Ten years into presidency, Benson talks of what's been done, what's to come [1]

Register now for COLTT 2018[2]

The 21st Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology (COLTT) Conference is set for Aug. 1-2 at the University of Colorado Boulder Wolf Law Building[3] and adjacent Idea Forge[4].

Registration is open[5] through July 25 with early bird pricing ending on July 13.

Keynote speaker is Rajiv Jhangiani, Ph.D.,[6] a special adviser to the provost on open education and a psychology professor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University in British Columbia. He conducts research in open education and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

His most recent book is "Open: The Philosophy and Practices That are Revolutionizing Education and Science" [7] (2017). His COLTT keynote and workshop will address Open Educational Resources (OER).

Café Pédagogique is a lively discussion of teaching and learning with technology in a friendly and relaxed environment with food and access to beverages of your choice.

You can opt into the Café for $35 when registering. Café Péd 2018 will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 1 at Fiske Planetarium. For more about Café Péd, click here[8].

Regents committee discusses proposed policies on freedom of expression[9]

The CU Board of Regents' Governance Committee on Wednesday advanced an extension and clarification of the university's commitment to free speech in its policy documents. The proposed changes and additions to policies one, five and seven of the Laws of the Regents articulate the responsibility of members of the university community to "protect the university as a forum for the free expression of ideas."

The current version of Regent Law focuses on free speech as it relates to academic freedom. The additions more fully address speech on campuses that happens outside classrooms, said Patrick O'Rourke, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Regents.

"These policies demonstrate CU's historical commitment to freedom of speech," O'Rourke said. "Universities are the places where people come together to discuss and address important societal issues. They are places where ideas should be debated and judged on their merits. The policies are designed to allow those conversations to occur without censorship."

The committee voted unanimously to advance the issue to the board's regular June meeting for a notice of motion. The earliest the full board would vote on the issue is September.

"We're creating a different type of free speech framework that doesn't only work for faculty, but for students, staff and speakers on campus," O'Rourke said.

He stressed in his presentation to the board committee that free speech also includes offensive speech.

"We've worked to make university policy consistent with legal lines. The challenge is to counter offensive speech rather than suppress it," he said.

The framework also considers the requirements of Senate Bill 62, which passed the Colorado Legislature last year and essentially eliminated free speech zones on campuses.

Committee chair Irene Griego said it will be important to ensure the changes are clearly communicated across the university.

“As we develop policies, we need to consider ‘What is it going to look like, feel like and be?’ Policies define what our culture is going to be,” Griego said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Michael Lightner said the changes make for a more robust policy.

“This provides a really evolved framework from what we have now,” he said.

Headstrong, UCCS Veterans Health and Trauma Clinic offer expanded access for veterans [10]

Enhancing cities one parking space and trail at a time [11]

New CU Anschutz course teaches Wilderness Emergency Canine Care[12]
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Buddy wasn’t looking too good. His breathing was rapid and his heart rate almost too fast to count; he could barely wag his tail. He was panting and he went belly down on the dirt in the shade. It was hot, maybe 90 degrees and the mid-afternoon southern Utah sun he and his owner had just been hiking in was brutal. Should we be worried about Buddy, a 50-or-so-pound lab mix? What would you do?

That’s where a new and unusual course – Wilderness Emergency Canine Care, offered by the CU School of Medicine’s Section of Wilderness and Environmental Medicine – comes in to play.

The class[14] will be offered for the very first time on June 2 and then again on June 3.

“We know that Coloradans love two things: adventure and their dogs,” said Todd Miner, senior instructor in the section and the originator of the class. “There are a lot of wilderness first-aid classes for people, but none for their best friends, their dogs.”

With that in mind, Miner, along with longtime veterinarian Mary Wright, came up with a class for adventurers who head off-pavement with their dogs eagerly in tow.

Wright is a Colorado State University grad who has practiced in Colorado for decades and has treated family pets, police and SAR dogs, as well as a host of wild mammals. She was a natural to design and teach the class.

“We’re the ones who bring them out there; we need to be their first responders,” Wright said. “We want to give participants in the class enough skills to assess their dog, treat common and even some life-threatening issues, and know when and how best to evacuate a dog in serious distress.”

Topics covered in the class include prevention, assessment, wound care, ortho injuries, heat and cold illness, digestive issues and a host of other traumas and illnesses. The course is designed for anyone who ventures into the field with

Fido — there are no prerequisites or no medical or veterinary knowledge is expected or needed.

Oh, and Buddy? He turned out to be just fine after a lot more water, a belly — almost bare, with very little fur — that was sprayed with water, and a long rest in the shade. A little knowledge can be most beneficial.

Epperson named chair of psychiatry at CU School of Medicine [15]

Faculty team receives $1 million NSF grant for indigenous lands program [16]

Spain Bradley receives OZY Educator Award [17]

Anna Spain Bradley, associate professor at the University of Colorado Law School at CU Boulder, has received a 2018 OZY Educator Award, given to five educators across the country.

Spain Bradley wrote about[18] connectedness.

“In the end, we are all connected. In a world of 7.5 billion people, our collective future depends on humanity’s ability to cooperate and live in peace. I understand my task as an educator to be doing my small part to help us find that peace. Whatever the future holds, we are moving there fast, together. The sooner we can learn to appreciate our differences while respecting our unity, the better off we will be.”

Huetson, champion of sustainability, to retire[19]

What an all-nighter does to your blood [20]

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