ONE OF THE GREATEST PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS any of us can receive is when our colleagues recognize our teaching and scholarly work as being of the highest quality. Across the various colleges, departments, fields, theoretical frameworks and generations, we seek the approval of our peers within the academy. The faculty colleagues named in this publication not only have expanded our collective understanding of how the world operates, but have done so in ways that will continue to be impactful for years or decades.

As faculty, two of our primary duties are the creation and dissemination of new knowledge. To do this properly, we must be afforded the opportunity to ask questions and seek answers. Often, these questions may challenge the status quo, require us to rethink the way we’ve always operated or even push society into uncomfortable situations. That said, it is my firm belief that not asking those questions and allowing potential solutions to remain unknown is more dangerous than pursuing difficult areas of inquiry.

If we were to list the academic achievements of all of our faculty members at CU Boulder, it would fill volumes while still omitting the daily work we all do to improve the lives of individual students and our community. Only a small portion of our faculty are named in this specific publication, but we all should be proud of the work described. Because while we all may not have spent hours looking through microscopes, writing and rewriting chapters, creating and perfecting new performances or artistic expressions, coding and analyzing data or developing novel scientific techniques, we all can celebrate the work of our peers.

I want to congratulate everyone named in this publication. Whether you earned tenure or promotion to the rank of full professor, received fellowships or academic prizes, have been designated as CU Boulder Distinguished Faculty or have been recognized as a member of national academic societies, you are vital contributors to the university, the state of Colorado and the nation. Thank you and congratulations.

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