

Colorado Bioneers
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Local Presenters

John Anderson

John Anderson is the owner of GarbageBusters. Immigrating to Colorado from the upper Midwest in 1992 to take up homemaker caretaker duties for an uncle, John completed CSUs' Larimer County Training Programs to become a Master Gardener and Composter Volunteer in 1996. Since then, John has given or attended various local, national and international training courses and events, and has been a primary consultant for business, schools and individuals interested in composting and using worms to compost with. John's Wormbalance has been featured in various regional TV stations and Newspapers and now is most infamous for his appearance in New Belguim Brewery's "Follow Your Folly" and "Mothership Wit" beer ad campaigns. The Worm Man can be found presenting at schools, urban gardens and clubs, at local water festivals, farmers' markets, and Earth Day events, and has been a steering committee member, vendor, and presenter for the Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Fair and a workshop presenter/vendor for EarthWorks Expo, Boulder' Renaissance of Local, and the Denver Green Festival 2009. He has been recognized for his environmental stewardship in Larimer County and most recently joined the ranks of Green Giants recognized by the Poudre Valley chapter of the Green Party in 2010 for his efforts.

Amy Atkins

Amy Atkins is the Senior Educator for the Colorado region at the Alliance for Climate Education (ACE). She is also an adjunct professor at Naropa University in the Environmental Studies Department. While earning her masters degree at Colorado State University she studied how culture and religion play a part in a student's attitude toward the environment. She is passionate about environmental education and social justice and how these issues intersect. Currently, she is on the board of directors for Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. Prior to working for ACE, Amy was the Director of Campus Life at a boarding school in North Carolina and worked as a Volunteer Manager and on the Crisis Management Team for the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day and Tanqueray Aids Bike Ride events. Amy also lived and worked in Israel for the Alexander Muss High School in Israel.

Laura Bartles

Laura is the founder of GreenWeaver Inc. She is an advocate and educator for appropriate building technologies using high performance, low impact and local materials such as straw bale construction. She works to empower people and communities while weaving solutions addressing a wide range of current issues. With a background in environmental studies and education, the discovery of the potential of sustainable and appropriate building technologies became a passion. After becoming a builder and designer 15 years ago, she now serves as a consultant nationally to organizations, design professionals and individuals and teaches at the University of Colorado, Solar Energy International, and Sinte Gleska University.

Louise Benally

Louise Benally is the Director of Native Foodways. She is a Traditional (Navajo) Dineh woman, mother, grand mother and a Clan Mother, from Big Mountain Black Mesa Arizona. She currently works as a Community Health Educator and is an active Herbalist, Environmental and Human Rights Activist, and Traditional Spiritual Counselor.

Carolyn Bninski

Carolyn Bninski has been associated with the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center for 24 years, as a staff person and as a volunteer. She has worked on the following issues: creating a sustainable economy and economic justice; ending U.S. militarism and the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan; ending U.S. support of Israel's occupation of Palestinian land; and promoting a plant-based diet that contributes to the health of people, animals and the planet. She believes that, given the economic crises we are facing, there is currently a unique opportunity for change, This change is also necessary.

Michael Brownlee

A relocation advocate and organizer since mid-2005, Michael Brownlee is co-founder of Transition Colorado (www.TransitionColorado.org), the first officially-recognized Transition Initiative in North America. His organization has helped catalyze more than 20 local Transition Initiatives throughout the state, all working towards the resilience and self-reliance of their communities. Michael was among the original initiators of Transition U.S. and subsequently served as a director of that organization. He is a certified trainer for the international Transition Network, has trained hundreds of aspiring Transitioners throughout the U.S., and has conducted many "Transition Clinics" for local Initiatives. He and fellow co-founder Lynette Marie Hanthorn work closely with Genesis Farm in Blairstown, New Jersey, where they offer workshops on "Deep Transition," integrating New Cosmology, Pattern Language, Co-Creation, and Heart & Soul into the evolving Transition model. Michael is also publisher of Boulder County's EAT LOCAL! Resource Guide & Directory (www.EatLocalGuide.com) and Transition Times (www.Transition-Times.com), and was a founding member of the Boulder County Food & Agriculture Policy Council.

