

## A Quick Word

### Welcome to the January 2007 issue of our newsletter!

The School of Social Sciences Research Office is in its second year of activity. We are currently offering a wide range of services to faculty who desire to engage in funded research and scholarships. The Research Office has continued to head in a positive direction. Housed within the Office are two "focused research institutes", designed to engage faculty in discussions of projects and collaborations, while focusing on research and student degree and career preparedness.

One, the Community Development and Outreach Institute, is charged with facilitation, coordination, and support of faculty-based projects in community planning, development, and outreach.

The second, Heritage Resource Management & Education Institute, is involved with the facilitation and coordination of grant and contract-funded research and professional service projects related to cultural and natural heritage issues; mainly centered on publicly-administered (federal, state, and local) lands in Colorado and the western United States.



## Services We Offer

- **Grant and contract enabling resources** for institute related and individual projects (available in electronic and paper formats in the Research Office Library).
- **Grant & contract development assistance**, including coordination of pre-award proposal peer reviews.
- **Pre and post award administrative assistance** to PI's in meeting grant or contract reporting requirements, budget tracking, etc.
- **Facilitation** of project based paperwork, ordering, conference, workshop, and forum coordination
- **In-house printing and binding** of research reports, brochures, flyers...
- *Please feel free to contact the Research Office staff with any needs you may have. email: [elizabeth.buller@unco.edu](mailto:elizabeth.buller@unco.edu) or call 970-351-2069*

## Focus on Research: Current Projects

### Supporting Immigrant and Refugee Families Initiative

#### Immigrant Integration: (~\$310,000)

Colorado Trust  
City of Greeley/UNC-CDOI/ Other  
Project designed to support immigrants and established residents in working together for strong, healthy communities. Faculty forums on UNC's contributions to the projects 4-year implementation phase beginning in February 2007.

#### Schumpeter's Translation: (\$28,521)

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation  
Bruce McDaniels (Economics)  
*Translation and Commentary of Joseph Schumpeter's Das Wesen Under Hauptinhalte der Theoretischen Nationalökonomie From German to English*

### Upstate Colorado Economic Development: (\$10,800)

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Ronda Corman (Economics)  
*Analysis of Greeley/ Weld Economic Development*

### Ethnographic Overview Phase I - RMNP: (\$60,000)

Department of Interior-NPS  
Sally McBeth (Anthropology)  
*Need by the National Park Service to conduct research and identify and document ethnographic resources within and near Colorado National Monument. It will integrate the prehistoric, historic, and cultural (ethnographic), and legal documentation with those perspectives provided by members of tribal communities (especially the Northern Ute) that have historic affiliation in the area.*

## Institute Highlights

### Community Development & Outreach Institute

CDOI, partnering with the City of Greeley and various community organizations, received a planning grant for an immigrant integration project from the Colorado Trust. Please contact us if you would like to be involved with this project.

**The first of several planning forums is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:10 PM in Candelaria 2190.**  
*A meeting flyer will be distributed prior to that date.*

### Heritage Resources Management & Education Institute

HRMEI is involved with the CESU-RM (Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit), whose mission is to improve the scientific base for managing ecosystems in the rapidly changing social, cultural, and environmental landscape of the Rocky Mountain Region, and to extend its expertise to national issues where appropriate. Several CESU funded projects are in progress or under development.

### Rebuilding a Statewide Network for Geography Educators-Colorado Geographic Alliance (COGA) (\$315,000)

National Geographic Society  
Phil Klein & James Dunn (Geography)  
*Funded for three years of a new Colorado Association for Geography Education (CAGE). This organization of geography teachers, scholars, and leaders has a primary mission to improve pre-collegiate geography education in the State of Colorado.*

### Fire History and Climate Change in Rocky Mountain National Park: (\$12,432)

National Park Service  
Jim Doerner (Geography)

### Native American Oral History: (\$10,000)

National Park Services  
Sally McBeth (Anthropology)  
*Native American Oral History in Rocky Mountain National Park*

## Focus on Research: Current Projects Cont.

### **Ponderosa Campground Prescribed Burn Survey, Curecanti National Recreation Area: (\$6,000)**

National Park Service/CESU  
Bob Brunswig (Anthropology)  
*Archeological survey of 85 acres within Ponderosa Campground Prescribed Burn Survey, Curecanti National Recreation Area. Document all archeological finds and provide a report and needed archeological site forms to the National Park Service.*

### **Native American Interpretive Materials and Planning for Rocky Mountain National Park: (\$10,000)**

National Park Service  
Sally McBeth & Bob Brunswig (Anthropology)

### **Rocky Mountain National Park Sacred Sites Project: (\$33,988)**

National Park Service  
Bob Brunswig (Anthropology)  
*Survey-grade GPS mapping of a suspected native American sacred site in Rocky Mountain National Park and subsequent surveys of selected landscape features believed to contain similar sites. The resulting data will be incorporated into an analytical report and GIS model for use in management and protection of sites identified as actual or probable Traditional Cultural Properties within the boundaries of Rocky Mountain National Park.*

## Research Infrastructure Enhancement Initiative:

**Expansion and upgrade of the Geographic information System Lab/Classroom UNC Capital Equipment Outlay appropriation to the School of Social Sciences (\$38,723)**  
Summer-Fall 2006

### **Survey Research Lab Development Project (\$16,280)**

SPARC  
Jeff Houser & Mark Riddle

### **Development Seed funding for a School of Social Sciences Research Office and Focused Research Institutes in 2005-2006 (\$20,000)**

SPARC  
Bob Brunswig

**Current Research Investment Total: \$75,003**

## Quality Circle Review Process

Quality Circle Review Process will be administered by the research office. The process will improve your proposal and increase your chances of success. The following are descriptions of the roles in the Quality Circle Review. Rules for Conducting a Quality Circle Review: *(Excerpts from David Bauer Workshop)*

**1. Group Facilitator:** The facilitator is responsible for keeping the review team on task and focused on the positive aspects of the proposal, and noting the negative aspects, while reinforcing a constructive learning atmosphere. The Facilitator oversees the scoring and team dialogue.

**2. Proposal Initiator(s) / Writer(s):** The creator(s) of a proposal under review may attend quality circle reviews or just receive the results. If present they can not interrupt the process, defend the proposal, or provide additional information. They may, however, ask questions to clarify points at the conclusion of discussions on each section under review. A short instruction including information learned through pre-proposal contact or from successful grantees or past reviewers, may be included to help prepare participatory reviews.

**3. Quality Circle Participant:** Participants are expected to adhere to suggestions on reading time frames, development of helpful comments, and also scoring of each section. They are allowed to raise questions.

**4. Proposal Review Sequence:** The proposal sequence should mirror that of the funding organization's actual review. It is suggested that participants read, score, and discuss the impact the proposal title and abstract/summary had on their expectations about the projects goals and research design.

**Current Projects Fund Total:  
\$781,741**

[Pending Projects/Proposals Summary:](#)

Number: 6

Aggregate Budget Totals: \$301,950



## Advisory Committee Members

### **Community Development & Outreach Institute**

Rhonda Corman  
Pat Graham  
Marcelo Kopkow  
David Thomas  
**(One Non-UNC position remains open)**

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## Get Involved Today!

**We are looking for faculty who wish to become involved in the Quality Circle Review Process. If you are interested in being a participant in this process, please contact the School of Social Sciences Research Office. Send email to: [elizabeth.buller@unco.edu](mailto:elizabeth.buller@unco.edu)**