

Dave Liniger founded one of the most successful real estate enterprises in the world and is renowned throughout the nation and world as a leader of business. He and his wife, Gail, are patrons of the arts, exemplars of civic virtue and strong supporters of higher education. He is nationally recognized as an expert in time management, sales training, recruiting and motivation. He has been featured in *Entrepreneur*, *Forbes*, *Fortune* Inc., *Success* and other leading publications. He has won many awards including the Special Achievement Award from the Council of Residential Specialists (CRS), The Warren Bennis Award for Leadership Excellence from the Global Institute for Leadership Development, the Inman News "People's Choice" Most Influential Real Estate Leader, he was included in Bloomberg Business Week's profiles of the 50 Most Powerful People in Real Estate, he was inducted into the Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers (CRB) Hall of Leaders, the REBAC (ABR) Hall of Fame and the International Franchise Association's Hall of Fame. The Linigers' recent gift of The Wildlife Experience facility, valued at \$40 million and recently renamed the Liniger Building at CU South Denver, is both engaging and transforming CU's growth in the south metro area. The Linigers' generosity is making a high-value CU education more accessible for many. (Nominated by CU Denver; presentation TBD)

Gail Liniger is the visionary co-leader of the Denver-based global real estate franchise she co-founded with her husband, Dave Liniger, in 1973. The company boasts a brand that is unrivaled, having grown to over 3,600 sales associates in 110 offices in Colorado, and more than 113,000 sales associates and 5,800 offices in 58 countries around the world. As evidence of the huge impact she has had on the real estate world, in 2013, Gail and Dave Liniger were presented with the Amazing Investor Award by the United States Olympic Committee. As a dedicated philanthropist, Gail Liniger is well-known for her community involvement and commitment to many organizations, specifically the Paralympics Military and Veteran Programs. She has championed worthy causes such as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and has received the prestigious Children's Miracle Network Hospitals Founder's Award. The Linigers' recent gift of The Wildlife Experience facility, valued at \$40 million and recently renamed the Liniger Building at CU South Denver, is both engaging and transforming CU's growth in the south metro area. The Linigers' generosity is making a high-value CU education more accessible for many. (Nominated by CU Denver; presentation TBD)

Diane Gates Wallach is a manager and president of Cody Resources Management LLC, a real estate investment company that focuses on energy, agribusiness and real estate. She also serves on the boards of Hat Creek Energy LLC (domestic oil and gas), Gates Capital Partners LLC (diversified private equity), and Bear Creek Inc. (private trust company). Her community service includes current board positions on the Gates Family Foundation and the Gates Frontiers Fund, both private Colorado-based charitable organizations; IAALS (University of Denver's Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System); Cardigan Mountain School and co-chair of the Community Advisory Board for the Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology. She also has served on the boards of Children's Hospital Colorado, Colorado Outward Bound School, Denver Art Museum Foundation and Colorado Zoological Trust. As board member on the Children's Hospital of Colorado Board, she helped raise funds for the hospital's construction and oversaw its move to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. As a trustee of the Gates

Frontiers Fund, she facilitated a \$6.5 million gift that enabled the university to recruit Dennis Roop, Ph.D., from the Baylor College of Medicine and establish a “Program” and now “Center” in regenerative medicine and stem cell biology in memory of her late father, Charles C. Gates. Her leadership and generosity have resulted in the Gates Center now operating as the only comprehensive Stem Cell Center within a 500-mile radius, sharing its services and resources with an ever-enlarging membership of researchers and clinicians at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as CU-Boulder, Colorado State University, the Colorado School of Mines and business startups. She helped spearhead and finance the Gates Biomanufacturing Facility designed to enable investigators to fully develop their discoveries and technologies on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus with an eye toward the delivery of innovative therapies in Colorado and the region. (Nominated by CU Anschutz Medical Campus; presentation TBD)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Chris Jenkins is one of Colorado Springs’ most visionary and passionate leaders. As president of Nor’wood Development Group, he has leveraged his company to improve the quality of life for many people and organizations by providing free and discounted office space, donating land for various community projects, and developing a year-round community public market. He was part of the steering committee that developed the future vision for Colorado Springs Operation 6035. He continues that role by serving on the Regional Leadership Forum which oversees and helps carry out the 6035 plan. He chaired a 2012 Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel on developing the future of Colorado Springs. He led a major community effort to submit a proposal to the state of Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade under the Regional Tourism Act. This tireless effort led to the most successful funding of any city to the tune of \$120 million for the City of Champions program. He is or has been involved in almost every major organization in town; they include: Downtown Partnership, Fine Arts Center, Downtown Development Authority, Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance, Cultural Office of the Pikes Peak Region, and the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Development Corporation, just to name a few. He is equally involved in many areas of helping develop the university. (Nominated by CU Colorado Springs; presentation TBD)