Jen Caltrider

Award-winning television producer Jen Caltrider brings journalistic instinct and know-how to ProgressNow Colorado. A network producer for CNN, specializing in technology journalism, Ms. Caltrider traveled the United States to cover the latest in high-tech happenings. With accurate investigative research and diligence, Ms. Caltrider entered the hidden world of computer hackers and provided viewers rare glimpses of these secretive people and their incredible skills. Working as the Executive Producer at Denver, ProgressNow Colorado since 2005, Ms. Caltrider is recognized as a pioneer in the use new media for online organizing. Her online videos, viewed by millions, have been covered by the NY Times, MSNBC, CBS News and many others. Ms. Caltrider designs and coordinates new media campaigns, utilizing all the web has to offer to fight for causes ranging from justice for a murdered transgender teenager, to helping citizens in Longmont, Colorado win a rare victory in the civic fight against mega-church expansion in their community.

Kay Campbell

Kay Campbell writes and practices permaculture from her home in the Bear Creek watershed at the base of the eastern flanks of the southern Rockies. A certified permaculture teacher, Kay brings her years of experience as an instructional designer and college faculty member to her current teaching practice. Kay's passion in permaculture is using its principles and tools to design for the "other 90% of life," including health, relationships, parenthood, finances, work and community. She writes about using permaculture to build personal resilience at <http://permacultureforlife.blogspot.com/>.

Rick Casey

Rick Casey's current work is divided between teaching environmental and ecological economics at Front Range Community College, and working as a database/web developer at the University of Colorado's Institute for Behavioral Genetics. He arrived at this interesting job mix after a tortured career path that bounced between working as an economic analyst for an oil company way back when, to teaching micro and macro economics (which he no longer does and quite abhors) and working his way up as a self-taught programmer in the best tradition of open source. He was never inspired to climb the corporate ladder, rather was quite distracted for some time in his youth by the wonderful opportunities for outdoor sports in Colorado, from rock climbing to every form of skiing and biking. Lately, however, he has discovered his true calling is to become a better and better economic activist, supporting himself in ways that allow him to work on that. Because, Lord knows, we need to help raise awareness about the "suicide economy" in which we are all entrapped, and which we all need to help change in positive ways.

Robert Chanate

Robert Chanate is a member of the Kiowa Nation and has lived in Denver, Colorado for several years. Robert volunteers for various non profits both locally and regionally. He has conducted numerous trainings in indigenous communities in the U.S., and that he has an extensive record of collaborating with a variety of indigenous organizations on such issues as treaty rights, protection of Native sacred sites, and promotion of indigenous self-determination. Robert is a member of the Indigenous Council at Woodbine Ecology Center.

Ann Cooper

Ann Cooper's titles include Renegade Lunch Lady; Partner, Lunch Lessons, LLC; Nutrition Services Director, Boulder Valley School District; and Founder, Food Family Farming Foundation's Lunch Box Project. Chef Ann Cooper is a celebrated author, chef, educator, and enduring advocate for better food for all children. In a nation where children are born with shorter estimated life expectancies than their parents because of diet-related illness, Ann is a relentless voice of reform by focusing on the links between food, family, farming and children's health and wellness. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY, Ann has been a chef for more than 30 years. She happily does her work because she sees a need for change and has the gifts to help. She envisions a time soon when being a chef working to feed children fresh, delicious, and nourishing food will no longer be considered "renegade."

Sandy Cruz

Sandy Cruz has been working towards greater sustainability at 9,200 feet for over thirty years, experimenting with plants and refining strategies for living in extremely harsh conditions. Sandy holds a Diploma of Permaculture Design from the International Permaculture Institute and founded High Altitude Permaculture in 1992. She has been widely published and interviewed for newspapers, radio and television, and has taught Permaculture for Naropa University, Central Rocky Mountain Permaculture Institute, Transition Colorado, Pike's Peak Permaculture and many other groups. Sandy is a certified Co-active Coach and a certified Leader for the Dances of Universal Peace. Boulder County Commissioners presented her with a Land Conservation Award for extensive work in creating a 270-acre wildlife reserve near her home. She has also served on Boulder County's Food and Agriculture Policy Council. Sandy currently trains new Permaculture teachers, facilitates diverse Permaculture courses and workshops, and consults on site planning and design. She is in the process of relocating to Salida, Colorado to establish a new permaculture research and demonstration site. Sandy is an avid hiker and has a song for just about any occasion.

