How You Can Get Involved

Held on campus each April, CWA is planned, developed, and produced via a collaborative effort of the University of Colorado Boulder and the greater Boulder community. The conference owes its existence to a vast network of volunteers. University faculty, staff, and students work alongside Boulder community members to plan and host the week’s public events, as well as the participants’ meals and social events. Speakers and conference content are developed largely by student and community volunteers, with professional support from CU staff.

Student Involvement

Students help identify key content areas for the conference, research speakers with expertise in these identified areas, participate in inviting speakers, planning panels and other events, and engage with the speakers during conference week.

Faculty Involvement

We have various opportunities for faculty involvement in CWA. CWA values input from faculty on speaker suggestions. Faculty are welcome to nominate a speaker or to join our program committee and become part of the planning process. Faculty and graduate student instructors are also encouraged to utilize the CWA in service of their spring courses.

Faculty can also request a speaker classroom visit or a panel topic to coincide with scheduled class times: www.colorado.edu/cwa/content/cwa-speaker-classroom-visit

Community Member Volunteers

There are many ways to be involved for individuals who are not otherwise affiliated with CU Boulder. The conference is free and open to the public, so everyone is welcome to attend as many panels as they like. Community members can also volunteer during the conference, provide housing for speakers, or a engage with the CWA programming committee to support planning for the conference. This larger volunteer role can include mentoring students, ensuring the timely progress of inviting speakers, and developing content.

For further information about volunteer opportunities, please email us at CWA@colorado.edu.