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## ABOUT THE CENTER

The Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy promotes critical reflection on the distinctive traditions and political perspectives that characterize Western civilization. It encourages residents of Colorado and the United States to more fully understand and appreciate their past, their future and a free and creative American society within an international environment.

Integral to this mission is the Center's commitment to fostering research, debate and dialogue about the fundamental ideals of our time. Our efforts are grounded in academic research and study that foster an understanding of the historical context of Western civilization. The Center focuses on and explores the values that grow out of historical Western traditions and trace their influence on the world, and, in particular, to study their role in the foundations and ongoing institutions of the United States.

In addition to this, the Center provides a forum for free and open discourse, study and research. It seeks to promote a lively and balanced conversation, encompassing both conservative and liberal ideals, to maintain the full diversity of political, economic and philosophical perspectives on the CU Boulder campus. By stressing intellectual rigor and the highest academic standards, the Center offers a venue for students, scholars and citizens of Colorado to fully understand our nation's political and cultural traditions. By focusing on the Western values of individual liberty and independence, both political and economic, the Center provides members of the CU community, and residents of our state more generally, a place to understand the ideals that shape our understanding of an important aspect of American cultural heritage.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

"May you live in interesting times." The saying is intended not as a blessing but as a curse, since the happiest life is thought to be one in which we can live quietly in times of boring peace and prosperity. Well, for much of the world, including America, these are times of peace and prosperity, and yet they certainly are not boring. The current political turmoil is something the United States has not seen for a long time, and those of us who work or study on college campuses are hardly immune. The current debates over news versus fake news and objectivity versus bias have made their way from the White House across all kinds of media and into the university, where teachers and their students alike are being forced to reconsider what the purpose of a college education should be.

Here at the Center, we remain committed to the proposition that the purpose of higher education is not just to train students for their future careers, but also to train them in thinking critically and honestly about the questions that matter most in life. The Center aims at being a place where students, and the broader community, can engage in sustained, critical reflection on their ideals and values, shaped by an awareness of the Western intellectual tradition out of which this university has arisen, and informed by an exposure to the full range of political perspectives that shape our society today.

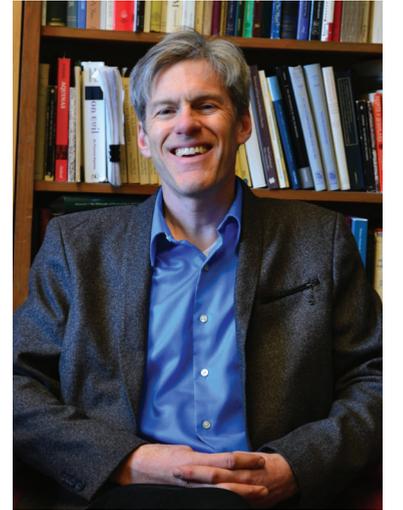
It has been a long road to where we are today. The Center for Western Civ was founded on the Boulder campus in 2006, and I have served as its director since 2011. The Conservative Thought and Policy program began in 2013. Several years ago, the plan formed to merge these two initiatives into a single center. This past year was the first in which that idea truly took fruit in a way that allowed us to offer something approaching the full range of activities envisioned in our funding charter. This report documents the extent of our progress. The Center has grown to the point where it now houses four annual visiting scholars and pulls together a larger roster of affiliated faculty and students numbering in the dozens. We hold public events on a nearly weekly basis during the academic year, as well as a wider array of special events aimed at students and faculty fellows. There can be no mistaking the difference we are making on the Boulder campus, as well as in the wider community.

And we are by no means done growing. We have doubled in size over the last year or so, and we plan to double again over the next several years ahead. Our aim is to continue expanding the number of students we reach, and to broaden the spread of our public lectures, extending not just across the Boulder community but over the entire state as well. To all of you who have given us your enthusiasm and support over these last several years, we offer our thanks. Going forward, we are doing everything in our power not just to live up to your expectations, but even to exceed them, by making the Center even bigger and better than it already is.

Robert Pasnau



Professor of Philosophy  
Director, Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy

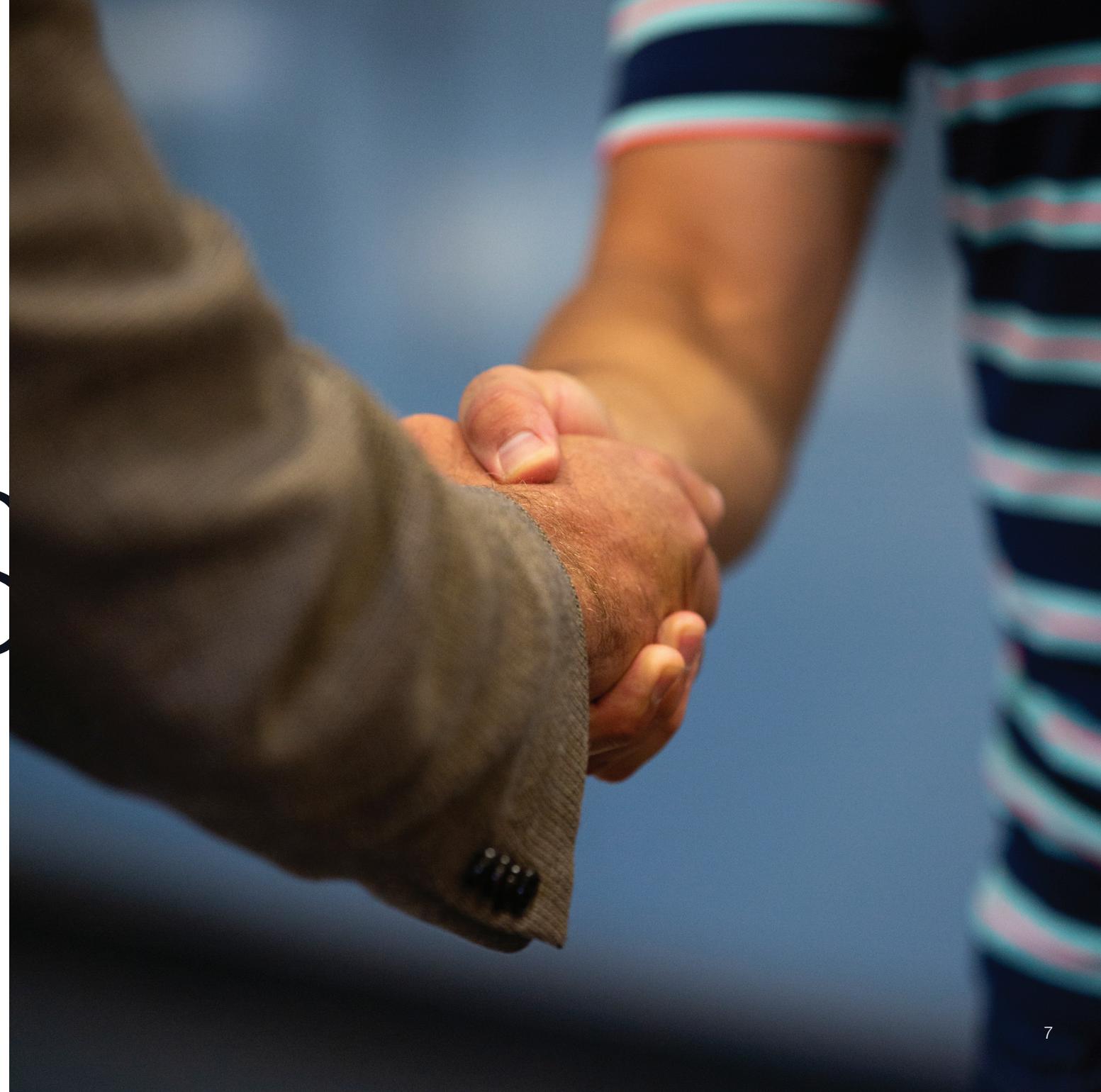


**2017-18**

# CENTER

# FELLOWS

Each year, the Center hosts several faculty fellows and graduate student fellows. These scholars and fellows contribute to the Center's mission, working in an area connected to the Center's annual theme. Fellows demonstrate an enthusiasm for fostering intellectual diversity and dialogue, both on campus and in the broader community. By leading and participating in events and conversations, among other important work, fellows are an essential part of the mission and outreach of the Center.



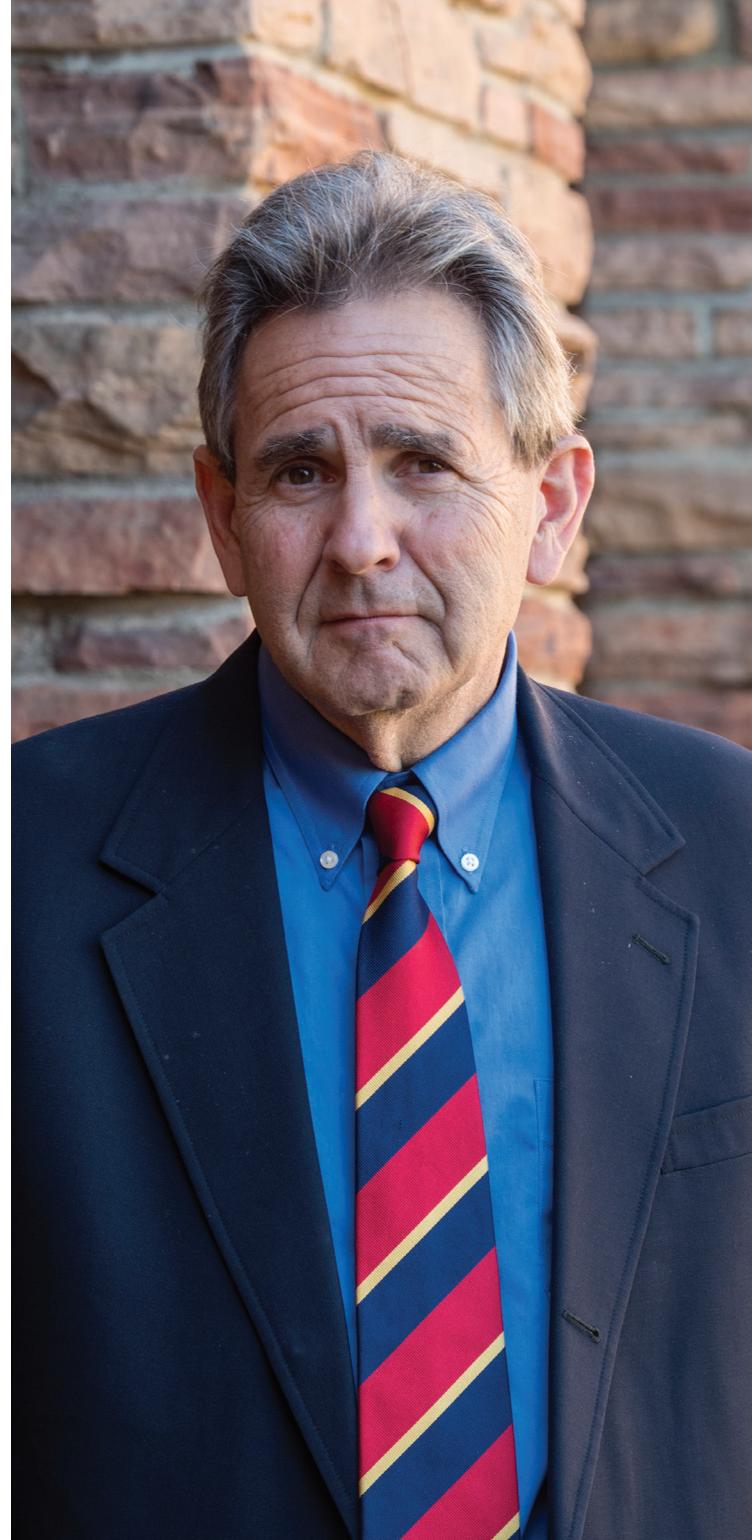
## 2017-18 Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy

**Robert Kaufman** was the 2017-18 Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy. Kaufman is the Robert and Katheryn Dockson Professor of Public Policy at the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy. He is no stranger to the CU Boulder campus, though, having participated for nine years in the CU Conference on World Affairs.

Kaufman received his juris doctor from Georgetown Law in Washington, D.C., and his bachelor's, two master's and a doctoral degree from Columbia University in New York City. In May 2016, he received an advanced law degree in dispute resolution from the Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California.

He has written four books, including his most recent, *Dangerous Doctrine: How Obama's Grand Strategy Weakened America*. His other publications include *In Defense of the Bush Doctrine*, a biography; *Henry M. Jackson: A Life in Politics*, which received the Emil and Katherine Sick Award for the best book on the history of the Pacific Northwest; and *Arms Control During the Pre-Nuclear Era*.

Kaufman is a former Bradley Scholar and current adjunct scholar at the Heritage Foundation. In the fall of 2017, Kaufman taught courses in "Prudence and the Art of Statesmanship" and "Modern Warfare: Terrorism, Ideology, Identity."