Richard Dart

Richard Dart has taught nature awareness and survival skills at Naropa University since 1994. He has been a student of the outdoors most of his life and has learned from outdoor educators such as James Halfpenny, Tom Brown, Jr., and Native American elders. In 1992, Richard established Featherlight Skills, offering classes, lectures, and demonstrations in primitive and modern wilderness living skills. In addition, since 1973 Richard has served as a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and is the author of numerous publications and maps for the USGS. He has been an invited speaker at sustainability conferences at the University of Colorado and Naropa University. Richard's philosophy emphasizes rediscovery of our natural place in the natural world, and he offers a hands-on approach deeply rooted in an attitude of humility, gratitude, and respect. Richard is also certified as a Wilderness First Responder.

Chris Davies

Chris Davies has been a community activist for over 12 years. The current campaign to build an Eco-town on the Front Range is his third city-wide community campaign in the executive director role. His focuses includes children's media choices, progressive organization development, peace activism, social media for non-profits, media activism, co-housing, intentional community, and low-impact affordable housing. Chris currently lives in Boulder, Colorado in a unique intentional community of 12 apartments.

Richard Eidlin

Richard is the Founder and President of The Progress Group. He has worked at the intersection of business, politics and sustainability for over twenty-five years. His experience in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors provides him with a keen appreciation of how to forge effective national coalitions. Richard is a creative, global thinker who translates corporate and community strategic visions into practical action plans. He focuses much of his work on building markets and promoting policies that increase social justice and enable clean energy technologies, sustainable businesses and green products to gain wider acceptance.

Maggie Flickinger

Maggie Flickinger is the resident Business Director, Visual Communications AIGA, at Barrett Studio Architects and brings Barrett's work to the world with her Marketing efforts for the studio. Her formal education - a summa cum laude Bachelors of Environmental Design from the University of Colorado - brings a unique understanding to her management of the studio environment at BSA. During her 7 years with the studio, she's become an integral head of financial management and business development. She has recently expanded her directorship of internal visual communications to assist key multi-headed clients with graphic design in the creation of entitlement submittals, design guidelines, and branding packages. Maggie embraces the environmental ethos of the studio largely as an inquiring mind: she often disseminates local and global "green finds" to her colleagues.

Ron Forthofer

Ronald Forthofer, Ph. D, is a retired professor of biostatistics. He taught at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston and worked with the National Center for Health Statistics during a sabbatical. Dr. Forthofer has also worked in the healthcare industry spending two years as a consultant with Hoechst Pharmaceuticals in Germany. Since retiring in 1991, he has been a volunteer for peace and social justice working on health care, the environment, social security, monetary/financial/budgetary policy and foreign policy issues with different groups in Colorado including the Rocky Mountain Peace & Justice Center. He was also one of the founders of Health Care for All Colorado, a group working for the implementation of a single-payer healthcare system. He ran for Congress in 2000 and for governor in 2002 representing the Green Party.

Brian Scott Fritz

Brian Fritz is the Director of Transition Town Manitou Springs, Co-Director of Pikes Peak Permaculture. Certified in Permaculture Design, he holds a pivotal role in organizing and enlivening the concept of Transition in the Pikes Peak region over past two years, offers a wide range of Sustainability Classes through Pikes Peak Permaculture. His educational and professional background is in Business, Computers, Entrepreneurship, and Life Coaching.

Dave Georgis

Dave Georgis is a veteran food activist with over 20 years experience, starting in 1988 with a local Burger King boycott to support the Greenpeace campaign to stop Icelandic whaling. Since then, he has founded several grassroots environmental organizations, including Boulder's Everybody Eats!. Dave is currently working to strengthen our local food system in various ways, including organizing a Foodshed Alliance and the Boulder County Farmer Cultivation Center. Dave believes that the strength, sustainability and resilience of our community will be largely influenced by how well we rise to the local food challenge.

