

Getting to know Suzanne: Suzanne was born in a cabin in the Rocky Mountains. She is a fifth-generation Coloradoan, coming from a background in environmentalism, business and academia. Suzanne has studied and worked from Colorado to Vermont, Paris to Alaska. She earned her law degree from Seattle Law School and her Masters in Environmental Science and law from Vermont Law School. During her undergrad years at Fort Lewis College in Durango, she spent some of her happiest times working as a salmon biologist in Alaska. As an environmental attorney she engaged in toxic tort and land use litigation as well as community building around diverse interests from Denver to the North Slope of Alaska. She has run nonprofit organizations, private businesses, and government programs, building unlikely partnerships around conservation, resource extraction, agriculture, native rights, recreation, education, and science. As Western State Colorado University's Coldharbour Chair in Environment & Sustainability, Suzanne also teaches applied sustainability and organizational development and management at Western's Center for Environment & Sustainability and Masters in Environmental Management (MEM) programs.



Here's the links to the [Master in Environmental Management Calendar](#), the new [MEM Facebook Page](#), as well as the [Center for Environment & Sustainability Facebook Page](#)

Items of Interest:

Presentations on Resumes and Hydrology on the Gunnison Basin: Brought to you by Geology Club, they will be having speakers come in and giving presentations: Mariah Green from Western will be presenting and reviewing resumes for students who are specifically involved in the sciences and environmental programs. People don't have to bring their resume but she will be providing advice for those applying for government jobs (National Park Service and BLM) as well as those students who may be applying for consulting jobs on **Thursday, February 11th at 12:30pm** Then on **February 25th at 12:30pm** we will be hearing from Michael Dale, the Hydrologist at Curecanti National Recreation Area, about the state of water in the Gunnison Valley, how it is managed, what government organizations are involved and what he does on a daily basis working for the National Park Service. This would be interesting to anyone who is interested in water topics, especially local issues.

WANTED: Facilitators for Coldharbour Design Charrette: In search of a handful of facilitators for the Coldharbour Design Kick-off Party taking place **Thursday Feb.25th, 2016 from 5-8pm, invitation only**. Facilitators will assist small groups in design activities and aid in light administrative tasks. Time commitment is **3 - 7:30pm** on day of event and a one-hour "training" during an appropriate time within the week leading up to event. Any questions or volunteers please contact Stephanie Aubert at stephanie.aubert@western.edu for additional information.

Sustainability Coalition Meeting: SusCo, from now on, is meeting on **Tuesday evenings at 5pm** in Kelley 118 and they will be working to come up with Earth Week events soon! Feel free to stop by to make some contributions and changes you would like to see or projects you would like to be involved with. Hope to see you there!

Cowspiracy Documentary Screening: Jodie Howard, a Sustainability Coordinator through the LEAD Office would like to announce that they will be hosting a documentary screening of Cowspiracy, **February 2nd at 6:30pm** in the UC Ballroom. She thought this opportunity would be of interest to students, so please feel free to tell your friends about this event!

Jerry O'Neal National Park Service Student Fellowship: Applications are now being accepted for the Jerry O'Neal Fellowship for work in Glacier National Park, Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, and Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. The fellowship aims to provide educational assistance for students seeking to understand natural and cultural resources issues and how these interact with human values. Competition is open to graduate students or superior upper division undergraduate students at RM-CESU universities and colleges only. Awards range from \$1000-5000. Applications must be submitted electronically by **February 18th**. For details on the application process please visit [here](#).

Climate Change Adaptation Webinar Recording and Future Webinars: The recording for the Jan 20 webinar hosted by the Great Northern, Southern Rockies, and North Pacific LCCs, is now available found [here](#) and if you are interested, there will be more upcoming webinars on February 10th found [here](#) and March 3rd found [here](#).

Tie One On: Do you want to be a student leader on campus? Or are you looking for a summer job? Now is the perfect time to start! "Tie One On" with your PALS in the Exploratory Center room 115 in the Library this February offers Western students the opportunity to have a peer résumé review, a mock interview, tips in job preparedness and professionalism, and ways to get involved on campus and in the community. Resume 101 for creating or refining your resume will be going on **February 1-11th (Monday-Thursday) 4-8pm** and Interview Like a Pro for interviewing skills and tips to land the job will be going on **February 16-18th (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday) 4-8pm** and Professionalism & Networking, **February 22-25th (Monday-Thursday) 4-8pm**.