“Consider me a happy academic warrior who delights in engaging all types of audiences: academic, professional and political. I strive to combine academic rigor with intellectual curiosity, to be principled without being dogmatic, and to disagree agreeably when we do disagree even fundamentally.”

– **Robert Kaufman**

## Center Fellows



**Isaac Taylor**, PhD (Politics)  
Isaac Taylor received his PhD in Political Theory at the University of Oxford in 2014. His thesis was titled “Distributive Justice and Global Public Goods.” Taylor’s research interests are primarily in modern political philosophy. Among other things, he asks the question of how justice requires the costs and benefits of global public goods to be shared among countries. In the future, he plans to expand his project and explore how responsibilities to conduct counter-terrorism should be distributed, as well as looking at broader questions surrounding war theory and global ethics. In fall 2017, Professor Taylor taught CWCV 2000: The Western Tradition.



**Benjamin Bryan**, PhD (Philosophy) *Bradley Scholar*  
Ben Bryan writes about questions that sit on the boundary between moral and political philosophy, especially questions about rights. His work has appeared in or is forthcoming in *Australasian Journal of Philosophy*, *History of Philosophy Quarterly*, *Philosophia*, and *Social Theory and Practice*. During his time at the Center, Ben worked on two main projects. The first was a series of papers developing and defending Conventionalist Natural Rights Theory—a natural rights theory that can also account for the role that contingent social practices play in shaping our rights and duties. The second was a series of papers about how to morally evaluate new technologies like self-driving cars and aerial drones. In fall 2017, Professor Bryan taught CWCV 2000: The Western Tradition.



**Johanna Gosse**, PhD (Art and Art History)  
Johanna Gosse’s research sits at the intersection of modern and contemporary art history and film and media studies. She is currently completing a book project entitled *Atomic Sublime: The Experimental Films of Bruce Conner*. This project is based on her dissertation research on Conner’s films, which was supported by a predoctoral fellowship from the Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation. Johanna’s essay, “EASTER MORNING: Bruce Conner’s Second Coming,” was included in the exhibition catalogue for *BRUCE CONNER: IT’S ALL TRUE*, organized by the San Francisco Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in 2016. In 2017-18, Professor Gosse taught ARTH 4929: *Waiting to be Seen; Surveillance, Voyeurism, Cinema* and ARTH 6929: *Black Mountain Experimentalism*.



**Ross Taylor**, PhD (CMCI, Journalism)  
Ross Taylor is an assistant professor of journalism. Previously, he was a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His professional recognitions include National Photographer of the Year, Northern Photographer of the Year, New England Photographer of the Year, Virginia Photographer of the Year and North Carolina Photographer of the Year (twice). His coverage of an Afghanistan trauma hospital garnered numerous international and national awards, and his work has also appeared twice on the cover of the *Best of Photojournalism* magazine. Taylor was the inaugural fellow in the Multimedia, Photography and Design department at the S.I. Newhouse School

of Public Communication at Syracuse University. His master’s project was a series of films in the local burn unit. He is the lead creator of *The Image, Deconstructed*.



**Aysegul Aydin**, PhD (Political Science)  
Aysegul Aydin is an associate professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. Her research focuses on the dynamics of political violence and civil wars. She is particularly interested in civil war processes and their transformative effect on societies. Aydin’s first book, *Foreign Powers and Intervention in Armed Conflicts* (Stanford University Press, 2012), examines the role of foreign direct investment and preferential trade agreements in motivating external states to intervene in armed conflicts. Her second book, *Zones of Rebellion: Kurdish Rebels and the Turkish State* (Cornell University Press, 2015), co-authored with Cem Emrence, presents an analytical account of violence in the Turkish civil war. Aydin’s articles appeared in the *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *European Journal of International Relations*, among others.



**Craig White**, PhD (Political Science)  
Craig White recently defended his dissertation, “Defense is Natural: A Natural Law Account of Why Countries May Defend Themselves.” White’s research progress shows that just war theory, interpreted in its original natural law (Aristotelian-Thomist) context, has resources to provide more coherent answers to moral questions about warfare than many modern theories.



**Jasmine Carter** (Philosophy) *Harper Graduate Fellow*  
Jasmine Carter is a PhD student in philosophy at the University of Colorado Boulder. She received a BS in cognitive neuroscience with minors in philosophy and biology at the University of Denver in 2014. She was a 2016-17 Mercatus Center Adam Smith Fellow. Her research interests are primarily in political philosophy and biomedical ethics.



**Brian Marein** (Economics) *Harper Graduate Fellow*  
Brian Marein is a PhD student in Economics at the University of Colorado Boulder. He received his BS in economics and Spanish from Ohio State University in 2013. His research focuses on the consequences of immigration and immigration policy, and he is particularly interested in the interdisciplinary nature of the program. He was previously a research assistant at the American Enterprise Institute.

# OUTREACH + EVENTS

Providing a forum for intellectually diverse and academically rigorous events is the heart of what we do at the Center. We accomplish our mission through the Western Civ Dialogue Series, which features a diverse panel of expert speakers and Conservative Thought & Policy Guest Speakers, who bring a unique perspective as guests of the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy program, and through organizing and sponsoring other unique visitors who bring different perspectives to the application of Western Civ in the public sphere. We also hold pop-up events on timely issues as they arise; these often don't fit into any of these categories, but they give us a degree of flexibility to address issues of public concern as they happen.



## The Western Civ Dialogue Series

Our flagship event series is the Western Civ Dialogue Series. These discussions typically feature an intellectually diverse panel of expert speakers that address a topic of political, social or economic importance. This year, the Western Civ Dialogue Series held 11 events with an attendance of over 690 individuals.

### Science, Religion and Land: The West and the Rest

October 9, 2017 | Attendance: 103

Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori explored the varied approaches of science and religion to human relationships with the land, taking both historical and planetary views. The lecture focused on Western frameworks, broadly understood, and considered how interplay with other perspectives might prompt creative adaptation, particularly with regard to land ethics.

**Featuring:** The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, PhD (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, 2006-2015)



### Animals, Fetuses and Morality

October 10, 2017 | Attendance: 47

If you're committed to supporting animal rights, does this mean you should also be committed to supporting fetal rights? If you're opposed to abortion, does this mean you should also be opposed to eating meat? This panel focused on the relationship between debates about abortion and debates about animal rights and featured two legal scholars and two theology scholars, all of whom have written about these issues.