Bob Gough

Bob Gough, attorney and cultural ecologist with over 30 years experience on tribal cultural and natural resource issues, served as the first director of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Utility Commission; as the secretary of the Intertribal Council On Utility Policy; as co-chair the national assessment's Native Peoples/Native Homelands Climate Change Workshop; as member of the Western Governors' Clean and Diversified Energy Advisory Committee; as consultant to DOE's Wind Powering America; and as co-director of NativeWind.org. Intertribal COUP's plan promoting building sustainable homeland economies based upon efficiency and renewable energy was recognized with the inaugural World Clean Energy Award for Courage, Basel, Switzerland.

Coby Gould

Coby Gould, Director of Programs at the GrowHaus, is a food activist, facilitator, environmental educator, permaculturalist and native of the South Platte River Watershed. He holds a degree in Philosophy with a concentration in Environmental Ethics from The University of Colorado, Boulder. During his studies, Coby spent time exploring community development and social change with the School for International Training in Cape Town, South Africa; gained training in landscape architecture at The Harvard Graduate School of Design; and earned his Permaculture Design Certificate. Coby has taught Environmental Education and Food Justice to low-income high school youth with Environmental Justice Action Media, and has worked

for many years as facilitator and program director for Seeking Common Ground, a local non-profit that brings together Israeli, Palestinian and American youth for dialogue and peacebuilding.

David Greenwald

David Greenwald is one of the "Initiators" for Transition Louisville in Colorado. David has a Masters in Organization and Community Development (O&CD) from American University, Washington, D.C. As an O&CD professional, he appreciates the Transition Initiatives' "let it go where it wants to go" approach and the application of innovations in Community Development, such as the use of the Open Space methodology. David has worked in small start up and large corporate Information Technology companies during his professional career. He is semi-retired, working part time, and now dedicates much of his time to the Transition Movement.

RJ Harrington

RJ Harrington, Vice President of Colorado Solar Energy Industry Association (COSEIA) is an Energy Efficiency/Renewable Energy consultant with a Solar PV focus. He has been championing installation of solar electric energy facilities since before the passage of Colorado's Amendment 37 in 2004. RJ collaborates with various stakeholders to continue to defend and advance the gains made over the past 5 years that have placed Colorado in the vanguard of the New Energy Economy.

Abbie Harris

Communication Coordinator, Denver Urban Gardens

Rabbi Jamie Korngold

Rabbi Jamie Korngold is an ordained Reform rabbi and the founder and Executive Director of the Adventure Rabbi Program, based in Boulder, Colorado. She is nationally recognized for her innovative work combining religion and nature, as well as for her cutting edge use of technology. A favorite of the media, she has been featured by Good Morning America, National Geographic, NPR, the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Ski Magazine as well as many other outlets. Rabbi Korngold is an athlete and a scholar. She completed the Leadville Trail 100, a 100-mile running race in less than 30 hours and was ranked fourth in the nation for telemark mogul skiing. She is a graduate of Cornell University's natural resources program and received her masters and ordination from Hebrew Union College. Jamie is best known for her ability to make Judaism relevant, meaningful and accessible and therefore opening the doors back to Judaism for thousands of disenfranchised Jews. Through her nature based approach to religion, she is able to bridge the gap between scientific thought and religion, healing a fissure that often disrupts spiritual paths.

