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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, ranging over 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 will provide 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

This past year has been the busiest ever at the Center, with so many events on the calendar, and so many people coming and going, that our small staff could barely keep up with things. What made it all worthwhile, though, was the enthusiasm on campus, and across the broader community, for all that we are trying to do. So I want, first and foremost, to give a hearty thanks to the students who have been bringing such energy to our classes, and the audiences from across campus and from all over Colorado who have been flocking to our events. Without all of you, none of this would have any point.

By now, I hope, we are well enough established in the community that it is clear to everyone just exactly what that point is. We want to broaden the conversation taking place on this university, and showcase what it looks like to engage in real dialogue that reflects the diversity of views in our society. To that end we are building a community of students and scholars that seeks to explore the fundamental values of our society, as they are grounded in the traditions of Western civilization. Sometimes the conversation turns philosophical, sometimes it turns political, and other times we are pleased to be able to support the solid academic foundations of a liberal arts education: learning languages, studying classic texts, and thinking about our shared history. The pages that follow demonstrate the range of events we have been able to support both on campus and across the community.



*Dr. Robert C. Pasnau,
Director of the Center for Western Civilization,
Thought & Policy*

Our Center works best when it practices what it preaches. That is to say, we mean to foster intellectual diversity at CU Boulder by exemplifying the sort of discourse we have in mind. So we are well known, of course, for sponsoring the visiting scholar in conservative thought. But we collaborated over the past year in bringing all sorts of other visitors to campus as well, reflecting many perspectives. When we sponsored a discussion of immigration, for instance, we invited prominent voices from across the political spectrum. And when we collaborate with other programs on campus, as we frequently do, we listen to their ideas about the sort of programming that campus needs, even while contributing ideas of our own. This sort of broad-based agenda inevitably leads to a certain amount of criticism and even confusion. “How could you invite someone like that to campus?” is a question we often get, from all sides. The idea that a center might exist to promote genuine dialogue, rather than doggedly advancing its own partisan viewpoint, seems to be alien to many people’s way of thinking these days. But it is the path we’re determined to follow.

This upcoming year, for the first time, we have a theme: Freedom and Security. Not everything we’ll be doing will be exactly on that topic, but many of our events will be aimed at one or another among the many questions that arise when we reflect on how our desire for freedom interacts with our need for security. We will also, this year, for the first time, have a much larger cast of affiliated fellows, some of whom have been drawn from within the CU campus, whereas others will be visiting from elsewhere. Over the course of the year, Center fellows will participate in a bi-weekly seminar that explores this year’s theme, and these fellows will teach classes and collaborate with us on various sorts of programming.

I began by saying how busy we were this past year, but that is nothing as compared to what we have planned for the year ahead. Between the growing number of students involved, the impressive group of Center fellows, and the constant stream of events we have planned, the Center is quickly becoming more than just a center in name, but in fact one of the centers of intellectual life on campus.

Robert C. Pasnau
Director, Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob C. Pasnau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail.

Outreach and 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, Conservative Thought and Policy Guest Speakers, who bring a unique perspective as guests of the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy, and through organizing and sponsoring other unique visitors that bring a different perspective 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 over 6 events with an attendance of over 428.

Affirmative Action and Higher Education *Attendance: 65*

Wednesday, 8/10/2016

7:00:00 PM- 9:00:00 PM

Eaton Humanities 150

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

For decades now, college campuses have been under scrutiny for the way in which race and various other factors play a role in admissions and hiring decisions. With the latest decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, such practices seem likely to continue for the foreseeable future.

As part of the Western Civ Dialogue Series, leading philosophers, who have written on this subject and who represent a broad range of perspectives, will discuss the role that affirmative action should play within colleges and universities

Featuring:

[Lawrence Blum](#), Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education and Professor of Philosophy, UMass Boston)

[Bernard Boxill](#), Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, UNC-Chapel Hill

[Stephen Kershnar](#), Professor of Philosophy, SUNY Fredonia

[Judith Lichtenberg](#), Professor of Philosophy, Georgetown University

[George Sher](#), Herbert S. Autrey Professor of Philosophy, Rice University

Why are college professors liberal? *Attendance: 38*

Thursday, 9/22/2016

4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Norlin Library British and Irish Studies Room

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

Popular belief has it that college campuses are islands of liberalism, with hardly a conservative to be found among the ranks of the faculty. Leading experts on the subject will consider the extent to which this popular

belief is true, and what the implications are for the students who attend these colleges.