WSCU Internships Available in Costa Rica for summer/fall 2016 Informational Meeting: Join the Western Alumni team in Finca Bellavista who are looking for Junior or Senior status students of any major to intern this Spring of 2016. Finca Bellavista is a treehouse resort community in the Southern zone of Costa Rica and is a global model of sustainability and arboreal architecture. Their volunteer & internship program is currently focused on enhancing the guest experience at Finca Bellavista. Academic credit may be available. Please contact Mariah Green for more possibilities and this [website](#) for more information on duties and application processes. There will be an informational meeting with Erica Andrews, Co-founder/owner of Finca Bellavista, **Thursday, February 11th at 12:30-1:30pm Kelley 116**.

Humane Slaughter Plant Listening Sessions: AGA will be conducting a series of free listening sessions throughout the region and invites all interested producers to attend to learn more about the project of a potential humane slaughter plant near Pueblo and to share their ideas and concerns. Each session will run approximately an hour and a half and light refreshments will be provided. Speakers will include Mike Callicrate of Ranch Foods Direct, Harrison Topp of Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, and Allan Lewis of Natural Grocers. Marilyn Noble, American Grassfed Association, will be the moderator. The sessions will be held either in Alamosa on **February 5th at 9:30am** at Hospice del Valle 514 Main Street, go [here](#) to register for this one, or in La Junta on **February 4th at 10 am** at Otero Junior College on 1802 Colorado Avenue, go [here](#) to register for this one. Please register in advance to reserve your spot. If you have any questions, or if you can't attend but would like more information, please email Marilyn@americangrassfed.org. You may also offer your comments and feedback by filling out a survey [here](#).

Contemporary Writer Series: Please join us for the first event in this semester's Contemporary Writer Series. Nonfiction Author, Essayist and Poet, Matthew Gavin Frank, will join us in the second week of February. Events are free and open to all on **Monday, February 8th at 7pm** in the studio theatre for a reading and Q&A and **Tuesday, February 9th at 12:30pm** in the Savage Library for Nonfiction Craft-talk. Here's the [link](#) to the biography of Matthew Gavin Frank and about his recent publications.

Register Today! National Collaborative Restoration Workshop: *Working Toward Resilient Landscapes and Communities* registration is now open for those of you who want to work toward resilient landscapes and communities. Collaborative restoration efforts are tackling large-scale and cross-jurisdictional projects. This workshop will be taking place **April 26th-27th, 2016** and will be held in Denver, CO. Go to this [link](#) to sign up and for more information. If you sign up by **March 15th, the cost of attending will be \$199.**

SGA Sustainability Fund: Opportunities to fund student-led sustainability projects at Western are given through the SGA sustainability fund. Students contribute into this fund and it is a great opportunity for them to develop grant writing skills, develop an idea into a project and implement it, and contribute to making Western a greener institution. Proposals seeking funding <\$500 are accepted any time; requests for >\$500 **due February 19th.** Guidelines for proposals are attached. For more information, please direct attention to their [web page.](#)

Student Funding Opportunity For Researchers in the Rocky Mountain Region: The Colorado Mountain Club Foundation announces the 2016 grant opportunity for students whose research is focused on the Rocky Mountain region. The Foundation awards grants ranging from approximately \$500 to \$2,000, in disciplines such as biology, chemistry, environmental studies, forestry, geography, geology, history, and law. Although fellowships are normally awarded to graduate students, undergraduates are also eligible. The deadline for these applications is **April 15th.** Go to this [link](#) or see attachment for more information.

Request for Volunteers at Grad Student Panel: Sociology professor Cindy Whitney is asking if any graduate students may be interested in serving on a panel about graduate school for senior undergraduate students. Last semester, Cindy was so grateful for the students who volunteered. The panel is on **Monday, February 25th at 3:30pm.** Please reach out to Cindy at cwhitney@western.edu if you'd like to volunteer. If you're a distant student, you're more than welcome, too!

