

Professor Profile of the Week

Dr. Corrie Knapp, an assistant professor of Environment & Sustainability and coordinator for the MEM in Integrative Land Management, has considerable experience with Gunnison Valley, where she has done research and shared ideas on climate-adaptation planning in the Gunnison Basin. She holds a PhD in Human Ecology from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. In addition to her position with the Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy, which brings together landowners and public lands agencies around the question of climate adaptation, Knapp previously served as the farm co-manager and program coordinator for Denver Urban Gardens.



Meetings

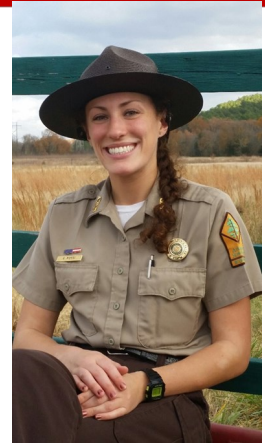
Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Monthly Board Meetings: They are interesting, open to the public, and as a bonus, provide a meal to those that attend. They are typically held the last Monday of the month. They start at 5:30 pm and usually go until about 8:30 or 9pm, depending on the agenda. They are always discussing interesting resource management issues, have guest speakers (last week was about the cloud seeding program, yes we have one, and new snow measurement technologies). The board is made up of a diverse set of stakeholders and is a great place to meet some of the leading voices in resource issues in the area. They meet at the District Office 210 West Spencer Suite B here in Gunnison. Find more info here: <http://ugrwcd.org/>

Gunnison Sage-grouse Strategic Committee Meetings: Open to the public and often have great guest presentation and sometimes provide lunch. There is representatives from the FS, BLM, USFWS, CPW, Gunnison County, HCCA, and several other community members. Hear all about the latest issues and lawsuits in the sage-grouse saga. They meet monthly with a few exceptions. The next meeting is scheduled for the 20th of November. 10am - 2pm. They meet in the Courthouse at 200 E. Virginia here in Gunnison.

One Valley Prosperity Project: A collaborative initiative of the Community Builders Task Force focused on achieving a more prosperous and successful future for all of our valley's communities from Gunnison to Gothic. The first initiative of the OVPP is to develop the One Valley Prosperity Strategy, a regional plan that will guide economic development policy and investments in Gunnison County, Gunnison, Mt. Crested Butte, and Crested Butte. Next scheduled to meet Oct. 22 at 5:30pm in the University Center on campus.

Student Profile of the Week

Gillian Rossi has a BA in Environmental Studies, of Hendrix College, AR. She has experience as a Park Interpreter for Pinnacle Mountain State Park in Arkansas, has volunteered with Prairie Restoration and Prescribed Burn, and her early project concept is to study and record the impacts being created within the park and other public use of conservation areas throughout Arkansas.



Items of Interest

CHLT Educational Session: They are holding an educational session for their board of directors starting at 4:45 and lasting until their board meeting at 6, Thursday, October 15 at the Granby Library. The educational session will cover conservation easements, how they are used to protect open space and what they must include, the CE process, the CE Closing Checklist, how they file the originals, the hard copies, the monitoring reports, etc. Everyone is welcome to stay for the board meeting too, usually lasting 2-3 hours. You will have to sign a confidentiality agreement as all conservation easements are confidential until recorded.

Writing/Designing Winning NSF Proposals Workshop: This comprehensive workshop is geared for those who wish to submit winning research proposals to the National Science Foundation (NSF). You will learn how to: navigate the NSF website, read and interpret RFAs, compose the pieces of the NSF proposal, develop and write the Intellectual Merit and Broader Impact statements, understand the scoring and review process, and submit proposals that reach the top of competitions with the cost of \$375. See more info on this workshop and others here: https://granttrainingcenter.com/?utm_source=994&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ol

Help the Gunnison Angling Society Chapter of Trout Unlimited Kick off Their Gunnison Basin Adopt-a-Trout Program: Adopt-a-Trout is a youth education program that creates the next generation of conservationists and fisheries stewards. Designed to increase local awareness of conservation issues by connecting classrooms to trout research, the program allows students to connect with their local environment and foster a life-long appreciation of natural systems. You can make a donation here: https://org2.salsalabs.com/o/7023/c/1633/p/salsa/donation/common/public/?donate_page_KEY=13013 their goal is to reach \$1,400, make a donation today!

Research Opening

Professor Robin Bingham in Western's Biology Department has a fantastic research opening in her lab. She will be working with the effects of herbivory and drought if anyone is interested. It would be a great way to have some great research on a CV, and it's all on Western's campus. Please contact Robin Bingham at rbingham@western.edu.

Interagency Forum on Climate Change Impacts and Adaptations: They meet regularly in Washington, D.C (you can attend over the phone) to discuss climate change impacts and adaptations in government. NASA, DOI, and the U.S. Global Change Research Program co-host this informal forum on climate change impacts and adaptations. This forum is attended by numerous agencies and provides a venue for presentations and discussions on issues relating to the impacts of climate change on agency resources and operations, and adaptations of agency activities, facilities or lands to respond to these impacts. Relevant new publications and reports from participating agencies and from sources such as the Government Accountability Office, the Council on Environmental Quality, and the Pew Center are regularly presented and discussed at this forum. Here's the description from the website (<https://www.fedcenter.gov/programs/greenhouse/ccforum/>):

Master Student Business Cards: Through B&B printers, you can develop your own card, separate from Western, with a cost of \$60.00 for 250 cards. However, if you want to use the Western Template, then it will only be \$32.00 for 250 cards. Using the Western Template is the most cost efficient, and recommended. You will need to do this on your own by filling out the template attached and sending it to creativeimages970@gmail.com. In the email, you will need to say you are a MEM student, will be using the Western template, and will be paying for it yourselves.

Public – Private Partnership Launches New AmeriCorps Program to Help Communities Build Resilience: Federal agencies, The Rockefeller Foundation, and Cities of Service announce Resilience AmeriCorps initiative as part of Administration's effort to build climate resilience nationwide. For more information go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2015/public-%E2%80%93-private-partnership-launches-new-ameri-corps-program-help>

Leadership Speakers: *What is Leadership?* Provides diverse speakers who allow us insight into leadership from a variety of lenses – be that poor leadership (the power of hindsight), accidental or intentional leadership, etc. Some of our speakers do not consider themselves leaders, but their vocations or hobbies and associated outcomes might suggest differently. While all speakers may not directly address leadership in a traditional sense, as engaged learners, we can make our own connections. Many in our community may shy from leadership, yet most of us are leaders in some capacity or another, so why not aim to reach our potentials?

Please join us this semester for two more speakers whose pursuits will allow you to reflect on your leadership style and your pursuits, passions, challenges, etc. Please encourage your students, family, and friends to do the same.

Up next this semester, you will hear from a DC social justice advocate on Thursday, October 15th, and a documentary film editor on Monday, November 16th. Please see attached poster for more details, as well as visit www.western.edu/lss for more details and archives.

As always, if you'd like to partner to bring in a speaker, please contact Brooke Moran. Further, if you're interested in having any of these folks visit with your classes or other groups, please contact Brooke atbmoran@western.edu

