

Center for ENVS & MEM Newsletter

MEM Student of the Week: Ethan White

Ethan was born and raised in Kansas City, and graduated from Greenville University in Illinois with a B.A. of Communication. After graduation, he served as an Americorps VISTA for the Boys & Girls Club, and most recently as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Fiji within the CYEP (Community Youth Empowerment Project). He was placed at Navuso Agriculture School and was to be a SRH (Sexual & Reproductive Health) teacher. He transitioned into grant execution and ag education on behalf of the school and the UNDP, playing a role in some exciting development projects. If anyone is interested in learning more about Peace Corps or Fiji, he would love to tell you more! He had chosen the MEM program because of Jess Young and her commitment to understanding issues from a global perspective and he hopes to continue his involvement with Coldharbour Institute's Savory Hub, helping to develop the organization while learning, teaching, and implementing holistic farm practices. Ethan's vision of the future is always changing around a small number of concrete themes: living internationally, teaching better agriculture practices, building a family with a life partner, and leaving no beer untasted.



Western's MEM Alumni and Current Students

- * Share your project, share potential projects, ask questions and make connections! Have awesome job opportunities posted or share your post-graduation journey here! We are all here to help each other. Make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#).

MEM Housing Options

- * To any MEM student who is still looking for a place to live, please post your available apartments/housing in the Gunnison Valley to the MEM Student Housing Exchange Facebook page for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the Gunnison Market Place group or the Gunnison Shopper.

Events and Items of Interest

- * Hosted by Coldharbour Institute, a **Youth Pyro Workshop** will take place **Today, Nov. 17th-19th**. The institute and Telluride Fire Festival collaborate to bring a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) program, which engages historically underrepresented students from three rural areas of Colorado and brings them to Telluride for two weekends. Over the course of two and a half days, the kids research, design, plan, and build a sculpture. Go [here](#) to find out more.

- * **Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR)** is excited to partner with the Crested Butte Snowsports Foundation (CBSF) for the second annual **Donation Day** prior to the ski resort's official opening. **On Nov. 22nd**, the resort will be collecting a \$15 donation for a lift ticket, valid for that Wednesday only. 100% of the proceeds from this Donation Day will go to the CBSF and help fund their mission of "supporting the youth in the Gunnison Valley in their pursuits of sportsmanship, passion, and discipline through snow sport experiences."
- * Join Crested Butte Mountain Resort for their 2017-2018 **Opening Day on Nov. 23rd!** This year's will be celebrated with a complimentary champagne toast in the base area, free cookies in the Lodge at Mountaineer square from 9 - 11 am and lots of gratitude!
- * Join the **2nd Annual gO Turkey Trot** benefiting the GO Initiative on **Thurs. Nov. 23rd**. The holidays can be a tough time for a lot of us; the mission behind this particular race is to raise awareness for mental & physical health in the Gunnison valley. Register [here](#) online **until the 22nd**.
- * The Colorado School of Mines is offering a **Professional Grant Development Workshop** for mastering the techniques of writing superior winning proposals from **Nov. 29th-30th** in Golden, CO. To register and learn more about it, click [here](#).
- * There is an upcoming **Ethics Forum, Wed. Nov. 29th at 7 PM** in the UC ballroom. The event is **free** and open to Western and Gunnison community members, and refreshments will be served. Keynote speaker Mr. Weston Smith will deliver a timely talk about his time as CFO of HealthSouth Corporation and his involvement in a 15 year, \$3 billion fraud during which he voluntarily exposed the scandal, worked with authorities, and accepted the repercussions. After the talk, there will be a Q&A session.
- * The Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is issuing a **call for sagebrush social science research projects**. These results will be included in the Sagebrush Conservation Strategy, the development of which is being coordinated by WAFWA, and are expected to inform collaborative, multi-organizational efforts to sustainably manage sagebrush systems. The **deadline to submit is Nov. 30th**. More info about this can be found [here](#).

Courses

- * Ecosystem Field Studies will be having a winter-break, 3-credit, **field science course**: "Ecosystem Field Studies". This is an opportunity to gain valuable career skills in hands-on scientific field research with a diverse and exciting group of college students for a marine and coastal learning experience of a lifetime! This course will take place at the Caribbean coral reef of Mexico from **Dec. 27th to Jan. 16th**. Go [here](#) to register for the course.
- * Dr. Melanie Armstrong will be having a **Political Ecology of the US West Geography 397** course, **9:30-10:45am T&Th**. in the spring. In this course, they will explore how contestations over race, religion, nature and capital in the West have shaped the conflicts that define our present experience, such as the energy crisis, immigration, struggles over human rights and public spaces.
- * Kalu Yala is seeking students who are passionate about solving social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products for their **study abroad program**. If you'd like to find out more information about this program, visit their website [here!](#)