2016 Colorado Environmental Management Society Scholarships Available: Colorado Environmental Management Society is pleased to announce the publication of their 2016 scholarship application, see the copy that is attached. Briefly, the eligibility rules for the 2016 CEMS Scholarship are: Students must be currently enrolled in and attending an undergraduate, graduate or law program at a Colorado university or college, students must be studying engineering, geology, environmental sciences, law, or another field in which they may address environmental issue, and students must intend to work in an environmental field. CEMS will award three (3) scholarships, each for \$1,500. The applications are due on **March 1st.**

Charles Redd Center Awards Available: The Charles Redd Center for Western Studies is pleased to announce multiple awards for 2016 that are available for scholars conducting research related to Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, or Wyoming such as awards for independent study, faculty research awards, summer awards, woman's history awards, and more. Follow this [link](#) to for further information and application instructions. Applications for 2016 are due by **11:59 p.m. MST on March 15th,** and awardees will be notified by **May 1st.** If you have any questions about the application process or about submitting your application, please contact Amy Carlin at [801-422-4048.](tel:801-422-4048)

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CSU Protected Area and Tourism Short Courses 2016: Colorado State University's Center for protected Area Management is pleased to announce its 2016 program of conservation short courses in English and Spanish dealing with protected area management and sustainable tourism. There are two courses in English being offered this year, International ranger Training Course **May 12th-21st**, and a IV Mobile Seminar on Planning and Managing Tourism in Protected Areas **September 9th-24th**. There are also two Spanish courses being offered as well. If you wish to seek more information about these courses, go to this [Short Course Guide](#). Or see attachment.

Farmer and Rancher Workshops: On **March 11-12**, Guidestone Colorado is hosting the 4th Annual Colorado Land Link Forum in Gunnison, a two day event designed to spark conversations around land access for beginning farmers in Southwest Colorado. Highlights include a session from the National Young Farmers Coalition on working with land trusts to access farm land and beginning farmer/rancher vision course. Please visit [here](#) and see the attached fliers for more information. Scholarships available.

Jobs:

Property Management Technician Position: Located in Delta, CO this job position description can be found in USAjobs under this announcement number: 16-110204-183352FS-SD. The position will be open until this **Monday, February 1st** so if you're interested, be sure to apply soon!

WSCU Recycling Part-Time Positions: Nathan King is looking for motivated students who are interested in recycling and sustainability. These students will basically be in charge of all on-campus recycling operations. This includes collecting and transporting recyclables to the Gunnison recycling center and clearing snow from outdoor recycling bins. They will also be responsible for maintaining bins, responding to work order requests, and delivering recycled paper to offices around campus. Priority will be given to students with federal or state work study, but that is not required. Starting pay \$8.50. Hours 5 – 15 per week. There is also the opportunity for students to continue in the position over the summer and work full-time (40 hrs/wk) until school begins in the fall. Must be able to drive a manual transmission vehicle and be willing to perform physical labor in all weather conditions. Please stop by Whipp Maintenance building and pick up a student application form. Interested students can also email questions to nking@western.edu.

Rocky Mountain Research Fellowship with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy: Deadline is this Monday, Feb 1st. This fellowship opportunity invites a broad range of research proposals to be reviewed and conducted in Rocky Mountain National Park, including wildlife management, vegetation and riparian studies, fire ecology, cultural sciences, archeology and historic structures preservation, as well as other topics in botany, zoology, geology, history, ecology and ornithology. The graduate student awarded the Research Fellowship will work with Rocky Mountain National Park staff for a period of three to four months. Applicants must submit a preliminary research proposal and the chosen fellow will be expected to convey research finding to the general public as well as to professional audiences. Go to attachments for the job description or go [here](#).

Biological Technician/Hydrology Assistant Internship: Starting May 23rd and ending **August 11th**. This internship provides opportunities to work with natural resource professionals from the Greater Yellowstone Network (GRYN) on a number of long-term monitoring programs in Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, and more. Locate information about this internship [here](#) and on the Mosaics in Science [website](#).