Featuring:

[George Yancey](#), Professor of Sociology, University of North Texas

[Joshua Dunn](#), Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, Director of the Center for the Study of Government and the Individual, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

[David Brown](#), Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, CU Boulder

Immigration Policy in the United States *Attendance: 94*

Friday, 12/9/2016

4:00:00 PM-6:00:00 PM

Norlin Library Center for British and Irish Studies Room

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

There is widespread agreement that immigration policy in the United States is in need of substantial reform. But in what direction? Our panel of experts will discuss major areas of contention, such as the role of the President in setting immigration policy, the bases for selecting new immigrants, and the right response to undocumented immigration

Featuring:

[Mark Krikorian](#) Executive Director (Center for Immigration Studies)

[Rogers Smith](#), Christopher H. Browne Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Associate Dean for Social Sciences (University of Pennsylvania)

[Adam Cox](#), Robert A. Kindler Professor of Law (NYU)

[Sarah Song](#), Professor of Law and Associate Professor of Political Science, (UC-Berkeley)

Co-Presented with: CU Boulder Department of Philosophy

Gun Control: Contrasting Views *Attendance: 95*

Thursday, 3/16/2017

7:00:00 PM-9:00:00 PM

Hale 270

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

This will be a presentation and discussion of two sharply contrasting views of the ethics of gun control: not the legalities but the rights and wrongs of limiting access to firearms. Dr. Hunt will argue that the right to own a gun follows from the right of self-defense, in the same way that the right to own a cell phone or an internet connection follows from the right of free speech. Coercively restricting access to arms violates the rights of all peaceful citizens but most grievously the rights of those who are most likely to be victims of physical abuse and attack. Prof. DeGrazia will argue that gun control not only promotes public safety but also protects certain individual rights, in particular the right not to be shot, the right to a reasonably safe environment, and the right of children not to be harmed by gross negligence—without violating rights to gun ownership. The two speakers therefore differ on whether moderately extensive gun control is part of a reasonable governmental policy to reduce the gun violence we see in the news every day.

Featuring:

[David DeGrazia](#), George Washington University

[Lester H. Hunt](#), University of Wisconsin-Madison

Co-Presented with: The [Center for Values and Social Policy](#)

New Directions in American Foreign Policy *Attendance: 73*

Monday, 4/3/2017

7:00:00 PM-9:00:00 PM

Benson Earth Sciences 180

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

As the world's only superpower, the United States is charged with helping to organize the international system, enforce widely held norms, and make international institutions work. Furthermore, the United States has unique credibility among nation-states because it was founded by a diverse group of immigrants to promote institutions work. Furthermore, the United States has unique credibility among nation-states because it was founded by a diverse group of immigrants to promote freedom and natural law. The status of the United States as the world's only superpower and most fully functioning multi-ethnic democracy may no longer be taken for granted. In concert with China and Russia, much of the global South is organizing itself into regional institutions and groupings that are expressly opposed to the West. At the same time, US citizens are struggling with what it means to be a multi-ethnic democracy. In her remarks, Professor Kiron Skinner, a political scientist, historian, and public servant, will explore how these external and internal forces are colliding in ways that could possibly remake the international system and redefine the United States.

Featuring:

[Dr. Kiron Skinner](#), Director and Associate Professor, Institute for Politics and Strategy at Carnegie Mellon University

[Ambassador Christopher Hill](#), Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver

Federal Public Lands: The Past and Future of One Third of America *Attendance: 63*

Thursday, 4/13/2017

4:00:00 PM-5:30:00 PM

Center for British and Irish Studies Room

Norlin Library

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

The federal government owns and manages roughly one third of the nation's land base. How did this come to be? Is it legal? Who has benefitted and who has been harmed? What is the best path forward for these varied and valuable terrains? They include our National Parks and Monuments, Wildlife Refuges, National Forests, and Bureau of Land Management lands. We hike, ski, and play on these lands. We also lease them for grazing and oil and gas drilling. These lands are home to threatened and endangered plants and animals, and serve as fonts for scientific research. They are loved by many, but their history is known by few. When stories erupt in the press about the occupation of a wildlife refuge or the selling off of three million acres of public lands, reactions are strong. But then the stories recede. Three eminent speakers will provide distinct views about the past and future of our public lands, and what they reflect about the past and future of our republic.

Featuring:

John Leshy, Hastings Law School

James Huffman, Lewis and Clark

Rebecca Tsosie, University of Arizona

Co-Presented with: CU Law School and the Conference on World Affairs

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. This year, these guests included George Yancey (University of North Texas), Patrick Deneen (Notre Dame), Elizabeth Corey (Baylor), and Rod Dreher (The American Conservative). The Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy four guest lectures had an attendance of over 191.

Conservatives in Academia: Is There Bias Against Them?

Attendance: 41

Wednesday, 9/21/2016

7:15 PM - 8:30 PM

Humanities 150

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

A discussion of the evidence of whether individuals from certain political and religious groups face academic bias. Dr. George Yancey will outline the results of his research and the research of others to show the evidence of this bias. Quantitative research will be used to illustrate the strength of the bias and qualitative work will be used to document some of the rationalizations of scholars who engage in academic bias.

