Over 50 Sessions Including Lectures and Hands-on Labs
During the four days of this year’s Accessing Higher Ground (AHG) Conference, over 50 sessions, including hands-on labs and lectures, will focus on the availability and benefits of accessible media and assistive technology in the university and business settings. The preconference will include two days of hands-on workshops and lecture sessions. All events will take place at the Millennium Harvest House in Boulder, Colorado.

Who Should Attend?
This conference is intended for individuals who need to design or provide accessible websites, media, information resources, and technology in the academic or business environments. In the past, audiences have included web designers, assistive technologists, persons with disabilities, disability specialists, faculty, media specialists, and programmers interested in accessible design.

Tracks and Special Sessions
Equal Access to Software & Information (EASI) will present a track of sessions on libraries and accessibility and accessible online forms. See the agenda for specific titles.

The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production
AHEAD (the Association on Higher Education and Disability) will sponsor a unique two-day institute on best practices in creating electronic text and working with publishers of academic materials. The presenters will provide “hands-on” training on the creation of e-text from print material. In addition, the institute will present issues related to the use of e-text and best practices, and explore ways to work with publishers regarding copyright and security issues. The training will address the needs of both administrators and practitioners.

WebAIM will conduct two half-day, hands-on preconference workshops on Web accessibility, titled Web Accessibility Evaluation with WAVE 4.0 and Advanced Applications of Basic Accessibility Principles. WebAIM will also present lectures on Web accessibility during the main conference.

ATHEN (Access Technologists Higher Education Network) will present a track on topics ranging from creating accessible multimedia and PDFs to learning disability software to using “Captivate and Camtasia.” See agenda for full list of sessions.

Tactile Graphics and Braille Track
The creation of tactile graphics will be addressed in one full-day hands-on session during the preconference and one double-length lecture during the main conference. In addition, a double-session lab will address the creation of Braille material during the main conference.

Keynote Luncheon Speaker: Jason Regier, President, Denver Harlequins Rugby Club
Mr. Riegler is a quadriplegic who is a recent Paralympian wheelchair rugby athlete. He’s a recent president of the Denver Harlequin Rugby team and is attending this year’s paralympic games in China.

Plenary Luncheon
Panel: From the Battlefield to the Classroom: Accommodating Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.
Preconference
Tuesday, November 11, 2008
9:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Check In/Info
10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Workshops
A. Lab: Automated Tactile Graphics (Part 1 of 2), Dan Comden, University of Washington
B. Lab: Creating Tagged and Accessible PDF Documents (Part 1 of 2), Karen McCall, Karlen Communications
C. Lecture: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production (Part 1 of 2), Ron Stewart, AHEAD, and Gaeir Dietrich, HTCTU
1:00–2:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
2:30–5:00 p.m. Workshops (continued)
A. Lab, continued: Automated Tactile Graphics (Part 2 of 2)
B. Lab, continued: Creating Tagged and Accessible PDF Documents (Part 2 of 2)
C. Lecture, continued: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production (Part 2 of 2)

Wednesday, November 12, 2008
8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Check In
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Workshops
D. Lab: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production (Part 1), Ron Stewart, Dolphin, and Gaeir Dietrich, HTCTU*
E. Lab: Web Accessibility Principles and WCAG 2.0, Jon Whiting and Jared Smith, WebAIM
F. Lecture: JAWS 10 Release: Experience the Next Generation! Eric Damery, Freedom Scientific
12:00–1:30 p.m. Lunch (on your own)
1:30–4:30 p.m. Workshops (continued)
D. Lab, continued: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production (Part 2 of 2)
G. Lab: Using WAVE 4.0 to Evaluate Your Web Content, Jon Whiting and Jared Smith, WebAIM
H. Lecture: Tips for Implementing ADA in Higher Education, Candice Brandt, DBTAC: Rocky Mountain ADA Center

*The Wednesday E-Text lab will build on material covered on Tuesday’s full-day lecture, but attendees can sign up for one or both sessions. However, those attending the lab are encouraged to attend the lecture and miss it at their own risk. Instructors will not review introductory material during the lab.