[Study: Western forests decimated by pine beetles not more likely to burn](#)[22]

[Campus leaders unveil University Studies program](#)[23]

[Iron Art Festival: Creativity at 3,000 degrees](#)[24]

[Study: Ending statin use might improve quality of life for some patients](#)[25]

[Bradley to join CU Cancer Center, Colorado School of Public Health](#)[26]

Cathy J. Bradley has been hired as the associate director for cancer prevention and control by the University of Colorado Cancer Center and the Colorado School of Public Health. Bradley currently is associate director at Virginia Commonwealth University’s Massey Cancer Center, chair of the university’s Department of Healthcare Policy and Research and interim chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Health.

Bradley will be a key member of the CU Cancer Center’s executive leadership team, as well as a professor in the

Department of Health Systems, Management and Policy at Colorado School of Public Health, where she will focus on cancer prevention, cancer control, health policy, and outcomes research with emphasis on inter-disciplinary projects.

Cancer prevention includes cancer screening, early detection programs, and interventions such as improving nutrition and increasing exercise. Cancer control science is designed to create or enhance interventions that will reduce cancer risk, reduce cancer mortality, and improve quality of life for cancer survivors. Cancer control research also includes studies to improve health care delivery systems as well as studies to inform and shape health policy to ease the burden of cancer at a population level.

As a health economist specializing in cancer, much of Bradley's recent work focuses on finding and fixing gaps in cancer care affecting underserved and minority populations. She also has pioneered research addressing cancer and its effect on employment. Bradley is an accomplished researcher with more than 100 articles published in peer-reviewed journals and has been continuously funded for the past 18 years. She has ongoing research currently funded by the National Cancer Institute, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Komen Foundation and the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

CU Cancer Center is the hub of cancer research in the state of Colorado. As associate director for prevention and control, Bradley will play a lead role in identifying, developing and overseeing cross-disciplinary research, multi-institutional research collaboration and shared services to support cancer prevention and control research programs across the state of Colorado.

Bradley will provide leadership and mentorship to CU Cancer Center investigators carrying out public health research and service programs in cancer prevention and control. Those programs include:

Colorado Colorectal Screening Program, a statewide program to increase colorectal cancer screening of the medically underserved. Colorado Generations helps primary care physicians identify which of their patients may need increased surveillance or cancer genetic testing for colon or breast cancers. Colorado Patient Navigator Training educates patient navigators on the most effective ways to reduce barriers in cancer screening, cancer treatments and health care, in general. Specialized Program of Research Excellence in Lung Cancer research to identify biomarkers for lung cancer, the leading cancer killer of men and women. The development of human clinical trials for chemopreventive nutrients now being studied in animal models at the CU Cancer Center.

Bradley also will direct a training program in cancer prevention and control research science to assist in the education of the next generation of cancer researchers.

Bradley also received a secondary appointment to the University of Colorado School of Medicine in the Department of Medicine's Division of Medical Oncology.

[Davies, Melbourne team for study on forest land](#)[27]

Kendi Davies and **Brett Melbourne**, assistant professors in CU-Boulder's Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, are co-authors of a global study that found that 70 percent of forested lands remaining in the world are within a half-mile of the forest edge, where encroaching urban, suburban or agricultural influences can cause any number of harmful effects.

The study, which involved about two dozen researchers, appeared in a paper published in "Science Advances."

The research team, led by North Carolina State University, undertook a global survey of habitat fragmentation — the division of habitats into smaller and more isolated patches — and found the degree of fragmentation points to trouble for a number of the world's ecosystems, from forests to savannahs to grasslands, and the plants and animals living in them.

The study also tracked seven major experiments on five continents that examine habitat fragmentation and finds that fragmented habitats reduce the diversity of plants and animals by 13 percent to 75 percent, with the largest negative effects found in the smallest and most isolated patches.