#### Featuring:

John Berkman (Regis College)  
Charles Camosy (Fordham University)  
Sherry Colb (Cornell University)  
Michael Dorf (Cornell University)

### Cosmic Faith in the Anthropocene Age

October 11, 2017 | Attendance: 40

Humanity has become a geologic force shaping this planet. What wisdom do religious traditions bring to this crisis, especially about how we should live?

**Featuring:** The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, PhD (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, 2006-2015)



### What is Academic Freedom?

November 9, 2017 | Attendance: 55

What kinds of behavior is academic freedom supposed to protect? What kinds of restrictions on behavior is it supposed to allow? Why does academic freedom matter in the first place? This panel featured a variety of views on this hotly-contested subject.

#### Featuring:

Brian Leiter, University of Chicago Law School  
Regina Rini, New York University  
Peter Wood, National Association of Scholars  
Michele Moses, University of Colorado Boulder

### Trump's America: One Year Later

January 24, 2018 | Attendance: 106

It has been one year since Donald Trump took office after the most surprising and controversial election in American history. Has the Trump presidency lived up to its expectations, good or bad? A diverse panel of undergraduate students, graduate students and faculty from across the political spectrum discussed President Trump's first year in office.

#### Featuring:

Michael L. Ferguson, Associate Professor of Political Science, Faculty Associate of Women and Gender Studies

Eric Alston, Scholar in Residence, Finance Division and Faculty Director, Hernando de Soto Capital Markets Program at Leeds School of Business

Caroline Grego, PhD candidate in History

Blake K. Herron, CU Law Student and President of the Colorado Chapter of the Federalist Society

Katiana Hutchinson, CWCTP Undergraduate Fellow and former Organizer for Hillary Clinton's 2016 Presidential Campaign in Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Alex Vela, CWCTP Undergraduate Fellow and President of CU College Republicans

## The Western Civ Dialogue Series

### Katharine Jefferts Schori: *The Measure, Dimension, and Intersectionality of Truth*

February 1, 2018 | Attendance: 72

Is there a calculus for right understanding and right behavior? This session was an exploration of the dynamic nature of truth and the pertinent questions it raises about race, rights, reality and relationship.

**Featuring:** The Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, PhD (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, 2006-2015)

The Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy, in collaboration with St. Aidan's and Canterbury Campus Ministry, was pleased to welcome Katharine Jefferts Schori, PhD, the first woman to be elected presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church. Katharine Jefferts Schori was recently featured as one of Time Magazine's "Women Who Are Changing the World." Katharine Jefferts Schori was a continuing 2017-18 guest of the Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy and gave numerous talks and public appearances in October 2017. During this visit, she was also a featured panelist at the Women's Leadership Symposium on January 31.



### Embedded in Iraq: Journalists Encounter the Islamic

February 1, 2018 | Attendance: 90

This evening event offered a conversation with two photojournalists regarding the documentation of conflict and war. The discussion explored how journalists strive to work accurately and fairly under the most difficult of circumstances. The event featured Victor J. Blue, a New York-based photojournalist whose work is most often concerned with the legacy of armed conflict, human rights and the protection of civilian population, and Mitch Utterback, a retired U.S. Army Special Forces Lieutenant Colonel, who transitioned to a new career reporting on war, conflict and disaster.

**Featuring:**  
Victor Blue  
Mitch Utterback



### Fred Turner: "Media Against Fascism, Then and Now"

February 15, 2018 | Attendance: 70

Fred Turner is the Harry and Norman Chandler Professor of Communication at Stanford University. His talk, "Media Against Fascism, Then and Now," drew from his recent book *The Democratic Surround: Multimedia and American Liberalism from World War II to the Psychedelic Sixties* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015). His book has been described as, "a dazzling cultural history that demonstrates how American intellectuals, artists, and designers from the 1930s-1960s imagined new kinds of collective events—different from Fascism's crowds—that were intended to promote a powerful experience of American democracy in action."

**Featuring:**  
Fred Turner, Harry and Norman Chandler Professor of Communication at Stanford University



### Responsibilities to Refugees

March 12, 2018 | Attendance: 35

Over 11 million Syrians have fled their homes since the outbreak of the civil war in 2011. The question of what Western states, such as the U.S., owe to refugees is thus a pressing one. This panel brought together political theorists and philosophers to discuss a range of interconnected issues that arise in this context. Should the U.S. let in more refugees, or can it meet its global responsibilities in other ways? If more refugees should be admitted, does there need to be assistance offered to help them adapt to their new situation? What constraints need to be placed on military action abroad to provide sufficient security to those fleeing war zones?

**Featuring:**  
Jovana Davidovic, University of Iowa  
Yasemin Sari, University of Northern Iowa

Christopher Heath Wellman, Washington University in St. Louis

## The Western Civ Dialogue Series



### **A Bold Experiment: Five Years of Conservative Thought in Boulder**

April 9, 2018 | Attendance: 95

This lecture featured a reunion of the first five Visiting Scholars in Conservative Thought & Policy as they reflected on their time in Boulder, the position of Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and the state of American conservatism.

#### **Featuring:**

Steven Hayward, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2013-14

Brian Domitrovic, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2015-16

Francis Beckwith, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2016-17

Robert Kaufman, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2017-18

Stephen Presser, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2018-19



### **Medical Aid in Dying in Colorado: Is it morally acceptable to do what the law allows?**

April 10, 2018 | Attendance: 30

In November 2016, Colorado voters approved Proposition 106, permitting people with terminal illnesses to be prescribed medication that allows them to end their lives. This panel explored the circumstances under which Colorado law permits medical aid in dying and discussed whether it's morally wrong for people to take advantage of the law and end their lives.

#### **Featuring:**

Martin Gunderson, Macalester College

Craig Konnoth, University of Colorado Boulder

Christopher Tollefsen, University of South Carolina

## Conservative Thought and Policy Guest Speakers

In the aim of increasing intellectual diversity on campus, the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy invites guests throughout the academic year to give public lectures on campus. The Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy invited nine speakers and had an attendance of over 694 individuals.



### **Nationalism and Globalism in American Foreign Policy**

October 18, 2017 | Attendance: 57

Trump says he is a nationalist and globalist. And he is. But he envisions a globalism rooted in nationalism not a globalism that replaces nationalism. Professor Nau, a former White House official in the Ronald Reagan presidency, offered a constructive understanding of Trump's foreign policy drawing from his scholarly work on the U.S. foreign policy traditions of nationalism, realism, and liberal and conservative internationalism.

#### **Featuring:**

Henry R. Nau, professor of political science and international affairs at the Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University.