Main Conference Schedule
Thursday, November 13, 2008
7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Check In/Info
8:00–11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions
8:00–9:00 a.m.
Selecting Software for Students with Learning Disabilities, Jayme Johnson, HTCTU
Using the “Save as DAISY” Plug-in to Create Accessible Content, Sam Ogami, CSU–Chancellor’s Office
Legal Issues: Section 508 and Higher Education, Debra Buck, executive director, ATAP, and Ken Nakata, Bayfirst Solutions (2-hour session—ends at 10:00)
Walking the Tightrope Between Standards and a Holistic Approach to Web 2.0 Usability and Accessibility, E.A. Draffan, University of Southampton
Report on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Cyber-Community “Summit” Regarding Communication Support at the Postsecondary Level, Bill Clymer
Lab: Accessible PDF Forms with Adobe LiveCycle Designer, Sean Keegan, HTCTU (2-hour session—ends at 10:00).
9:00 a.m. Exhibit Hall Opens
9:15–10:15 a.m.
Taming a 5,000 Pound Gorilla—How CSU is Training Thousands of Staff and Faculty on Accessibility, Jean Wells, CSU (California State University)
Lab: OCR, Microsoft Word, and Braille Delivery, Susan Christensen (2-hour session)
Building a Holistic Web Accessibility Program, Tammy Cosseboom, HiSoftware
Freedom Scientific Session TBA, Eric Damery, FS
10:30–11:00 a.m. (1/2-hour sessions)
Using a Rubric to Evaluate Web Applications for Accessibility, Lisa Fiedor and Saroj Primlani, NC State University
Demonstration of Magnitalk and Dragon Naturally Speaking, Denise Roberts, WesTAC/Assistive Technology Partners (ends at 11:00)
Conversion of American Japanese Language—Textbooks to Braille, Teresa Haven
10:30–11:30 a.m. (1-hour sessions)
Screen Reading on the MacBook Air: An Overview, Karen McCall, Karlen Communications
NFB Non-visual Access Certification, Anne Taylor, National Federation of the Blind
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Visit Exhibit Hall
12:30–2:00 p.m. Keynote Luncheon—Jason Regier
2:15–3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions

**Lab:** Functional Accessibility Evaluation of Web 2.0 Applications, Jon Gunderson, University of Illinois (2-hour session)

**Lecture:** Captivate and Camtasia: Accessibility and Screen-Recording Applications, Sean Keegan, HTCTU

Accessible Online Forms, Scott McDaniel, SurveyGizmo

Accessibility Trends in Libraries, Websites, and Databases, Revisited, Axel Schmetzke, Library, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Suzanne L. Byerley, Kraemer Family Library, UCCS

3:30–4:30 p.m.

A Practical Hands-on How-To Guide for Dragon Naturally Speaking, Wink Harner, Disability Resources and Services

DO-IT Video Search: A Case Study in Accessible Multimedia, Terry Thompson, DO-IT, University of Washington

Assisting and Accommodating Struggling Students Using WYNN 5.10, Elaine Huot, Success Stream Learning

4:30–6:30 p.m. Exhibit Hall Reception

Hors d'oeuvres in Exhibit Area

7:00 p.m. Film Blindsight

Muenzinger Auditorium, CU campus ($5 fee payable by cash or check at the door)

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**Friday, November 14, 2008**

7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Check In/Info

8:00–11:30 a.m. Breakout Sessions

8:00–9:00 a.m.

World Caption Tool to the Rescue, Alice Anderson, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Lab:** Alt Format the Dolphin Way, Ron Stewart, Dolphin Computer Access Inc. (2-hour session)

A Case Study of Implementing Website Accessibility at a University, Kevin Price, UIUC, and Janet Peters, Great Lakes ADA Center, UIUC

Developing Accessible Online Math and Science Courses, Gail Burchfeil, LEARN, and Saroj Primlani, NC State

Math and Science Accessibility: Kindergarten to Rocket Science, John Gardner, View Plus Technology

9:15–10:15 a.m.