Neambe LeadonVita

Neambe LeadonVita is a wife, mother, multimedia artist, educator, activist and organic gardener integrating her many talents in service to community. Her work as Eco-Cultivator for organizations like Blue and Yellow Logic, The GrowHaus, Front Range Earth Force and Youthbiz is enhanced by her passion to educate youth with the tools to live a healthy, self-sustaining future. As Eco-Cultivator Neambe designed and implemented a curriculum, which included an introduction to sustainability, growing food, health and environmental awareness. She teaches workshops entitled "Going Green Living Bling", started by fellow activist Itef Vita. This motto is about reaching youth through music, mainly Hip Hop culture, teaching them the importance of everything they consume, and empowering them to make better choices. As an organic gardener Neambe has found a new fascination with plants we like to call "weeds", studying their medicinal values and importance. As a mother Neambe is raising her 6-month old daughter who was delivered at home, unassisted by her husband. She is an advocate for self-sustainability on every level possible. She is currently teaching at The Tubman Hilliard Global Academy located in the Historic Five Points. She holds a B.A. in Interior Design from the Florida State University.

Harvey Locke

Harvey Locke is globally known for his work on wilderness, national parks and large landscape conservation from Yellowstone to Yukon and beyond. Named by Time magazine as one of Canada's leaders for the 21st century, his resume is filled with premier publications, keynote speaking

engagements and leadership and advisory roles for some of the most well-known organizations in the conservation field. He is now playing a leadership role in a global effort to unite efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change with nature conservation. A passionate advocate for wild nature, he joined The WILD Foundation in January, 2009 as Vice President for Conservation Strategy.

Dr. Stuart Lord

Dr. Stuart C. Lord, the fifth President of Naropa University, is a nationally recognized expert in service learning, multicultural and spiritual education, and leadership and ethics. Dr. Lord came to Boulder as President of Naropa University in July of 2009. Through his extensive career, he has helped foster the growth and advancement of many communities as both educator and humanitarian. He has served as an administrator and managed civic education, community service and religious and spiritual life programs at both Dartmouth College and DePauw University. In these positions, Dr. Lord developed programs that aid under-resourced domestic communities, including New Hampshire's Upper Valley, the Mississippi Delta and the areas ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. He has also perennially led international service trips to developing nations, including Bangladesh, Nicaragua, the Philippines and Sierra Leone. In addition, Dr. Lord served as executive director of the 1997 President's Summit for America's Future, a national volunteer initiative targeted at improving the quality of life of America's youth, working under General Colin Powell during the Clinton administration. After his undergraduate years at Texas Christian University, Dr. Lord attended Princeton Theological Seminary where he earned the degrees of Master of Divinity (1986) and Master of Theology (1987). In 1993, Dr. Lord received the Doctor of Ministry degree with a specialization in multicultural education from United Theological Seminary.

Michael Madura

Michael Madura, MATP, Ecopsychologist, is a naturalist from Boulder and a part-time online writer for several global environmental action groups. Michael concentrates his writing on mitigating the effects of Peak Oil and re-connecting humans with the natural world in urban environments. He works for Naropa University and is usually found tramping around the Rocky Mountains with his fiancé Angela, and two dogs Tanner and Grady.

Bill Melvin

Bill Melvin is owner, lead designer, and chief consultant for Ecoscape Environmental Design based in Boulder, Colorado. Ecoscape works actively to provide ecological land management and enhancement through appropriate landscaping and forest management programs. Through their Permaculture design work focused on edible and medicinal species, combined with our native flora, they seek to create landscapes that are not only beautiful, but highly functional. Bill is a graduate of the University of Colorado's School of Environmental Design, has been a certified Permaculture Designer for over 13 years, and teaches throughout the region. His passion for working the land and appropriate land stewardship has guided his vision for working with his clients to transform their land in a responsible manner toward sustainable land use.

Dana Miller

A lifelong volunteer activist, Dana Miller has devoted her time to co-creating Transition Denver and a positive vision for the future after hearing Michael Brownlee speak about the Transition Movement and how it relates to climate change, peak oil, and economic instability in the summer of 2008. She found a lovely group of fellow "Transitioners" and together they have been busy raising awareness and educating the community about the issues facing the world in these challenging times, and how we can empower ourselves to take action at the grassroots level. Transition Denver is inspiring and supporting local initiatives in Denver's neighborhoods, collaborating with like-minded organizations, and is instrumental in creating the Denver's Grow Local Colorado Campaign.