Davies and Melbourne have been tracking the fates of species in a 30-year experiment at Wog Wog in southeast Australia, along with Australian researchers. “Big, long-term experiments in ecology are critical because we can draw very strong conclusions,” Davies said.

The researchers assembled a map of global forest cover and found very few forest lands unencumbered by some type of human development.

“The results were astounding,” said Dr. Nick Haddad, William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences at NC State and the corresponding author of the paper. “Nearly 20 percent of the world’s remaining forest is the distance of a football field—or about 100 meters—away from a forest edge. Seventy percent of forest lands are within a half-mile of a forest edge. That means almost no forest can really be considered wilderness.”

The seven major experiments on fragmented habitats tracked by the study cover many different types of ecosystems. The experiments combined to show a disheartening trend. Fragmentation causes losses of plants and animals, changes how ecosystems function, reduces the amounts of nutrients retained and the amount of carbon sequestered, and has other deleterious effects.

“The initial negative effects were unsurprising,” Haddad said. “But I was blown away by the fact that these negative effects became even more negative with time. Some results showed a 50 percent or higher decline in plant and animals species over an average of just 20 years, for example. And the trajectory is still spiraling downward.”

The researchers point to some possible ways of mitigating the negative effects of fragmentation: conserving and maintaining larger areas of habitat; utilizing landscape corridors, or connected fragments that have shown to be effective in achieving higher biodiversity and better ecosystem function; increasing the efficiency of agriculture; and focusing on urban design efficiencies.

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

UCCS Chancellor **Pam Shockley-Zalabak** recently received a humanitarian award from the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross. Shockley-Zalabak received the award during an evening ceremony at the Antler’s Hilton Hotel. Eight other individuals were also honored as Colorado Springs Hometown Heroes. To see a video interview with Shockley-Zalabak, visit <http://communique.uccs.edu/?p=18225>[29]

Henrikka Weir, assistant professor, and **Anna Kosloski**, assistant professor, both at UCCS School of Public Affairs, published “Melding theoretical perspectives: A gendered look at low-resting heart rate and developmental trajectories of antisocial behavior” in the March edition of “Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Law and Society.”

Phillip Morris, program director, Veteran and Military Student Affairs at UCCS, recently was interviewed about helping veterans transition from the military to college and civilian life. In the video produced by CU Online at CU Denver, Morris shares his own experience in the military. He also discusses the fact that CU campuses are consistently designated “Military Friendly Schools” by G.I. Jobs. Each CU campus has individualized programs that provide support ranging from admissions, benefits for families, academic and financial assistance, transition from military to college to careers, disability services and mental health. The video is a [part of the “A Place for You at CU” promotion](#) [30] by the CU system Office of Academic Affairs to highlight diversity grants that benefit students and programs. To view the video, visit <http://communique.uccs.edu/?p=18217>[31]

[Funding opportunity: Call for PTLC Faculty Researchers](#)[32]

Applications for the 2015-2016 cohort of President's Teaching and Learning Collaborative (PTLC) Faculty Researchers are now being accepted.

Central to the work of the PTLC is creating and publishing scholarship in teaching and learning that contributes both to theory and effective teaching practice in and across disciplines. To this end, each Faculty Researcher designs and undertakes an investigation aimed at deepening understanding of disciplinary pedagogy and related to an important issue in learning.

Faculty Researchers design, carry out and publish research on a particular aspect of learning in a specific course. Each investigator is supported by a coach and short seminars in how to do education research. Faculty Researchers will receive funding totaling \$1,550 for their research that may include a student research assistant and travel to present one's research.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to ptlc@colorado.edu[33] by May 15.

Complete details are posted at:

<http://www.colorado.edu/ptsp/ptlc/PTLCCallCurrent.html>[34]

For information on participants and their research:

<http://www.colorado.edu/ptsp/ptlc/ParticipantsandResearch.html>[35]

To see successful proposals from past years:

<http://www.colorado.edu/ptsp/ptlc/proposals/ResearchProjects.html>[36]

[Social media tip: Use appropriate branding](#)[37]

CU faculty and staff are reminded that the university logo or any other university images or iconography should not be used on personal social media sites. Do not use the university name to promote a product, cause, or political party or candidate.

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