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Reaching OUT

The Delph Carpenter Diaries transcription project, which ran from January-April, had more than 1300 pages transcribed by 83 project volunteers. The diaries, written by the Greeley, Colorado attorney who authored the Colorado River Compact and other water use compacts, are available in Mountain Scholar.

In February, Clarissa Trapp and Patty Rettig taught two sections of History 611, graduate research methods, with students returning to continue researching their topics through spring break.

BY THE Numbers

Archives & Special Collections

178 users

31 feet of new/additional collections

3 classes

328 conservation treatments

Data Management

23 data deposits

2 Data and Donuts workshops

3 Coding and Cookies workshops

Digital Repository

7,281 scans created

86,028 Mountain Scholar page views (CSU-FC)

18,579 Mountain Scholar downloads (CSU-FC)

Digital Repository & Data Management HIGHLIGHTS

Rocky Mountain Collegian Available in Mountain Scholar

Digital Collection Services, in cooperation with Rocky Mountain Student Media President Pete Waack, acquired the born-digital files of the *Collegian*, which start in 2006. Starting in March, Alicia Conrardy begin ingesting the 2006-2011 issues, adding to the 1890-1919 issues already available in the repository.

New Data Sets



The Mongolian Rangelands and Resilience (MOR2) Project was the outcome of five years of data collection and analysis by an interdisciplinary and multi-cultural team that includes social, ecological, and hydro-meteorological data. The U.S. and Mongolian researchers have been working with Morgan Library since 2017 to prepare the data for publication, and several curation processes were performed: reformatting the data to conform to tidy data standards, converting to non-proprietary formats, creating README files and other metadata, and providing controlled access to a subset of the data.

Mara Sedlins and her predecessor, Tobin Magle, are submitting a publication on the MOR2 database, titled "Building a Multidisciplinary Database Across Cultures: Lessons from the Mongolian Rangelands and Resilience (MOR2) Project." The nine data sets are available at: <https://hdl.handle.net/10217/201550>



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Virtual Reference Sampler

A Ph.D. candidate in Environmental History from the University of Versailles in France is studying the estate of Rambouillet, which gave its name to a breed of Merino sheep popular for import to the U.S. in the 19th and 20th centuries. Upon learning about the CSU mascot, he responded, "I did not know that your mascot was a Rambouillet ram, it's incredible, he is beautiful by the way!" The researcher used Experiment Station bulletins and other publications related to Rambouillet sheep in Colorado.

Another researcher recently purchased land near Pueblo, Colorado, and wanted to find out if her new property had been a part of the 1843 Mexican land grant. She was excited to learn about the J.M. Francisco materials, which include a copy of an 1878 document from the U.S. government discussing land claims related to her property, including a legal description of the land in question.



CSU Professor Maurice Albertson's Papers Available

A recently completed collection guide, describing the papers of Maurice Albertson, is one of the department's larger collections at 231 boxes. Albertson, a highly active CSU civil engineering professor

for more than 60 years, was involved in many CSU and international initiatives. A letter written in 1947 stated, "I have a deep interest in people, especially those in the arid mid-west, and as I have said repeatedly, I want to be working with individuals who have an interest in people and the scientific solution of their problems." He spent his life doing just this, assisting in the creation of several international educational and development organizations, including the Peace Corps. Albertson's files contain a wealth of information not found elsewhere, concerning his life, career, CSU, civil engineering topics, and the world at large.

Fun fact: Albertson once owned the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park. The collection guide is available at:
<https://lib2.colostate.edu/archives/findingaids/water/wmla.html>

FOCUS FORWARD

In February, Mara Sedlins attended a Summit on Accelerating Public Access to Research Data sponsored by the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. During 2020, summit attendees will develop a set of guidelines to assist universities in developing and implementing policies, practices, and guidance to ensure public access to federally funded research data. Sedlins is partnering with Kimberly Cox-York, the Responsible Conduct of Research Coordinator at the Research Integrity and Compliance Review Office.

Notable

Mara Sedlins, as part of the CSU Research Information Technology Review project, has interviewed fourteen stakeholders from campus and other institutions. The project will identify strengths, challenges, and potential improvements to CSU's research IT model.