Dave Newport

Dave Newport is the director of the Environmental Center at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Founded on Earth Day 1970, the Environmental Center is the nation's oldest, largest, and most accomplished center of its kind. Newport is a faculty associate in UCB's Environmental Studies Department where he teaches Carbon Action Planning. He chairs the University's Carbon Neutrality Working Group. He is also the secretary of the AASHE Board of Directors, and one of three original co-

creators of STARS (Sustainability Tracking and Rating System). He previously founded and led the Office of Sustainability at the University of Florida.

John Nicoll

Economics drive change. Jon Nicoll wants to live in a world where our economics are aligned with natural systems and am working to create that world everyday. John is the owner/editor of The New Green Economy, a social network site that is working on the foundations of The New Green Economy including the Sustainable Value Set, Theory of Cellular Economics and more.

Lisa Oilvas

Lisa is the Founder and Director of the Front Range Permaculture Institute, whose mission is to educate, support and facilitate practices that are in line with Permaculture principle and ethic in the community. Lisa is a supporter of the Transition Movement and has worked with Transition Colorado with their events. As a social entrepreneur Lisa also initiated NOCO Hours in 2005, a local community scrip focused at raising local economic conscious, and modeled after Ithaca Hours. She is also an adept event organizer and planner. In 2007 she co-produced EarthWorks Expo for three consecutive years - an event that showcased local sustainability options and educational presentations in green building, energy, transportation, and resource conservation. Lisa received her Permaculture certification in 2009. She has been a long time social and environmental activist in her local community in Fort Collins where she has raised her family.

Zia Parker

Zia Parker spent the 70s homesteading in British Columbia. Her great grandparents homesteaded 40 miles West of Boulder, in Grand Lake, CO. In '88-90 she directed the Finca Permanente Agroforestry Project in W. Africa, which was used as a model for a \$2.5 million project by the EU. She has taught or designed permaculture systems in five different climate zones, including Central Rocky Mountain in Basalt, High Altitude Permaculture and the Arapaho and Navaho reservations. She is currently working to develop Willow Way Wellness, near Niwot, CO, as a model of sustainable community. Willow Way offers a Permaculture Design Certificate Course which runs from April through October, two Sundays each month. Willow Way is a working CSA (Community Supporting Agriculture) herb farm, which offers seasonal shares of herbal teas, medicines and skin products.

Brad Queen

Brad Queen is the Energy Division Director at the Center for Resource Conservation. Brad holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and has performed graduate work in building energy systems, energy policy, power electronics, power generation, and renewable energy systems. He helped develop the energy use and emissions model for the University of Colorado's carbon neutrality plan.

Rev. Peter Sawtell

Rev. Peter Sawtell sees himself as "an evangelist for ecological Christianity" who challenges church leaders toward transformational ministries in this time of environmental crisis. Through Eco-Justice Ministries, which he founded in 2000, he works with congregations and denominations across the United States. An ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, Sawtell emphasizes the distinctive messages of deep community, justice and hope that can be developed in churches. He has been a keynote speaker and workshop presenter at many regional and national conferences, and has taught at the Iliff School of Theology. He is highly regarded for his weekly "Eco-Justice Notes" commentary, and he has an article, "The Shalom Principle", in the recent Sierra Club book, "Holy Ground: A Gathering of Voices on Caring for Creation.". Peter's academic background includes an undergraduate concentration in environmental biology, seminary studies with a strong emphasis on institutional racism, and advanced work at Iliff and Denver University in the field of religion and social change. Peter and his wife Allyson, also a UCC minister, served as co-pastors of churches in Iowa for 10 years.

Ricardo Simmonds

Mr. Simmonds is currently pursuing his MS in Environmental Studies with a focus in philosophy at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Born in Brazil, Ricardo founded the non-profit Creatio in Peru where he lived for 4 years while undergoing his religious formation. He is also a Catholic religious brother in the

Sodalitium Christianae Vitae and a spiritual director, supporting the work of St. Malo Retreat Center in Allenspark. He has wide experience with volunteer work and missions in the shanty towns and remote highlands of Latin America, and working with the poor in general. He has led several mission trips into the Peruvian high Andes offering spiritual, humanitarian and environmental assistance to the poorest of the poor. Living for 4 years in Colorado, he is currently the Director of Creatio.