Alt-Format Production—One Campus’s Solution, Susan Kelmer, St. Louis Community College (1.75-hour session—ends at 11:00)

**Panel:** Accessibility of Learning Management Systems, Hadi Rangin, UIUC, and Ken Petri, Ohio State University (1.75-hour session—ends at 11:00)

Powerful Access to the Internet Using WYNN 5.1, Steve Boyle, Freedom Scientific Learning Systems Group

Accessible Online Forms, Scott McDaniel, SurveyGizmo

Tactile Graphics: Content-Rich and User Friendly, Lucia Hasty, BANA (2-hour session)

**Lab:** Evaluating Web Accessibility Without a Screenreader (1.75-hour session—ends at 11:00)

10:30–11:30 a.m. (1-hour sessions)

New Media Types Are Proliferating: Is Captioning Keeping Up? Kevin Erler, Automatic Sync Technologies

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

12:30–2:00 p.m. Plenary Luncheon Panel—“From the Battlefield to the Classroom: Accommodating Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars,” moderated by Dennis Stone, senior vice president, Veteran’s Programs, TecAccess

2:15–3:15 p.m. Breakout Sessions Resume

**Lab:** Universal Document Design: Capitalizing on the Accessibility Features in Microsoft Office 2007, Laurie McDonald (double session—ends at 4:30)


Bookshare.org Support for Post-secondary Students, Lisa Friend

Freedom Scientific Session TBA, Eric Damery

Marketing Accessibility and Universal Design in Higher Education, Ellen Perlow, Texas Woman’s University

3:30–4:30 p.m.

Building Accessible Websites Using MOSS 2007 and the Accessibility Kit for SharePoint, Dana Simberkoff, HiSoftware

Raising Awareness of Accessibility and Universal Design for Learning on a University Campus, Lisa Fiedor, NC State University

Teaming, Teaching, and Sharing Assistive Technology: One University’s Answer, Kaarina Mewhinney and Mary Ann Clute, Eastern Washington University

Alternate Text Formats in the Context of a Textbook Rental Program, Lance Alexis, Western Carolina University
Exhibit Hall
The Exhibit Hall will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 noon on Friday. A special Exhibit Hall reception will take place on Thursday, November 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. A smoothie / snack break will be held on Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

More Information
Questions about registration: CU Conference Services, 303-492-5151, confreg@colorado.edu.

Questions about program: Howard Kramer, 303-492-8672, hkramer@colorado.edu.

Website: www.colorado.edu/ATconference

Visit the above website for more information on workshops and speakers. Additional registration forms can also be printed from this site. Online registration and payment will be available in August at the website above.

Accommodations
Millennium Harvest House Boulder
www.millenniumhotels.com/boulder

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Millennium Harvest House November 10–14, 2008. The conference room rate is $114 for a single or double room and includes a buffet breakfast and an Internet connection. You must mention that you are requesting a room for the CU Accessing Higher Ground Conference in order to receive the discounted room rate. Contact the Millennium directly for reservations at 800-545-6285, 303-443-3850, or at the URL above. The deadline for the guaranteed conference rate is October 25, 2008.

Wheelchair Accessible Rooms
A limited number of wheelchair accessible rooms with handrails and shower benches are available. ADA rooms have a king bed. Please let the registration staff know your needs at the time of registration.

Location
Except for the showing of Blindsight, all conference sessions and activities listed in this packet will take place at the Millennium Harvest House, 1345 28th Street in Boulder.

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We wish to thank the following co-sponsors for supporting this conference:

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If you have already registered, please give this packet to a colleague. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at this year’s conference.
Registration Form

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Register by October 5 to save on registration fees.

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*Make checks payable to the University of Colorado. No refunds after October 15, 2008*

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**Preconference (Nov. 11–12)**
- Tues., 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. workshops: $170
- Wed., 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. workshops: $215

*(Select your workshop choices on the form at right)*

**Main Conference (Nov. 13–14)**
- All general workshops, keynote, and plenary luncheons: $340

**Pre- and Main Conference**
- Tues.–Fri., Nov. 11–14: $575
- Wed.–Fri., Nov. 12–14: $485

*(Select your workshop choices on the form at right)*

**One-day Conference Fee**
- Thurs., Nov. 13 only (includes luncheon): $250
- Fri., Nov. 14 only (includes luncheon): $230

**CONFERENCE FEES SUBTOTAL**

**ADDITIONAL FEES**
- ATHEN Professional Membership*: $50
- ATHEN Institutional Membership*: $50
- DVD audio recording of conference sessions†: $40

**DISCOUNTS**
- ATHEN Discount**: –$30

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* For more information on ATHEN membership, including Institutional membership, see the website at www.athenpro.org/member.