### **Two Kinds of Patriotism: Immigration, Nationalism and Multiculturalism in American Politics**

October 26, 2017 | Attendance: 151

A conversation with Reihan Salam, interviewed by Professor Benjamin Teitelbaum, focused on how immigration affects the contest between ethno-nationalists and multiculturalists.

#### **Featuring:**

Reihan Salam, Executive Editor at the National Review, Columnist for Slate, National Review Institute Policy Fellow

## Conservative Thought and Policy Guest Speakers

### The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues and the Coming Dark Age

November 15, 2017 | Attendance: 68

Once the world's bastion of liberal, democratic values, Europe is now having to confront demons it thought it had laid to rest. The old pathologies of anti-Semitism, populist nationalism, and territorial aggression are threatening to tear the European postwar consensus apart. In riveting dispatches from this unfolding tragedy, James Kirchick showed the shallow disingenuousness of the leaders who pushed for Brexit; examined how a vast migrant wave is exacerbating tensions between Europeans and their Muslim minorities; explored the rising anti-Semitism that causes Jewish schools and synagogues in France and Germany to resemble armed bunkers; and described how Russian imperial ambitions are destabilizing nations from Estonia to Ukraine. With President Trump threatening to abandon America's traditional role as upholder of the liberal world order and guarantor of the continent's security, Europe may be alone in dealing with these unprecedented challenges.

#### Featuring:

James Kirchick, Journalist, Visiting Fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe and Project on International Order and Strategy at the Brookings Institution. Author of *The End of Europe*.



### The Demographics of Red and Blue America

November 29, 2017 | Attendance: 79

Michael Franc is the Hoover Institution's director of D.C. programs, where he oversees research and outreach initiatives to promote ideas and scholarship in our nation's capital. He holds a dual appointment as a research fellow. Mike Franc is a longtime veteran of Washington, D.C. policymaking.

Prior to joining Hoover, Franc served as policy director and counsel for House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy. He also served as the vice president of government relations for the Heritage Foundation from 1997-2013. During this time he managed all the think tank's outreach with Capitol Hill and the executive branch.

#### Featuring:

Michael Franc, Director of DC Programs, Hoover Institution



### Civil-Military Relations in the Trump Era

December 7, 2017 | Attendance: 63

Dr. Owens is a Senior Fellow of the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) in Philadelphia, and editor of *Orbis*, FPRI's quarterly journal. He recently retired as Professor of National Security Affairs at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. At the War College he specialized in the planning of U.S. strategy and forces, especially naval and power projection forces; the political economy of national security; national security organization; strategic geography; and American civil-military relations. In addition to the NWC core course, he has taught electives on The American Founding, Strategy and Policy of the American Civil War, The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln, Sea Power and Maritime Strategy, Strategy and Geography, and U.S. Civil-Military Relations. From 1990 to 1997, Dr. Owens was editor-in-chief of the quarterly defense journal *Strategic Review* and Adjunct Professor of international relations at Boston University.

#### Featuring:

Mackubin Thomas Owens, Dean, Institute of World Politics



### Tocqueville's Philosophy of Moderation and America's Need to Rediscover It

February 19, 2018 | Attendance: 65

In a time of intense polarization in both American national politics and higher education, the occasional calls for civility or intellectual tolerance often lack a firm grounding in our political tradition or in philosophical argument. In fact, the concept of moderation has a long pedigree and deep foundation in both our politics and in the political philosophy of modern liberal republics and democracies; it means more than a mushy centrism. Alexis de Tocqueville's *Democracy in America* draws on both the moderate enlightenment and his study of America's two foundings to develop a philosophy of moderation amid the philosophical and political extremism in the 1830s—and Americans today would do well to study his counsel about the virtue of avoiding extremes in thought and practice, and of reasonably reconciling apparently opposed principles.

#### Featuring:

Paul Carrese, Director of the School of Civic & Economic Thought and Leadership

## Conservative Thought and Policy Guest Speakers



### Assessing the Trump Presidency: Revolution, Realignment, or Chaos?

April 5, 2018 | Attendance: 39

The election and presidency of Donald Trump seem to represent a significant break with established public policies, political parties, and presidential practices. How significant are these changes compared to the past? What are the implications for the future of American politics, in terms of both domestic and foreign policy?

At this event, Robert G Kaufman interviewed Elizabeth and Matthew Spalding—two renowned experts with impeccable academic credentials to address these subjects—in a robust and freewheeling panel discussion.

#### Featuring:

Robert Kaufman, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2017-18

Elizabeth Spalding

Matthew Spalding

### James Madison: Founder of the American Founding

April 23, 2018 | Attendance: 35

This event discussed the revival of the idea of founding and founders that came, via Madison, in 1787-88, and that stood in contrast to British schools of thought at the time, namely compact theory and organicism. In his lecture, James Ceaser revived the idea that the founders and the founding have had a great impact on American political life.

#### Featuring:

James Ceaser, senior fellow at the Hoover Institution and the Harry F. Byrd Professor of Politics at the University of Virginia

### Victor Davis Hanson: World War II—Then and Now

May 2, 2018 | Attendance: 35

World War II was the most lethal conflict in human history. Never before had a war been fought on so many diverse landscapes and in so many different ways, from rocket attacks in London to jungle fighting in Burma and armor strikes in Libya.

Drawing on 3,000 years of military history, Victor Davis Hanson argued that despite its novel industrial barbarity, neither the war's origins nor its geography was unusual. Nor was its ultimate outcome surprising. The Axis powers were well-prepared to win limited border conflicts, but once they blundered into global war, they had no hope of victory.

#### Featuring:

Victor Davis Hanson, Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution

## Conservative Thought and Policy Outreach

In addition to inviting guest speakers to give public lecture on campus, our Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy, Robert Kaufman, gave four lectures within Boulder and the surrounding area. This outreach helped expand our center's audience and interest.



### Is there a Trump Doctrine?

September 19, 2017 | Attendance: 45

Two warring tendencies have vied for ascendancy: traditional Republican vigilant internationalism largely emblematic of Ronald Reagan, versus a repudiation of America's post-World War II's role as the world's default power. Unlike Ronald Reagan, who came to office with a long, well-defined consistent set of core convictions, Trump approaches politics more transactionally, envisioning politics as the art of the deal. Trump's foreign policy will have greater volatility than a conventional politician, such as Reagan, because of the synergy of Trump's impulsive and volatile nature, mixed with his transactional political propensities.