Celeste "Cele" Spink

A Hopi, Dineh, and Colombian Queer, Cele is from many parts of Colorado. She co-founded the Indigenous Youth Sovereignty Project (IYSP), a youth-led action that offers Indigenous youth in Denver the tools for sustainable community building through artistic expression, media reclamation, counter-military recruitment, and living in balance with our Mother Earth. Cele is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Board of Directors for the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR). She sings in two local bands, Tit for Tat, and More Than This, and performs burlesque as Juanita WoW...La Guerrilla Urbana. She is a mixed media artist, as well as a painter, and fashion-sideways-expression-enthusiast. Cele is working to complete her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Colorado at Denver, with a goal of someday becoming a grassroots attorney to provide affordable legal services for communities-of-color, queer communities, and sex workers. She is devoted to learning from her ancestors, elders, peers and future generations to manifest peace and moving the revolution forward by looking back to her roots. Cele hopes to live to see the day that bicycles take over the highways, and people are inclined, and have access to, grow and share food with their community.

Pavlos Stavropoulos

Born and raised in Greece, Pavlos grew up bilingual and bicultural. Before moving to Colorado, Pavlos served on the board of the Oregon Public Interest Research Group, and was the publications coordinator and also served at the board at the Institute for Social Ecology in Vermont. Since moving to Colorado he has served as the publications coordinator for the Fourth World Center, been the publisher and associate editor of Democracy and Nature, the international journal for inclusive democracy, and taught at Escuela Tlatelolco. He is the Sustainability Coordinator at Woodbine Ecology Center, a Wilderness First Responder, a certified permaculture designer and instructor, a certified small water systems operator and the father of three children.

Jonathan Waterman

Jonathan Waterman started shooting photographs on his expeditions three decades ago, but also found his calling as a writer and author. He has starred in and written films for television, including "The Logan Challenge" (PBS, 1991), "Surviving Denali" (ESPN, 1994), and "Odyssey Among the Inuit" (OLN, 2000). He's mostly known for his time exploring the North, detailed in six of his nine books and in journals such as the Washington Post, Adventure, Hooked On the Outdoors, Outside, Backpacker, Climbing, and Rock and Ice. In June 2005, W.W. Norton released his Where Mountains Are Nameless; Passion and Politics in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. His awards include: Sigurd Olson Nature Writing Award (2006), NEA Literary Fellowship (2004), Colorado State Council of the Arts Literary Award (2003), The Banff Book Festival's Best Adventure book (1995, 2001), The American Alpine Club Literary Award (1996), The National Park Service Special Achievement Award (1984).

Marie Zanowick

Marie Zanowick is an enthusiastic and optimistic environmental engineer with 25 years of experience working for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. As a highly motivated and creative program manager, Ms. Zanowick has big ideas and the capability to implement them. Highly effective, when she wants to get something done, she has the capacity to engage team members to produce results. As a graduate of the Biomimicry 2010 Certificate Program, she combines her educational background in both Biology and Engineering, regulatory experience and facilitation skills to produce innovative solutions to a wide range of challenges.

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: Na': Zic. Is known mostly as a prolific speaker, holistic and nutritional facilitator, and supporter of Indigenous people's rights, without distinction of color or nationality. She is also one of the few Indigenous person's who has retained the Indigenous way of cooking using authentic traditional

methods. She has helped to create and build centers of capacity in various communities and has built a history of sharing with many people the most important tools that will transform their life for a healthier and happier future for themselves, their families and future generations. Her knowledge stems from a long line of Indigenous family members who have retained their Indigenous way of living and passing down what is referred to as holistic health. She currently is an Advisor and Consultant for various non-profit organizations such as Huexotlalli:Foundation in Los Angeles and Colorado, and PI PE: Foundation., located in South Dakota. She is also a business partner in Grandmother-Earth's: Kitchen., a for-profit company that offers catering, facilitation, health products, accessories, for a healthy wealthy happy way of life for all us humans and our Mother Earth' s healing process.