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† Not all sessions are recorded. The cost of the DVD at the conference will be $90. DVDs are provided at no cost to ATHEN members.

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☐ A. Lab: Automated Tactile Graphics
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☐ C. Lecture: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production

Wednesday Preconference Session Choice:
Select either the one full day session below or one a.m. session and one p.m. session:

9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Full day session
☐ D. Lab: The AHEAD Institute on E-Text Production
9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Morning sessions
☐ E. Lab: Web Accessibility Principles and WCAG 2.0
☐ F. Lecture: JAWS 10 Release: Experience the Next Generation
1:30–4:30 p.m. Afternoon sessions
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If you need wheelchair accessible transportation while at the conference, contact Yellow Cab/Mobility Plus at 303-777-7777 (provide 1–2 days notice, if possible) or contact the Millennium front desk.

For accessible transportation from DIA to the hotel, see the information on page 9.

Other accommodations______________________________________________

Meal Information

The conference includes a keynote luncheon on Thursday and a plenary luncheon on Friday. Hors d’oeuvres will be served during the Thursday evening Vendor Hall reception. Coffee, tea, and beverages will be provided on all days. A snack will be served at the Friday morning break.

3 Easy Ways to Register

By fax: Complete and fax enrollment to 1-303-492-5959
By mail: Complete and use this form as a postage-paid mailer
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Remember to enclose your credit card information or check, payable to the University of Colorado, with your registration.
Registration Hours
The conference check in and information desk at the Millennium Harvest House will be open as follows:
Tuesday, November 11—9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday—8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday—7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday—7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shuttle Service from Denver International Airport (DIA) to Millennium Harvest House
Standard shuttle service is available to and from DIA via the Boulder SuperShuttle for $25 each way or $46 round trip (current rate as of May 18, 2008). The shuttle, which leaves hourly between 6:10 a.m. and 12:10 a.m. from the west side of DIA, does not require a reservation from the airport. For wheelchair accessible transportation from and to DIA, reservations must be made 48 hours in advance with SuperShuttle.

From the Millennium, the shuttle leaves hourly between 3:45 a.m. and 10:45 p.m. Reservations are required. Call SuperShuttle at 303-227-0000 to make reservations or for more information.

Directions from DIA to Millennium Harvest House (1345 28th Street)
From DIA, follow Peña Boulevard for 10 miles. Exit onto I-70 West. Merge onto I-270, then onto U.S. 36 West. Follow 36 West for approximately 23 miles into Boulder. U.S. 36 West will turn into 28th Street in Boulder. The Millennium Harvest House is on the left after the intersection of 28th Street and Colorado Avenue (the east entrance to CU) and just before Arapahoe Avenue.

More About the Millennium
Located along the banks of Boulder Creek and overlooking the unique beauty of the Rocky Mountains, the hotel sits gracefully on 16 beautifully landscaped acres. The Boulder Creek path, located directly behind the hotel, is a popular 13-mile scenic jogging, walking, and biking path. With its regional Colorado decor, the Millennium Harvest House is located just 100 yards from the University of Colorado and 40 minutes from Denver International Airport.

Registration Fee
The main conference registration fee of $340 includes the general sessions, the keynote and plenary luncheons, and refreshments.

Package Rates
The registration form offers the chance to register for one or both days of the preconference workshop in conjunction with the main conference at a discounted rate. Please see the registration form for the applicable fee.

Registration Deadlines
For early registration rates, complete the registration form online or fax or mail the form by October 5, 2008.

Late registration fees will apply to forms postmarked after October 5. Please make checks payable to the University of Colorado. Additional information will be sent with your registration confirmation.

The registration link will be closed on November 1. After November 1, you must register on site. The University of Colorado does not accept purchase orders. Final payment must be made before or at on-site registration. If we have no record of payment at registration, we will require payment at that time. We cannot bill for registration fees.

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Full refunds will be given if a written request for cancellation is received by October 15. No refunds will be made after that date. Requests may be e-mailed to confreg@colorado.edu or faxed to 303-492-5959. Refund requests will not be accepted on the telephone.

Further Information
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