

*ENVS Student of the Week:* **Julia Organeck** is a senior ENVS student with a minor in Biology, and an emphasis in water. She's a native Coloradan and grew up in Gunnison. She originally wanted to be a vet because she was in 4-H and FFA while growing up. She decided to stay local by attending Western, but changed her career path by exploring what the ENVS major had to offer.

She has volunteered with the Division of Wildlife, now known as Colorado Parks and Wildlife. She has trapped and tagged turkeys, antelope, Geese, and bighorn sheep. Transporting them here to the Gunnison Valley to reestablish animal populations.

She is an active member of The Westerners (West Elk Wranglers). Also, in Alamosa, she volunteered for a food drive, "Make a Difference", and instead of people having to pay to have their trash thrown away, they would bring and give food cans to Julia to make a donation. Following graduation, she plans to pursue a career in land management or conservation.



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:*

**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](mailto: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!

**Environmental Possibilities Series:** Presented by High Country Conservation Advocates, Gunnison Valley Environmental Possibility Series is a free event **this Sunday, January 24th from 5-6pm** at The Guild on 21 Elk Ave in Crested Butte by Brian Bernhardt, Assistant Professor of Politics and Government at WSCU : Keeping It In The Ground: Lessons from Contemporary Indigenous Resistance—highlighting the voices and actions of indigenous people, this talk will survey contemporary resistance to fossil fuel infrastructure. See attachment for more information.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**SGA Sustainability Fund:** Opportunities to fund student-led sustainability projects at Western are given through the SGA sustainability fund. As an example of what this fund does, last fall it paid for the upgrades and winterization of the campus bike library, among a wide range of many other smaller projects. 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 19**. Guidelines for proposals are attached. For further information, please direct attention to their [web page](#).

**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 15, 2016** and awardees will be notified by **May 1st, 2016**. 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).

**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, 2016**. Go to this [link](#) or see attachment for more information.

**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**.

**2016 Colorado Environmental Management Society Scholarships Available:** We're pleased to announce the publication of our 2016 scholarship application, a copy of which 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 1, 2016**. Additional information about the scholarship can be found on the attachment provided.

**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](mailto:cwhitney@western.edu) if you'd like to volunteer. If you're a distant student, you're more than welcome, too!

### ***Jobs:***

**Top o' the World is Hiring:** They will be hiring immediately for several positions. The student-driven newspaper has been publishing content for the campus and community since 1921. They strive to provide excellence in reporting through student written works, and plan on building upon the legacies of those students that came before them. As an attachment, there is a flyer with brief information regarding the positions available and how to contact them ([top@western.edu](mailto:top@western.edu)). If anyone is interested in contributing, or simply wants to let them know about an upcoming event they'd like to advertise, please feel free to swing by their office (University Center Rm 103) or send them an email.

**Unpaid Internship with the Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability: Closing date is this Sunday, January 24th.** Looking for part-time or full-time Intern for the winter/spring of 2016. Interns will experience a fast-paced, professional environment and will be given the opportunity to witness first-hand, the internal operations of the mayor's office of a major city, while assisting the Office of Sustainability with achieving the City's 2020 Sustainability Goals. For more information visit their website [here](#).

**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.

**Rocky Mountain Research Fellowship with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy: Deadline is Feb 1st, 2016.** 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](#).

**Private Lands Wildlife Biologist:** (Wetlands Specialist) with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies in Greeley or Sterling, CO. **Deadline is January 29th, 2016.** This position will have an emphasis on wetland wildlife conservation, by leading the effort to restore, enhance and protect key wetland and riparian habitats. Go to attachments for the job description.

**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, 2016.** More information on attachment.

**Private Lands Wildlife Biologist with the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies:** In Sturgis, South Dakota. Application deadline is **January 29th, 2016.** The position will deliver wildlife habitat conservation programs, emphasizing grassland birds, on private lands through Farm Bill funding. Will also provide technical assistance to landowners and other land managers to more fully incorporate wildlife habitat management in to their ranching operations and individual conservation efforts. See attachment for full listing.

**Senior Sustainability Project Coordinator at Arizona State University:** Application deadline is **this Monday, January 18th 2016.** Join the award winning team at Arizona State University. The office of Sustainability Practices houses a team that oversees the design and implementation of projects and programs that address ASU's sustainability goals, which include: carbon neutrality, zero water waste, active engagement and principled practice. Click [here](#) for the full job posting.

**Biological Technician/Hydrology Assistant Internship: Starting May 23rd, 2016** and ending August 11th, 2016. 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, 2016.** See Attachments.

To apply for the following AmeriCorps DOI/VISTA positions, go to this link for a step by step [application guide](#).

**DOI/VISTA Environmental Learning for Kids Member:** Accepting applications from **October 15th through January 23rd, 2016**. The DOI/VISTA will develop opportunities for underserved populations, particularly at -risk youth, to engage in experiential outdoor learning through ELK (Enviro Learning for Kids) programming on public lands and more in Denver, CO. Additional information can be found [here](#).

**DOI/VISTA War in the Pacific Member:** Accepting applications from **December 10th to January 23rd**. The DOI/VISTA member will work with high school administrators, teachers, park staff and education partners to create a series of curriculum based service-learning community programs that focus on environmental and historical preservation education issues that pertain to Guam and more in Hagnata, Guam. More info [here](#).

To search for others related to these positions that were just mentioned, go to the Bridge Network [website](#).

**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, 2016**.

## *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](mailto:Elizabeth.moore@western.edu) for photos or questions.

Pictured on the right is Dr. Coop in ENV5 390 Environmental Monitoring, measuring snow pack in the Mill Creek area.

