‘Dominion of War’ focus of Fred Anderson talk

CU history Professor Fred Anderson will discuss his book “The Dominion of War: Empire and Liberty in North America, 1500-2000” during the annual Fall Meeting and luncheon of the CU Retired Faculty Association on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

The event will be held in room 235 of the University Memorial Center on the Boulder Campus. The business meeting will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., followed by a mixer just outside the meeting room. RFA members will return to the room for the buffet luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Anderson’s presentation will follow the luncheon.

Co-written with Miami University of Ohio history Professor Andrew Cayton, “The Dominion of War” has been described by reviewers as bold, sweeping, fresh, unapologetic and contrarian.

“The book is an attempt to propose an unconventional narrative for 1500 to 2000,” Anderson said. “The traditional focus is on expansion of freedom, which tends to emphasize three great wars of liberation – the American Revolution, the Civil War and World War II.”

In contrast, Anderson and Cayton’s book attempts to contextualize American history in

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Exciting activities are under way in the Association. New groups are being formed at the Denver Campus and at UCCS. The HSC group maintains an active schedule of meetings and lectures. More information is given in the messages from Franz Roehmann, Richard Blade and Bill Marine below. Carl Kisslinger, our still very active past president, is heading a team to produce a guide to retirement for faculty and unclassified staff. As noted by Carl in this edition, this very substantial project has the enthusiastic backing of the University Administration.

I had the pleasure of a good chat with President Hank Brown in the early morning of Sept. 6 when he held open house at UMC from 6 to 8 a.m. Arriving at 6, I was given some extra time to discuss RFA activities with the president. He was very supportive and promised to speak to our spring meeting, subject to the uncertainties of scheduling. I also had a chat with our new Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Mike Bohn who suggested that he might call on our membership for filling in various volunteer activities, details to be worked out. In addition, possibilities for special promotions for retiree attendance at some athletic events are being discussed. Our top administrators are enthusiastic about active retirees!

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall business meeting/luncheon.

Cheers!

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**RFA news from CU campuses**

**UCCS: Richard Blade**

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The UCCS Retired Faculty and Staff Association will have a luncheon meeting Oct 28, sponsored by the UCCS Foundation. The organization has existed informally for a number of years under the leadership of Marge Patterson, having periodic get-togethers and conducting various activities for the campus.

The program at this luncheon will focus on developing a more formal organization with elected officers and discussing the relationship of that organization to the CU RFA. Chuck Howe will be there to discuss the CU RFA, and Richard Blade, who represents UCCS on the CU RFA Board, will discuss the organization options. Anyone interested in attending the luncheon can contact me.

**UCHSC: Bill Marine**

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Professor J.J. Cohen of the Department of Immunology spoke at the September meeting on the subject: “What was the Black Death Really?” The answer Professor Cohen feels is that it was Influenza, not Plague as it has been assumed to be for many years. The November meeting, on Nov. 15, will be our annual luncheon during which we will hear about the state of the campus from the UCDHSC Chancellor’s office.

Two candidates for chancellor have visited during the last two weeks: Darrell Kirch, M.D., is currently Dean and Senior
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terms of war and empire.

“Wars usually forgotten have had profound consequences for the shaping of the United States but are largely written out of the narrative,” he said, most notably the Seven Years War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Spanish-American War. “We propose they become central events in American history.”


Reviewer Ira Leonard wrote in the Hartford Advocate, “This book is the first work by professional historians in more than a generation to organize America’s historical experience around war, republicanism and imperialism.”

“The discussion of the complex and evolving balance of power among European and Native American groups through the War of 1812 and its aftermath is fresh and illuminating and provides indispensable background for understanding the period as a whole,” wrote Walter Russell Mead of Foreign Affairs.

For the London Review of Books, Eric Foner wrote, “The authors deserve praise for their call for Americans to think about their history in terms of power and freedom.”

“Clearly ‘The Dominion of War’ is meant to provoke, and it does, along the way vividly retelling neglected aspects of the American story,” wrote Jonathan Karl in The Wall Street Journal.


“Our view of history begins with the proposition that war itself has been an engine of change in North America for the past five centuries. America’s wars, however, have not been uniform in either their character or their consequences, and it is important to recognize that wars can have very different implications and consequences depending (among other factors) on whether they are localized conflicts between nonstate groups, large-scale contests between empires, revolutionary wars, wars by which a triumphant empire consolidates control over its conquests, or wars of foreign intervention,” they wrote.

“At least from the middle of the 18th century to the present, American wars have either expressed a certain kind of imperial ambition or have resulted directly from successes in previous imperial conflicts.”

“The Dominion of War” is published by Viking Press and Atlantic Books.

Anderson received his B.A. from Colorado State University in 1971 and his Ph.D. degree from Harvard in 1981. He taught at Harvard until 1983, when he came to CU-Boulder.