- * Interested in a Himalayan trek, touring the history and future of sustainability in northern India? There is an ENVS 397/632 **summer course in the Himalayas** being offered next summer! This can count as upper-level electives, as your ENVS 200, or as your ENVS 360/370 option. It will be co-taught by John and Karen Hausdoerffer, along with India's Foundation for the Contemplation of Nature and MEM graduate Brandon McNamara. If interested, email Dr. John at jhausdoerffer@western.edu, he would be happy to answer questions. Registration will be open shortly! Apply soon – group size is limited to 16 students.

Freecycle

- * On-campus, located in the basement of UTE Hall will be open **Monday & Wednesday 12-1pm and Monday-Thursday 4-6pm**, during the semester. Please feel free to come and take what you need, as well as to drop off what you don't. Volunteers are also needed to help run Freecycle so stop on by to find out more about it!

Fellowships and Internships

- * The **Youth Engagement Coordinator**, for the U.S. Forest Service Leadville Ranger District, will contribute to their outreach by directly increasing capacity, bolstering relationships, and increasing opportunities for engagement with the Spanish speaking population and youth in Leadville, CO. This will be a one-year paid **fellowship** beginning Jan. 2018. Go [here](#) for more information on it.



Mandy Casteel-Denney at the Schönbrunn Palace this past week

- * Mountain Roots is offering a \$1,250 **Healthy Futures Program Development Fellowship** to a Western graduate student. This is not a “food” project. Though they are a local food organization, this fellow won't be working directly with gardens, food, farm, etc. This is a program development and community-based research and asset assessment project. If this opportunity interests you, contact Holly Conn at director@mountainrootsfoodproject.org.

- * Ryan Wilbur, a former MEM student, is currently looking for interested **grad students** to conduct projects, as a **wolf restoration fellowship**, that will aide in addressing the concerns of stakeholders, educating the public, and helping with their effort at Defenders of Wildlife. He

has several project ideas that would fit within the requirements of the MEM program. There are \$5,000 matching fellowships available for his first two projects, one of them to do with constructing a project to investigate the potential that wolves have already recolonized CO. If you have any questions, feel free to email him at RWilbur@defenders.org.

- * **Campaign Communications and Outreach Associate** is a two-year **fellowship**, as a part of the Wyss Fellows Program for developing conservation leaders. As a Wyss Fellow, the Campaign Communications and Outreach Associate will gain experience in a broad range of issues and multiple aspects of conservation advocacy and campaigns and more. Additional information about this position can be found [here](#).

- * **Latinos in Avian Conservation Internship Program** is designed to encourage Latinos (age 18 to 35, and in college (undergraduate or graduate) or recent graduate) to explore careers in natural resource management, environmental conservation, and scientific research. Interns work side-by-side with managers, educators, and biologists at sites chosen for their importance to migratory shorebirds and waterfowl. Application deadline is **Dec. 4th**. Apply [here](#) today!
- * **One Heart Source** is currently accepting applications for their 2018 Experiential Learning Programs in Cape Town, South Africa. They are offering a variety of 2, and 4-week **volunteer programs** and **internships** next summer. As an OHS Volunteer/Intern you will: Gain international experience for graduate school and employment, mentor students to achieve academic growth, and more. Apply [here](#).
- * Friends of Scotchman Peaks Wilderness (FSPW) and the Kootenai National Forest (KNF) in Montana are recruiting for a **Backcountry Ranger/community Outreach Intern**. The ideal applicant is an experienced leader who is passionate about stewardship of wildlands, interested in a career natural resource management and comfortable in public situations, including presentations. More info about the position can be found in their video [here](#).
- * The application for the **Cabinet Resource Group Wilderness Ranger Internship** for summer of 2018 is now open! The ranger intern's primary duty is to patrol the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness (CMW) area to educate visitors and protect the area's wild character. Interns will receive intensive training and education in natural resource management from an inter-disciplinary, field based perspective. Application deadline is **March 1st**. More info can be found [here](#).
- * The Forest Service is hiring **student interns** and recent graduates through the Pathways Program at the **2017 Society of American Foresters Convention**. Positions for current students (undergraduates and graduates): Natural Resource Specialist, Forester, Forestry Technician, and more. For detailed information about the event, visit the Forest Service SAF [website](#).

