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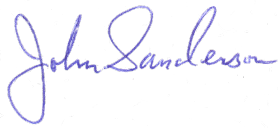
A Note from the CCC Director . . .

Wet snow last Monday caught three western tanagers in my backyard by surprise, yet spring has arrived in Fort Collins. Last night, another spring ritual occurred: my daughter's high school symphony performed live. This was the first live performance I have attended since March 2020. Since then, Zoom and YouTube have allowed performers to create and share music in remarkable ways. Behind these performances, my daughter and her fellow musicians recorded their parts alone. When the dozens of solo recordings were mixed into an ensemble, we watched the results on small screens and listened with low-fidelity speakers. These recordings brought joy and comfort, but—as I was reminded last night—fell short of the magic that can happen in person.

With music, as with collaborative conservation, seeing and hearing your fellow performers in person can add vitality and depth to our work together in ways that virtual platforms cannot replace. Eye contact, facial expressions, and subtle changes in tempo and volume expand the possibilities for connection and understanding. To be sure, virtual tools have expanded our toolbox for collaboration. Yet with COVID restrictions loosening, I look forward to adding “in person” back into the toolbox. Meanwhile, current CCC Fellows in Brazil and partners in India still face many new COVID cases, and thousands of deaths are reported each day; I pray that spring arrives for them soon, too.

I look forward to seeing you before long. Meanwhile, stay safe and stay in touch!

Be well,



John Sanderson



Congratulations to the CCC Founding Director!

We extend a huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to CCC founding director Robin Reid for being elected to the National Academy of Sciences. NAS members are select distinguished scholars, representing the nation's most active contributors to the international scientific community. Robin served as the CCC director from 2008 to 2019. During this time she infused the CCC with a deep commitment to both conservation and communities, helping to change the way science and conservation are done to benefit both nature and people. Robin is part of an historic number of women elected to the NAS this year. Well done, Robin! [Read more here.](#)



Western SARE Grant: Ranchers and Wolves

CCC is a team member on a new Western SARE grant: **Training Colorado educators about sustainable co-existence between ranchers and wolves.** Read the [project description here](#).

Last November, Coloradoans voted to reintroduce wolves to Colorado by 2023. This project will develop educational materials and train Extension agents and other outreach specialists about methods that will allow ranchers to maintain their own sustainability and that of newly introduced wolves. Partners on this grant include CSU Extension, the Center for Human Carnivore Coexistence, and [Western Landowners Alliance](#). This project will contribute to CSU's growing library of wolf related resources at CSU Extension [People and Predators' website](#).

To stay up-to-date on wolves in Colorado, visit the [Colorado Parks and Wildlife website](#) and sign up for wolf news.




Meet Our CCC Fellows: Brielle Manzolillo

Brielle Manzolillo is a master's student at Colorado State University in the Forest and Rangeland Stewardship department, working with Dr. Courtney Schultz as part of the Public Lands Policy Group and the Center for Human Carnivore Coexistence. Her research looks at the policy strategies for predator management, focusing on wolf reintroduction in Colorado.




During her undergraduate program at Pace University in New York City, Brielle conducted research on human perceptions of urban coyotes in the New York metropolitan area. After graduating in 2017, she worked for Pace University as a research associate. She continued her study on coyotes, as well as assisted on numerous urban social ecological research projects.

Brielle hopes to continue working on wildlife and natural resource policy when she graduates from CSU in 2021. She defended her master's thesis the first week of May and did a terrific job! You can [view her presentation here](#).



Connecting Collaboration, Well being & Social Science

Sign up for this Collaborating Conversation: June 3rd, 2021, 4pm-5pm MDT
Register for free:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwvceGgpj8vHt2lbPcnBd68ZXvRhObVb_Mj

Working with the [High Desert Partnership](#) in Harney County, Oregon, Dr. Emily Jane Davis recently developed resources to support practitioners utilizing social science in collaborative processes. These focus on illuminating how collaboration may connect to wellbeing outcomes, and applicable social science approaches for understanding those.


Working Paper #102: [Connecting Collaboration to Wellbeing in Harney County: An Introductory Guide to Using Social Science in Collaborative Processes](#)

Fact Sheet: [Collaborative Processes and Connections to Community Wellbeing](#)

Fact Sheet: [Considerations for Working with Social Science and Scientists in a Collaborative Setting](#)

With your favorite beverage in hand during this Happy Hour Collaborating Conversation, learn about Emily Jane's work and then discuss with your peers.

Emily Jane Davis is an assistant professor and extension specialist in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society and the Forestry and Natural Resources Extension Program at Oregon State University, and Associate Director of the Ecosystem Workforce Program in partnership with the University of Oregon. Her research and technical assistance focus on collaborative natural resource management, policy, and practice.



Upcoming Collaborating Conversations: Tips, Tools and Techniques for Peer-to-Peer Exchange for Conservation Practitioners

Hosted by the CCC and WCCN, Collaborating Conversations are an opportunity for conservation practitioners to build social and professional connections, sharpen collaboration skills, co-learn and problem solve with peers.