Anderson is the author of three other books, including “A People’s Army: Massachusetts Soldiers and Society in the Seven Years’ War” and “Crucible of War: The Seven Years’ War and the Fate of Empire in British North America, 1754-1766,” which won the 2001 Francis Parkman Prize as best book in American history. He is also the author of “The War That Made America: A Short History of the French and Indian War,” forthcoming from Viking in November, the companion volume for a planned 2006 Public Broadcasting System television series of the same title.


Stuart Schneck reported that he is working on a comparison of our current drug coverage compared to the prescription drug coverage that will be possible with Medicare, Part D. He plans to send out a letter to all retired faculty who have Medicare coverage in time for them to make a decision as to whether to sign up for such coverage.

Female subjects sought for CU cardiovascular health research

The CU Human Integrative Physiology Laboratory is seeking healthy postmenopausal women to participate in a research study that looks at the effects of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) and exercise on cardiovascular health. Volunteers should not be taking HRT or exercising more than two times a week.

Benefits include: a physician-monitored exercise test, heart and arterial imaging, fitness capacity, bone density, body composition and cholesterol tests.

For information, please e-mail Ashley at PMhealth@colorado.edu or call (303) 492-2485.
ALEXANDER BLACKBURN (English, UCCS) was presented with the Frank Waters Award for Excellence in Literature on April 9 at a ceremony of the Antlers Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs by the Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District.


JANE H. BOCK and CARL E. BOCK (both Environmental, Population and Organismic Biology, UCB) had their latest book, “Sonora Plain” (University of Arizona Press, Tucson) released in February. It has photos by Stephen Strong and a preface by Patricia Limerick. Signings thus far have included appearances at the Boulder Bookstore and the Tattered Cover in Lodo.

DONNA BOGARD (Music Entertainment Studies, UCD) is recovering from rotator cuff surgery. She and her husband, Chuck, traveled to Kyoto, Japan, last summer to attend the International Federation of Choral Music Symposium. There were 3,800 choir directors, 36 choirs and 49 countries represented. “We heard some stunning performances,” she wrote. “Choral music is alive and well!”

WILLARD R. CHAPPELL (Physics, UCD) moved to Seattle in 2004 and now lives there from April to October. The rest of the year they live in Cha-Am, Thailand, a village on the Gulf of Thailand about 100 miles south of Bangkok. “We travel a lot – Laos, Vietnam, Egypt, Brazil,” he wrote. He advises health officials and consults with academics on arsenic problems.

HOMER CLARK (Law, UCB) in May published with Ann Estin the seventh edition of “Cases and Problems in Domestic Relations” and observed the 40th anniversary of the casebook.

WILLIAM J. (BILL) HANNA (Elect-
trical Engineering and Computer Science, UCB) took a Hawaiian cruise in January. He has done consulting with Ponderosa Associates in Lafayette.

Antero – and depart on a cycle trip to California and attempt to climb Mount Wilson in October,” he wrote. “Life after 70 is great!”

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CHUCK HOWE (Economics/IBS, UCB) and his wife, JoAnne, had an interesting shipboard trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg in August. “The restoration of World War II-damaged churches, museums and palaces is amazing,” he wrote.

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HENRY HERMES (Mathematics, UCB) and his wife, Carol, have been on bicycle trips in northern Italy with the Bicycle Adventure Club and southwestern Colorado with Colorado Heartcycle. “We’ve climbed seven of Colorado’s fourteeners this summer – Lindsey, Ellingwood, Blanca, Crestone Needle, Crestone Peak, Humboldt and Antero – and depart on a cycle trip to California and attempt to climb Mount Wilson in October. Life after 70 is great!”

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DAVID PAULSON (Environmental Design, UCB) and his wife, Joy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party in Boulder at the home of their daughter, Sarah, hosted by her and their other children, Martha and Joe. They were married Sept. 10, 1955, in Minneapolis, Minn. Their celebration will continue with an October cruise on the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas, concluding with an extended visit to California and attempt to climb Mount Wilson in October. Life after 70 is great!”

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in Barcelona, Spain.

ROBLEY RHINE (Communications, UCD) wrote, “Chinese postal history and stamps continue to fascinate me.”

JO AN SEGAL (EPOB spouse, Boulder) was to present a one-woman show, “One Old Broad Looks at Life and Death,” in May at the Dairy Center for the Arts. She wrote that the show included “telling stories from my life, singing, dancing and reading poetry.”

HARTMUT SPETZLER (Geology/CIRES, Boulder) has been doing field research in Arizona, detecting water pollution. “I just finished bicycling from Pacific to Atlantic and am planning to ride with my grandson from near Munich to Venice in Italy,” he wrote. “I am learning about the culture of our middle and high schools through substitute teaching in math and sciences.”

KLAUS D. TIMMERHAUS (Chemical Engineering, UCB) wrote, “The Cryogenic Engineering Conference honored Jean L. Timmerhaus at the 50th Anniversary Meeting on Aug. 25, for her dedication and exemplary contribution to the professional society over the past 50 years,” noting that he “humbly accepted” the posthumous award.