Four Corners Federal Lands Internship Program: FC-FLIP through Mountain Studies Institute San Juan Mountains, CO connects regional college students and recent graduates with resource managers to gain the knowledge and skills – hands-on – of what it means to work with or for a federal agency. Whether interns, also known as Flip-pers, participate in natural, recreation, or cultural resource management, a major goal of the program is to better prepare the next generation of agency personnel. Find available positions through this program [here](#).

Second Nature Internship Opportunities: Second Nature, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future, is currently seeking exceptional candidates for two paid internship positions: Operations Internship: focusing on tasks including support in membership dues outreach and processing, CRM database management and data entry, daily operations and coordination tasks, and more. Read more and apply [here](#), and the Design and Communications Internship: focusing on tasks including design for documents and websites, website maintenance, newsletter, blog and social media support, and more. Read more and apply [here](#). For more information about the qualifications and details of each position, and to apply, visit Second Nature's Employment [Page](#).

Field Technician (Botany/Wildlife Biology): You will be working under the direction and supervision of Carol English (Field biologist/botanist) who does contract work for the Colorado State Land Board in Northwest Colorado, primarily in Moffat County north and south of Maybell, Colorado. Application deadline is **March 15th**. See more information on attachment.

DUG Director of School Garden Programs Positon: The Director of School Garden Programs in Denver is responsible for managing all youth education programs besides the in-classroom education program. This position will work closely with the current education team and the Director of Garden Support to connect current and potential gardeners with DUG's youth education opportunities. To learn more about this position, go to this [link](#). Application is due by **Feb. 12th**.

American Conservation Experience Internships: If you are interested in working for the federal government, please consider applying to these internships through American Conservation Experience's National Emerging Professionals Internship Program located in Salt Lake City, Utah! In addition to providing paid training and experience, individuals who complete one of the three internships are "fast tracked" into permanent positions in the federal government. MEM student Tyler Morrison received one last year, so if you are interested, you may want to connect with him about his experience and the doors it has opened up for him! For information on the Outreach and Recruitment Specialist position, go [here](#). For information on the National Federal Grants and Financial Manger position, go [here](#). For information on the Diversity and Inclusion Specialist Programs Manager position, go [here](#). Or please see attachments.

Seasonal Timber Sale Prep Jobs: The Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest, Gunnison Ranger District will be hiring several timber sale preparation seasonal jobs here in Gunnison, and several timber stand improvement jobs at a date TBD. Please refer to Kelly Nywening at **p: [970-641-4457](tel:970-641-4457)** if you are interested. Applications are due by **February 8th**. More information on attachment.

Natural Resource Specialist 2 (Range & Wildlife Conservationist) Position: In Lakeview, OR Application due **February 9th**, This is a full time, Limited Duration position through **June 30, 2017**. The Range and Wildlife Conservationist will provide rangeland, biological/wildlife technical assistance to agriculture producers and land-owners for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Sage Grouse Initiative and associated Farm Bill conservation programs. S/he will be provided daily instruction and leadership by a NRCS District Conservationist. See the job description [here](#).

Timber Lead Forestry Technician Position: The job announcement for the Timber Crew Lead Forestry Technician (Timber Sale Preparation) in Gunnison, CO will be open on USAJobs **February 1st through February 5th**. This position is being filled through the Pathways Recent Graduate hiring authority. More information [here](#)!

Seasonal Biological Technician Announcements: Currently open at Craters of the Moon National Monument. These announcements are combines with several other parks. These announcements will be available until this **Monday, February 1st** so hurry and apply today! The following positions for two Biological Technician positions can be found [here](#).

Jackson Lake State Park, Looking to hire 1-3 summer employees., internships. Includes free housing. Will be having interviews in Feb. Can contact Tyler Sewald at tyler.sewald@state.co.us, 970-645-1535. Please see attached application.

Housing

1-bedroom attic apartment in Gunnison available March or April. 460/month + Electric/Gas/Trash (~30-60 per month). 1-year lease, no pets. Friendly neighbors, locked outdoor storage shed, off-street parking. Contact Elizabeth.moore@western.edu for photos or questions.



View of the Gunnison Valley, the Anthracites, and Carbon Peak from the top of Craner Hill Ski Area.