That said, Trump's self-designated foreign policy of "principled realism" has conditionally gravitated to resemble a more traditional version of vigilant

Republican internationalism than the belligerently isolationist outlook ascendant during much of the Republican campaign. Conservatives should be conditionally pleased rather than dismayed by what Trump has done so far and where his policy seems to be heading. The motto of Reaganite internationalists with regard to Trump is "trust but verify." Any prognostication about Trump should marinate in caveats. Hope that sensible, solid advisors such as Secretary of Defense Mattis and U.N. Ambassador Haley bring out and sustain the better angels of Trump's nature. For all his shortcomings, Trump internationally is a less dangerous gamble than Hillary Clinton, the first mate formulating Obama's dangerous doctrine that weakened America and lowered the barriers to aggression in the world's most important geopolitical regions. Trump may turn out badly. Hillary Clinton would have.

**Featuring:** Robert Kaufman, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy

## Conservative Thought and Policy Outreach



### **Do Law Professors Really Understand American Law? with CTP Candidate Stephen Presser**

November 16, 2017 | Attendance: 28

Stephen Presser is a leading American legal historian and expert on shareholder liability for corporate debts. He is frequently an invited witness before committees of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on issues of constitutional law. He holds a joint appointment with the J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management and also teaches in Northwestern University's history department.

#### **Featuring:**

Stephen Presser, Candidate for Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2018-19

### **Conscience: The Basis of Liberty, Character, and Civilization with CTP Candidate William B. Allen**

January 25, 2018 | Attendance: 45

In the beginning, Americans got it right. They did not fall for the false choice between the comfort of the least and the potential of the best, sometimes posed as a choice between the common good and individualism. Instead, the founders envisioned a productive people who were at the same time a caring people. They identified social progress with realizing the potential of the best. Lately social progress tends to be identified with the comfort of the least. As a result, many have turned away from relying upon creative and productive individuals to advance society and first of all look at citizens as wards of the state (the disadvantaged) and secondly as lucky (the advantaged: "you didn't build that"). The problem is, a society can care for the least of its members only when it fosters the productivity of the best of its citizens. An upside-down view of praiseworthy character threatens to undermine the foundation of social progress in good character. Good character in turn builds upon conscientious self-reliance.

#### **Featuring:**

William B. Allen, Candidate for Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy 2018-19

## Other Events



### **Nationalism Vs. Globalism: A Debate Between Nigel Farage and Vicente Fox**

April 2, 2018 | Attendance: ~1000

As part of a partnership with the Steamboat Institute's Freedom Tour, this event was part of a nationwide debate tour with Messrs. Farage and Fox. The forum came at a salient time for the debate over the viability of nationalism vs. globalism, where recent outrage over trade tariffs, Europe's convalescing since the Brexit referendum and the election of Trump in 2016 represented a shift in the trends of the West. The forum also touched on discussions surrounding border control and somewhat on how to approach the immigration of Muslims and the rise of radical Islam.

#### **Featuring:**

Nigel Farage, Vice Chairman of the pro-Brexit Leave Means Leave organization

Vicente Fox, President of Mexico 2000-2006

Robert Kaufman, Moderator, Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy 2018-19

STUDENT  
+ FACULTY  
GRANTS



## Student Grants

The Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy offers two types of grants for students: language and internship grants. The first, language grants, support students studying one of the many languages connected to the field of Western civilization. The latter, internship grants, finance students to take an unpaid internship that relates to Western civilization, including law, government, public policy and education. The Center awarded 14 students grants of \$1,000 each to undergraduate and graduate students in disciplines such as Political Science, Business, and Technology, Arts, and Media (TAM).

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*I used my CWCTP grant to study ancient Greek independently over summer, 2018. I progressed through many chapters of From Alpha to Omega, the textbook used at CU Boulder which covers grammatical concepts (etc.) for beginner-level students.*

**Jonathyn Zapf**, CWCTP Student Grantee

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*This opportunity gave me the ability to get a better jumpstart on my career in the city where I wanted to be post-graduation. I was able to set down roots and really focus my attention on politics and my future career.*

**Justine Sanders**, CWCTP Student Grantee

Student Grantee	Grant Type
<b>Justine Sanders</b>	Internship - CU in D.C.
<b>Christopher Garner</b>	Internship - CU in D.C.
<b>Emily Schweitzberger</b>	Internship - CU in D.C.
<b>Sarah Papich</b>	Internship - CU in D.C.
<b>Cynthia Eileen Howard</b>	Language Grant
<b>Kerri Beth Keller Clement</b>	Language Grant
<b>Hannah Tien Schneebeck</b>	Language Grant
<b>Kate Cameron Dooley</b>	Language Grant
<b>Travis Ryan May</b>	Language Grant
<b>Laura Elizabeth Murray</b>	Language Grant
<b>Rebeca Andrea Orellana Capriles</b>	Language Grant
<b>Jonathyn Zapf</b>	Language Grant
<b>Cameron Scott Rowlett</b>	Language Grant
<b>Soren Fuchs</b>	Language Grant

## Faculty Grants

In addition to student grants, the CWCTP funds research and educational initiatives that contribute to critical reflection on the development of Western civilization to all CU Boulder faculty, including instructors. We are particularly interested in funding research initiatives of scholarly lectures, public lectures, conferences, educational initiatives and outreach visits to local schools, retirement communities, etc. Over the 2017-18 year, the CWCTP awarded 22 faculty grants, which reached a total of \$30,258. These grants enabled faculty to bring expert visitors in Western Civ to campus and to pursue new outreach initiatives.

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*Dr. Martin discussed the concept of 'introspection,' developed in early German psychology, and how it came to be replaced in the mid-20th century as the discipline of psychology shifted toward the pursuit of objective methods. She also discussed her recent historical research on the psychological experiments conducted during and after the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition to the Torres Straits Islands in 1898, and the significance of this work for the development of the disciplines of anthropology and psychology.*

**Tiffany Beechy and Janice Ho,**  
 CWCTP Faculty Grantees

Faculty Grantee	Dept/Group	Amount	Description
<b>Arne Höcker</b>	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$700	Dr. Eiden Offe, "The Poesy of Class: Romantic Anti-Capitalism and the Invention of the Proletariat in German Vormarz Literature and Theory," October 2, 2017
<b>Cosetta Seno</b>	French and Italian	\$700	Lorella Zanardo, "The Dictatorship of the Perfect Body: Italian Women in the Media," October 12, 2017
<b>Mark Leiderman</b>	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$1200	In support of visiting faculty Dragan Kujundzic, October 2018
<b>Laurialan Blake Reitzammer</b>	Classics	\$660	Jason Pedicone, "How to Build a Humanities Start-Up," October 29, 2017
<b>Javier Krauel</b>	Spanish and Portuguese	\$700	Elena Delgado, "Visceral Attachments: Secessionism, Populism, and the Excess of Democracy," November 9, 2017