RITA WEISS (Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences, UCB) in July attended the Boston wedding of her grandson, Nicholas Weiss, to his Williams College fellow graduate Jocelyn Riedl. “This was a particularly joyous event since Larry and I had also been married in Boston, albeit 63 years earlier!” she wrote.

SARAH GOODMAN ZIMET (Psychology, UCHSC) earned prestigious awards from the Colorado Independent Publishers Association for two children’s books she wrote. She was given the runnerup award in the 2004 CIPA National Writing Contest for her book “Hannah and the Perfect Picture Pony.” The book is the true story of a girl growing up in The Great Depression and a memorable visit by a photographer and his pony – and how her wish comes true. The story evolved from a photo in the family album that stirred memories of growing up during that difficult time and of the people who touched her life. “The Monster Solution,” which won first prize in the contest, is about a boy who sets about ridding his closet of three fearsome and sometimes funny monsters. The book was inspired by her grandson’s determination to rid himself of his nighttime terrors. The books are published by Discovery Press Publications in Denver. She also published “Kids Discover Denver and Boulder” in 1995.
The CU RFA Executive Board, encouraged by the response of the University’s Human Resources Policy Group, agreed at its Aug. 19 meeting to undertake the preparation of a guide to retirement.

The guide is intended to provide faculty members contemplating retirement with accurate and up-to-date information on the options available to them, the relevant policies and procedures, and information for each campus on whom to contact and how.

A second section will consist of anecdotal information on “life after retirement,” the activities in which retired faculty typically engaged. The database for this section will be mostly the Staying in Touch forms submitted by members twice each year, with care that privacy is protected.

The guide will be made available in printed form and by posting on several appropriate Web sites.

Because relevant conditions vary from one CU campus to another, the writing team will include experienced and knowledgeable retirees from each of the campuses.

We are fortunate that the following have agreed to assist in this project: Richard Blade, UCCS; Franz Roehmann, UCD; Stuart Schneck, UCHSC; and Bob Fink, UCB. Carl Kisslinger, CU RFA past president, will serve as the coordinator for the project. Every effort will be made to include information on campus-specific issues, such as campus, college, and departmental channels to be used and how to contact them, benefits unique to each campus, and local retired faculty organizations.

The guide will offer information only. It will not give advice or counseling on the choice of retirement options, on any financial or health-care related issues, or on the items that individual faculty members should include in their retirement negotiations. It will inform the reader of the places to go on each campus, or in the system, to seek such advice.

Faculty colleagues who have been through the process will also be a source of input on these questions. The target for completion of the guide is May 2006.

Accounting grad student King receives RFA grad scholar award

Dr. Thomas Clark, interim dean of the Graduate School at UCDHSC, recently announced the selection of Kevin King, a master’s of science candidate in accounting at the Denver campus, as recipient of the biennial CU RFA graduate scholarship award.

Dr. Clark expressed the UCD Graduate Council’s gratitude for the continuing support of CU RFA. Provost Mark Heckler was informed of the award.

This is part of the continuing support provided from the scholarship endowment that is still accepting contributions.

The four awards rotate between UCB and UCCS one year, and the two divisions of UCDHSC the next.

Endowed award fund close to creation

Two years ago the membership of CU RFA voted strong approval of a campaign to raise enough money to create an endowed Graduate Student Awards program by the end of 2005.

This fund, to be administered through the CU Foundation, would insure that our support of quality graduate education on all campuses of the university would continue into the future.

The minimum amount required by the Foundation for an endowed fund to be created is $25,000. We set our target as $50,000 in order to make possible grant support at the current level. As of September, we have just under $22,000 in the account, so the goal of establishing the fund is in our grasp. But we need your help to reach the $25,000 goal in the next two months.

An average contribution of as little as $10 from each member would get us to this milestone. Larger contributions, as convenient for you now, would get us closer to the ultimate goal. We intend to continue this quest even after the fund is set up, but it is important that we reach the first landmark on schedule.

A form for making the contribution or a pledge to the CU Foundation is enclosed with the materials mailed for the October meeting. Please use this form to contribute or pledge a contribution to this effort of your Retired faculty Association. Or just send your check to: Gifts and Records Processing, University of Colorado Foundation, 4740 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301-9922, with a brief note that it is intended for the RFA Graduate Student Awards Fund.
“Sleep Too Much or Sleep Too Little” topic of Weissberg’s Tea Time Talk

• (Above left) Dr. Michael Weissberg, head of the Sleep Disorders Clinic at Boulder Community Hospital, discusses "Sleep Too Much or Sleep Too Little" at the CU Retired Faculty Association's fall Tea Time Talk on Sept. 20 at The Academy Chapel in Boulder. A psychiatrist and expert on sleep disorders, Weissberg has appeared on the “Today Show,” “Oprah Winfrey Show” and “Larry King Live.” He directs the Psychiatry Department's Medical Student Education Program at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. In his presentation, he placed special emphasis on sleep disorders among the elderly.

• (Above right) Former CU RFA president Court Peterson and President Chuck Howe chat prior to the talk.

• (Below right) Audience members visit and review program materials.

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