**Fracking taken to new depths by Limerick**

Applying the lessons of history to the ongoing debate over fracking will be the focus of a talk by renowned CU history Professor Patty Limerick during the annual Fall Meeting of the CU Retired Faculty Association on Wednesday, Oct. 23.

The business meeting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a social at 11:30. The luncheon begins at noon, followed by Limerick’s presentation. All events are held in Room 235 in the University Memorial Center on the Boulder campus.

Free parking coupons for Lot 205 (the Euclid Auto Park next to the UMC) are available to members at the luncheon registration table. CURFA members who have permits for Lot 205 are asked to not request parking coupons. The lot sometimes fills, so it is usually best to arrive early – before 9:30 a.m. – for the business meeting.

The presentation by Limerick, faculty director and chair of the board of the CU’s Center of the American West, is titled “Moderating the Debate over Hydraulic Fracturing: Adventures in Applied History.” In the fall of 2012, a consortium at the University of Colorado, Boulder, received a five-year, $12 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Sustainability Research Network. The project has the goal of improving, by providing a better foundation in evidence, the quality of the region’s and nation’s consideration of the controversial subject of natural gas development, especially

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Defining, refining our service

During the Reagan administration, I “represented” the nation’s physics teachers, both college and HS, as a member of a public policy committee that represented all professional physicists. Among the issues at the time was that large numbers of math and physics teachers were being recruited by CURFA to serve on a University committee and those of CURFA to report on issues arising from the committee and inviting input from the CURFA board as well as the obligation to report to, and get input from, at least the CURFA board, if not the broader membership.

That being said, there is currently a problem of how to establish convenient communications between the general membership and official representatives of CURFA. While lots of CURFA members do, indeed, privately tell me and other CURFA officials their problems and opinions, particularly regarding medical benefits, there needs to be a vehicle for open discussion on many issues among the general membership. Thus as president, I take it as a challenge to establish a method that encourages any member to inform others in the organization of an issue and get opinions from anyone who wishes to participate in the discussion. Clearly members would not want to use the organization-wide email list for such communications because many, if not most, members would start disregarding CURFA communications because many, if not most, members would want to use the organization-wide email list for such communications because many, if not most, members would start disregarding CURFA emails as “junk mail.” What I propose is a blog accessible from the CURFA website, where a new issue can be introduced by anyone, and anyone else can voice their opinions on that posting for all to see. If possible I shall try to establish the blog before the next business meeting.
In the future, minutes of the CURFA business meetings will be emailed to the membership, as well as posted on the CURFA website.

Additionally, copies are provided on tables at the following business meeting and luncheon.

If you prefer to have a copy snail-mailed to you, please call 720-789-5805 and leave a message.
Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Fund

CURFA has established an endowment through the CU Foundation that provides research awards for outstanding graduate students at all CU campuses. The awards are announced in the spring for the following academic year. Award winners are also invited to attend the general meeting and report on their research.

We continue to need contributions to meet our goal of $50,000 in the CURFA fund. Please help support this effort by making a contribution using this form.

You might also consider mentioning the CURFA Graduate Student Award Fund in your will and asking family and friends to make contributions to the fund in your memory.

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________________________

Campus: Boulder ___ HSC ___ Denver ___ UCCS ___

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________

Contribution: $25 ___ $50 ___ $100 ___ $500 ___ $1,000___ OTHER $___________

Mail your check and this form to the Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Program at the CU Foundation, 4740 Walnut, Boulder, CO 80301. Or charge a contribution to:

VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ AMEX ___ Discover ___

Card Number: __________________________________________________________   Exp. Date: _____________________

Cardholder Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for your support of the CURFA and its Carl Kisslinger Graduate Student Awards Program.

Many interesting events continue to grace members’ activity calendar

By David Kassoy
CURFA Vice President & Program Chair

During the period Sept. 1, 2012 to Aug. 31, 2013, the CURFA sponsored the following events:
- Nov. 8, 2012 – Visit to the CU Art Museum.
- Dec. 11, 2012 – Presentation by Professor Paul Levitt: “Stalin’s Barber.”
- April 17, 2013 – Tea Time at the Academy. Presentation by Professor Michael Nauenberg: “Teaching Newton’s Natural Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment.”
- June 25, 2013 – Presentation by Professor Richard McCray: “The Silk Road”
- June 27, 2013 – Presentation by Professor William Mallard: “Integrating Science and Religion, II.”

CURFA’s directory keeps all retirees from the University’s campuses connected: No membership required (free membership for new retirees)

The CU Retired Faculty Association (CURFA) attempts, among other things, to promote a continuing connection between retired faculty and their colleagues. One of the ways of doing this is the annual publication of a directory of University of Colorado retired faculty. This directory contains the contact information for all living CU faculty retirees, but is distributed only to its members. However, CURFA offers all new retiring CU faculty members a complimentary one-year membership, including a current copy of the directory.

While the University administration provides us with a list of newly retired faculty, including some of the data for the directory, it does not provide all of it. In particular, we need certain post-retirement contact information, and request you to provide that. Please email William Jones@colorado.edu, or drop a note to CURFA, UCB 80, Boulder CO 80309 with the following information, labeled by the numbers indicated:
1. Your full name.
2. The name of your spouse/partner
3. Your home postal address.
4. Your home phone number or other post-retirement phone number that you prefer for contact
5. Your post-retirement email address.
6. Finally, please indicate with a “yes” if you wish to receive your complimentary first-year membership to CURFA.

We hope to see you at upcoming CURFA activities!