Local and Distant Job Openings

- * The Rocky Mountain Field Institute (RMFI) seeks to hire a **full-time, salaried Program Manager** in Colorado Springs to coordinate RMFI's trail and restoration projects and programs in Southern Colorado and the Pikes Peak Region. This position requires a strong skillset in various trail and restoration techniques; attention to detail; strong conservation ethic, and more. The position will be open until filled. More info about it [here](#).
- * Colorado Parks and Wildlife is hiring a full-time **Planning Manager**. This position provides critical planning knowledge, expertise and support to the agency, staff and the Commission, on statewide and property-level planning. Open to Colorado residents only. Position Title and Link: Planning Manager IV Applications are due by **Nov, 21st, 5 p.m.** Or when the first 100 qualified candidate applications are received, whichever comes first. To apply, go [here](#).



Pictured here are MEM Alum Andres Esparza and MEM student Tyler Lee at the SHIFT Conference in Jackson Hole to discuss the business case for public lands. Stay connected, alums!

- * The Rocky Mountain Region of the **U.S. Forest Service** announced they have availability of over 900 **temporary jobs** for the 2018 field season throughout national forests and grasslands in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. Temp. jobs are available in a variety of exciting and rewarding occupations such as fire, trails, forestry, engineering, wildlife, recreation, fisheries, archaeology and administrative support. Visit [here](#) for temporary job positions and [here](#) for permanent jobs.
- * The Technical College of the Rockies in Delta currently has a position open for an **ENGAGE** (ENtreprenurial Growth AGriculatural and Energy) **Director**. This individual will need to manage and direct the fiscal, development, administrative, and program activities of the TCR ENGAGE Center and more. To find more information about this position, please refer to this job [description](#).



Just another day on the job for incoming MEM student, Melissa Butynski, pictured here!

- * Canyonlands Field Institute in Moab, UT is currently looking to hire a **Apprentice Naturalist-Guide**. It is a great program for recent graduates looking to expand their skills as an outdoor educator while learning about the Colorado Plateaus natural and human history. Go [here](#) to find out more and to apply!
- * There is an **Environmental Manager** position that has just opened up for Recology in San Francisco, CA. One duty includes overseeing daily operations of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF), including mobile collection from homes and neighborhood drop off sites, and Waste Acceptance Control Program (WACP) solid waste loadchecking program. More info can be found about this position, that is open until filled, [here](#).

- * Pacific Forest Trust (PFT) in San Francisco is currently hiring for a **Conservation and Stewardship Director**. Some of the key responsibilities includes negotiating, financing and managing PFT's conservation easement acquisitions. Visit [here](#) to apply and learn more. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.
- * **A Land Condition Assessment Specialist** (Research Associate I Special) position is available with the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands (CEMML). This position is located at Schofield Barracks, HI. One of the responsibilities includes managing the RTLA component of the Integrated Training Area Management (ITAM) program at the military reservation by monitoring natural resources, assessing damage, and evaluating land repair. Application deadline is Nov. 19th and can be found [here](#).
- * Great Basin Institute is hiring **AIM (Ecological Assessment, Inventory and Monitoring) Leads**. You will work with agency staff, GBI staff, and GBI Ecological Monitoring Field Technicians. Each Field Lead will coordinate a field crew to characterize vegetation using the terrestrial or aquatic AIM protocol, and more. The particular protocols implemented will vary by location. Check out the position [here](#) for locations and more info.

- * **American Conservation Experience**, a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization that provides a range of voluntary service programs for both American and international participants, has a list of **current job listings** available [here](#). A good opportunity for someone who would like to work across the nation.

More Jobs

- * [Marketing and Communications Manager](#), remote location. Deadline to apply is **TODAY, Nov. 17th**.
- * [Hydrologist 3](#), Field Operations Center, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, FL.
- * Part-time, [Sustainability Intern](#), Sprouts, Phoenix, AZ.
- * [Junior Environmental Water/Wastewater Engineer](#), CH2M, Louisville, KY
- * [Community Engagement Coordinator](#), in the city of Avondale, AZ. Deadline to apply is **Nov. 22nd**.
- * [GIS Analyst](#), in the city of Avondale, AZ. Deadline to apply is **Nov. 26th**.
- * [Executive Director](#), Superior Hiking Trail, River Network, Two Harbors, MN. Deadline is **Nov. 27th**.
- * [Postdoctoral Research Associate](#), Morrison Institute/School of Human Evolution and Social Change, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Deadline is **Nov. 29th**.
- * [Conservation Project Manager](#), Lake George Land Conservancy, Lake George/Bolton Landing, NY. Application due **Nov. 30th**.

Go [here](#) for more current job openings!!



MEM professors got to check out the Center's new home which is coming together quite nicely!