<b>Jillian Porter</b>	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$480	Melissa Frazier, "Dostoevsky, George Eliot and the Possibilities of Metaphor," December 7, 2017
<b>Mi-Kyoung Lee</b>	Philosophy	\$700	Susan Meyer, "Raw Virtue and Its Refinements: The Ranking of Divine Goods in Plato's Laws," January 10, 2018
<b>Nural Silleras-Fernandez</b>	Spanish and Portuguese	\$1200	Ana Maria Rodrigues, "From Treasury to Collection: The Sumptuous Objects of Royal Iberian Women from the 14th to the 16th Centuries," January 24, 2018
<b>David Shneer</b>	History	\$3000	"Archive Transformed: CU Boulder Artist/Scholar Collaborative Residency," May 13-18, 2018
<b>Tiffany Beechy/Janice Ho</b>	English	\$2500	"The Symposium on the Undergraduate English Curriculum: New Approaches to English Studies," March 2, 2018
<b>Robert Pasnau</b>	Philosophy	\$3000	"The Morris Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy," April 5-7, 2018
<b>Lucy Chester</b>	History	\$700	Dr. Tami Davis Biddle, "On the Crest of Fear: The Last Months of World War II," April 10, 2018
<b>Catherine Labio</b>	English	\$3000	"International conference: New Orleans, Global City (1718 – 2018): The Long Shadow of John Law and the Mississippi Company," April 26-27, 2018
<b>Samuel Boyd</b>	Religious Studies	\$3000	"Dead Sea Scrolls," May 24, 2018
<b>Jackie Elliot</b>	Classics	\$700	In support of visiting faculty Jarrett Welsh, October 8, 2018
<b>Alison Cool</b>	Anthropology	\$700	Emily Martin, "Objectivity and Trained Judgement: Toward an Ethnography of Experimental Psychology," April 20, 2018
<b>Cony Cassity</b>	English	\$1500	"Resistance in the Spirit of Romanticism Conference," September 6, 2018
<b>Lauri Reitzammer</b>	Classics	\$700	In support of visiting faculty Peter Bing, October 12th, 2018
<b>Tamara Meneghini</b>	Theatre & Dance	\$2000	Diane Rayor, "Hecuba: A world premiere adaptation by Diane Rayor," November 2-11, 2018

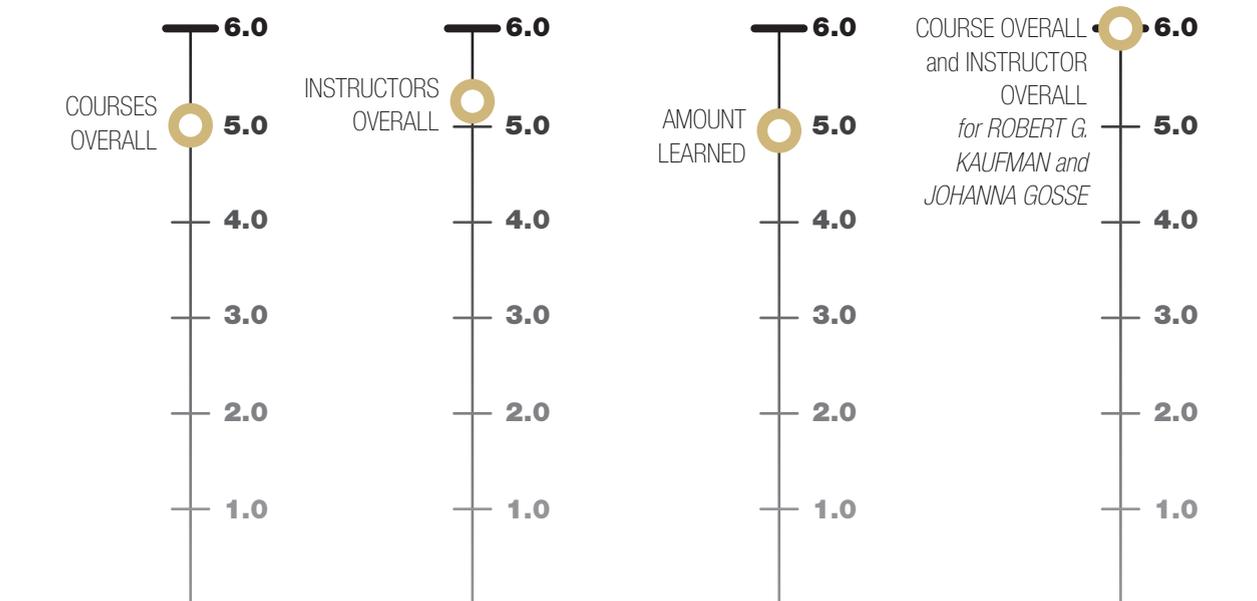
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## Course Data

In the 2017-18 academic year, **262 students** were enrolled in one of **10 CWCTP offered courses**. On a scale of 1 to 6, “Courses Overall” averaged a **5.05 student rating**, the “Instructors Overall” averaged a **5.25 student rating**, and the “Amount Learned” averaged a **4.95 student rating**. Both Robert G. Kaufman and Johanna Gosse received full **6.0 ratings** for “Course Overall” and “Instructor Overall.”