Join us for two upcoming sessions on:

- May 20, 4:00-5:00 pm MST, to discuss **successes and challenges of facilitating collaborative groups** with Laura Calandrella, author of “Our Next Evolution: Transforming Collaborative Leadership to Shape Our Planet’s Future.” [Register here.](#)
- June 3, 4:00-5:00 pm MST, where Dr. Emily Jane Davis, assistant professor and extension specialist at Oregon State University, will discuss the **links between collaboration, well-being, and social science.** [Register here.](#)



Seeking a new State Forester for Colorado

Please help us get the word to diverse qualified applicants: CCC Director John Sanderson is leading the search committee to find a visionary and inspiring leader to be Colorado's new State Forester and Director of the [Colorado State Forest Service \(CSFS\)](#). The State Forester will bring creativity and innovation to the agency as Colorado's growing population and changing climate pose new challenges. Within the agency, the State Forester will provide direction and foster a culture of positivity, inclusivity, diversity, and accountability. Outside the agency, the State Forester will build the role of CSFS as a state and national leader, operating in a collaborative manner and positioning the agency to address the most critical forest issues in Colorado. To apply and view a complete position announcement, visit: <https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/86662> by June 27, 2021 for full consideration.

Scholarly Impact

In celebration Dr. Robin Reid's election into the National Academy of Sciences, we share here just a small handful of the many publications where she has meaningfully advanced society's approach to conservation

science and practice.

Steger, C., Hirsch, S., Cosgrove, C., Inman, S., Nost, E., Shinbrot, X., and others including Reid, R.S. 2021. [Linking model design and application for transdisciplinary approaches in social-ecological systems.](#) Global Environmental Change, 66, 102201.

Social-ecological models under-represent social datasets, exacerbating power imbalances. Higher stakeholder diversity in model design and application may improve collaboration. ([Link](#))

Steger, C. and many other authors, including former CCC director Robin Reid. 2021. [Science with society: Evidence-based guidance for best practices in environmental transdisciplinary work.](#) Global Environmental Change 68: 102240.

Efforts to address increasingly complex challenges arising from global environmental change are enhanced by a "science with society" approach that values flexibility and collaborative spirit along with attributes like humility, trust, and patience. ([Link](#))

Reid, R., and others. 2021. [Using Research to Support Transformative Impacts on Complex, "Wicked Problems" With Pastoral Peoples in Rangelands.](#) Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems, vol 4.

Collaborative partnerships are changing how we do science, creating new and transformative ways that science and society interact that could be called "transformative science with society." ([Link](#))

Jamsranjav, C., Fernandez-Gimenez, M., Reid, R., Adya, B. 2019. [Opportunities to integrate herders' indicators into formal rangeland monitoring: an example from Mongolia.](#) Ecological Applications. vol 29, 5. *A new model for integrating herder knowledge and participation into formal monitoring in Mongolia highlights the importance of developing a common language shared between herders, government monitoring agencies, and researchers.* ([Link](#))

Huayhuaca, C. and Reid, R.S. 2019. [The Atlas of Collaborative Conservation in Colorado.](#) Center for Collaborative Conservation, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

Explore the results of the CCC Atlas project and the report on our research of 220+ long-term collaborative and multi-stakeholder initiatives - learn how and why collaboratives get started, and what organizational models they adopt to achieve their shared objectives.

Other News and Opportunities

The report “Enduring Arches: Building Conservation Finance Projects for Impact” from The Conservation Finance Network and Gordian Knot Strategies unpacks innovative conservation finance efforts for insights on how to bolster project design and maximize the impact of risk capital. [View the full report and infographic here.](#)

The Network for Landscape Conservation is hosting the fourth installment of its Virtual Policy Forum "The Future of Landscape Conservation: Investments in science and networks for biodiversity, climate, & cultural conservation goals," on Wednesday, May 19. This webinar is a partnership with the California Landscape Stewardship Network highlighting needed investments in science and collaborative processes to meet contemporary biodiversity, climate, and culture conservation goals. [Register here.](#)

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management scholarship and grant submissions are due May 28. This program aims to support students, ranchers, and other professionals as they pursue academic programs and projects that benefit rangelands. [Apply here.](#)

Ten graduate student research awards from the Society for Conservation Biology are available for students whose research advances the science and practice of conserving Earth's biodiversity. Apply by May 18. [Find the full description here.](#)

River Rally, hosted by River Network, brings together thought leaders and practitioners to accelerate progress towards an equitable and sustainable water future. This year's Rally will take place May 17-20. [Find more information here.](#)

Join the next round of the Collaboration Program in Natural Resources through the University of Wyoming. This 10-month program brings together mid- and upper-career professionals to deepen their technical and leadership skills to address today's most complex environmental and natural resource issues. The application deadline has been extended to May 30. [Apply Here.](#)

Jobs

Crew Leader, Assistant Crew Leader, and Corpsmember positions available with the [Larimer County Conservation Corps](#) - members will work on conservation projects that benefit the environment and local communities. [View the full posting.](#)

Multiple positions with the American Forest Foundation are available across the country on its website in the Carbon Program, communications and policy, development, and operations. [Find them here.](#)

Multiple positions with The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - hiring FOUR GS 12/13 social scientists at multiple locations across the country. Seeking candidates who are passionate about the social sciences and looking for an opportunity to translate their knowledge into applied practices that will inform and guide the Service's regional and national conservation work. [Click Here to learn more.](#)

If you have a job openings that are aligned with our work on collaborative conservation and you want us to share them, email a link to the job description to conserve@colostate.edu.

If you think a colleague would find value in reading CCC news, please forward this email to them and invite them to subscribe to our email list using the form at the bottom of the [CCC home page](#).

If you feel moved to support our work supporting conservation, please consider [supporting the CCC with a donation](#).

Questions? Ideas? Opportunities? Please email the CCC Director [John Sanderson](#).

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