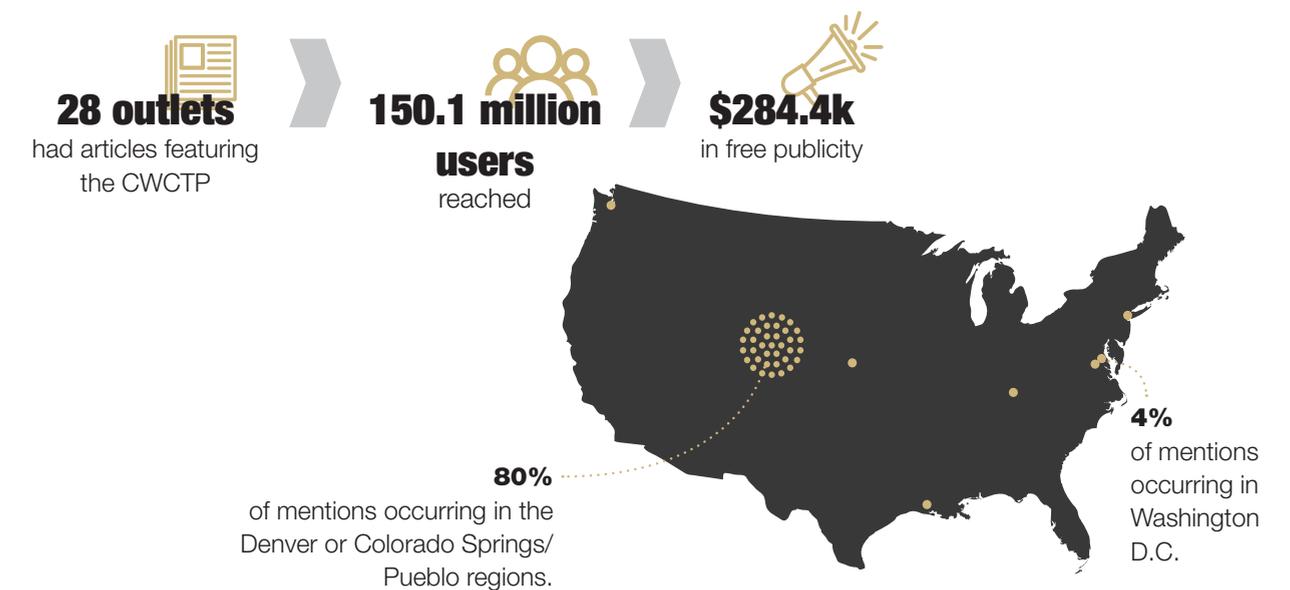
By offering courses in five distinct disciplines, the CWCTP was highly successful at educating a broad range of CU Boulder students. Notably, five courses were taught at full capacity: “Modern Warfare: Terrorism, Ideology, Identity,” “The Western Tradition (Fall),” “War, Peace, and Strategic Defense,” “The Post Cold War World: U.S. Strategies/World Politics,” and “The Western Tradition (Spring).”



## Media Coverage

Of all the coverage surrounding the CWCTP this past year, **86 percent was perceived as neutral, 12 percent as positive and 2 percent as negative**. Overall, **28 outlets had articles** featuring the CWCTP, both online and in print, generating a reach of **150.1 million users** throughout the duration of the year and just **over \$284.4k in free publicity**. Locally, 14 clips were published on *Boulder Daily Camera*'s online website, garnering a reach of 12,147,618 individuals and translating into a publicity value of \$5,587. Twelve clips were also featured in the *Daily Camera* newspaper, accounting to a publicity value of \$37,679. The *Denver Post* featured two clips generating a reach of 312,446 individuals and a total of \$140,265 in free publicity. Nationally, the CWCTP was featured in over a dozen national outlets, including in an article featured on *The New York Times* online website, generating a reach of 29,886,442 individuals and \$34,369 in free publicity.

Coverage was mostly centralized within Colorado, with **80 percent of mentions occurring in the Denver or Colorado Springs/Pueblo regions**. Other coverage was centralized in Washington D.C. (4 percent) and five other U.S. media markets (New York, NY; Houston, TX; Wichita, KS; Seattle/Tacoma, WA; and Lexington, KY). The top article last year, “Liberal colleges are recruiting conservative professors to ‘stir up some trouble,’” reached an audience of over 70.5 million individuals and was featured across all outlets of *Business Insider*. The NYT article reached an audience of 29.8 million individuals, through their singular platform.



## Social Media Analytics

The CWCTP runs two primary social media platforms on Facebook and Twitter. Facebook analytics showed a steady increase in user activity and viewership following the addition of promotional advertising for the CWCTP. January saw the highest number of audience reach in the past year, with over **25,000 individuals** encountering CWCTP-related posts or advertising on Facebook. The overall likes for the Facebook page began at 73 in August of 2017 and increased to 231 by May of 2018, a **216 percent increase over the academic year**.

The @CWCTP Twitter handle receives less interaction than the CWCTP Facebook page. Followers of the Center's Twitter page remained steady throughout the course of last year, hovering roughly around 50 individuals. CWCTP tweets received around **1,200 impressions per month**, with the exception of February and April, when the Center's tweets received 7,953 and 4,258 impressions respectively. Over the course of the academic year, the CWCTP **tweeted 58 times** and received a total of **23,178 Twitter impressions**. The Center did pilot an Instagram account from January to May 2018 but decided against full implementation after poor engagement.

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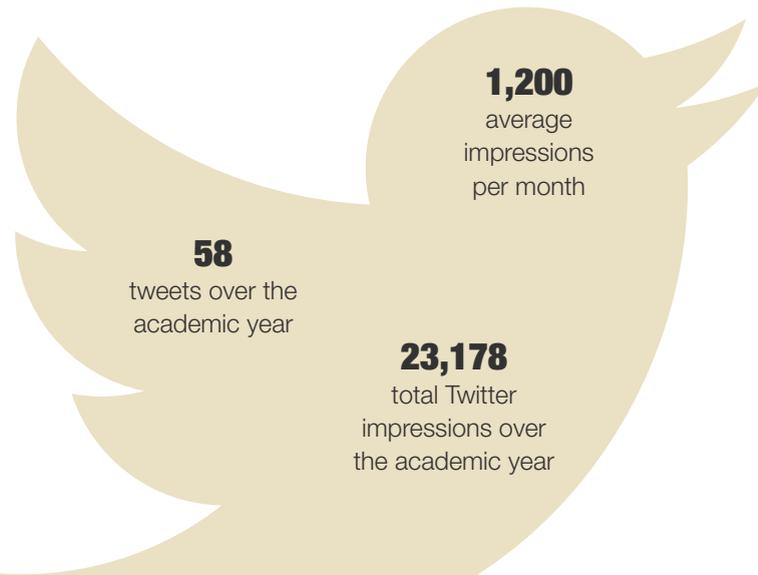
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## 2017-18 Expenses

	2017-8 Expenses	2016-7 Expenses
<b>Expense Categories</b>	Amount Spent	Amount Spent
<b>Salary Expense Total</b>	<b>\$ 521,453</b>	<b>\$ 367,552</b>
<b>Faculty</b>	\$ 336,808	\$ 218,530
<b>Officer/Exempt</b>	\$ 61,067	\$ 53,981
<b>Classified Staff</b>	\$ 0	\$ 1,181
<b>Students</b>	\$ 9,544	\$ 6,051
<b>Benefits</b>	\$ 114,034	\$ 87,808
<b>Operating Costs Total</b>	<b>\$ 191,264</b>	<b>\$ 157,665</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 94,546	\$ 92,692
<b>Travel</b>	\$ 40,124	\$ 25,545
<b>Transfers Out (Faculty &amp; Student Grants)</b>	\$ 56,594	\$ 39,428
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 712,717</b>	<b>\$ 525,217</b>

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