Featuring:

[George Yancey](#), Professor of Sociology, University of North Texas

The End of Liberalism: Why the World is Falling Apart *Attendance: 56*

Wednesday, 10/5/2016

7:00:00 PM-9:00:00 PM

Humanities 150

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

Gathering signs of dysfunction in the spheres of electoral politics, governance, the economy, education, civil society, and the environment suggest that the crisis faced by the modern West is systemic, not merely a set of discrete and separately solvable problems. After roughly 250 years, it appears the philosophic errors of liberalism are now being manifested in our life world. Are we facing the end of liberalism, and if so, what's next?

Featuring:

[Patrick Deneen](#), Professor of Political Science, Notre Dame University

Can Conservatives Support Diversity? *Attendance: 32*

Tuesday, 3/14/2017

6:00:00 PM-8:00:00 PM

Hellems 201



*Dr. Francis Beckwith,
2016-7 Visiting Scholar in
Conservative Thought and Policy*

University of Colorado Boulder
Free and open to the public

Elizabeth Corey will outline two competing notions of diversity on campus: “Truth Diversity” and “Social Justice Diversity.” In many ways they are at odds. Prof. Corey will illuminate the visions of university life that animate each and answer the question of whether or not there is any way to bridge their differences.

Featuring:

[Elizabeth Corey](#), Associate Professor of Political Science, Baylor University

The Benedict Option: The Future Of Religious Conservatism In Post-Christian America *Attendance:*
62

Wednesday, 4/5/2017

6:00:00 PM-8:00:00 PM

Eaton Humanities 150**

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

In a radical new vision for the future of Christianity, NYT bestselling author and conservative columnist Rod Dreher calls on American Christians to prepare for the coming Dark Age by embracing an ancient Christian way of life.

Featuring:

Rod Dreher, Writer and Senior Editor at The American Conservative

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, Francis Beckwith, gave 6 lectures within Boulder and the surrounding area. This outreach helped expand our center’s audience and interest. Below are the lecture details and their descriptions. Community groups addressed this year include but are not limited to: the Center for Values & Social Policy, Colorado Christian University’s Centennial Institute, The Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Center, St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, Christian Caucus of the Colorado Legislature, St. John Paul II Center for the New Evangelization, Americhiks Radio: The Heart of the Matter, The Denver Seminary, Boulder Republican Women, Douglas County Republican Women, Colorado Republican Business Coalition, Liberty on the Rocks- Flatirons, and The Steamboat Institute.

Other events

In collaboration with other units, and independently, the Center for Western Civilization, Thought and Policy held five discretionary events, with the aim of increasing intellectual diversity on campus, with a cumulative attendance of over 742. These events tend to be large-scale collaborations that don’t easily fit into our other event categories, or pop-up events responding to current affairs - both of which tend to be highly popular.

What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?* *Attendance:* 389

Monday, 10/3/2016

7:00:00 PM-8:00:00 PM

Math 100
University of Colorado Boulder
Free and open to the public

The College of Media, Communication and Information (CMCI), the Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy (CWCTP), and BoulderTalks are pleased to present an evening with Thomas Frank on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Math 100. Frank will be giving a public lecture, "What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?" at the University of Colorado Boulder. Frank's recently published book by the same name suggests that "a form of corporate and cultural elitism has largely eclipsed the party's old working-class commitment."

Thomas Frank is a journalist whose articles have appeared in the Financial Times, Harper's Magazine, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Salon, The American Prospect, The Guardian, The Nation, and Wall Street Journal. He is the author of eight books, including the New York Times bestseller *What's the Matter with Kansas?* His most recent book, [Listen, Liberal: Or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People](#), was published in March 2016.

Frank's visit is part of the CMCI lecture series highlighting diverse political perspectives from media professionals and public intellectuals. Author, columnist, talk radio host, and Fox News contributor Meghan McCain will be speaking November 17th as part of this series. Be sure to check back for more information on Facebook (CMCI, CWCTP, BoulderTalks) and Twitter (@CU-BoulderCMCI, @CWCTP, @BoulderTalks).

Featuring:

[Thomas Frank](#), Liberal Commentator and Author of "What's the Matter with Kansas?"

Obama's Dangerous Doctrine *Attendance: 83*

Thursday, 11/10/2016
5:30:00 PM-7:00:00 PM
University Memorial Center, Glenn Miller Ballroom West
University of Colorado Boulder
Free and open to the public

When President Barack Obama took office, he promised to transform the role of the United States abroad in many ways. However, throughout Obama's tenure, pundits and scholars have offered competing interpretations of his "grand strategy," while others have maintained that his policies were incoherent or, at best, ad hoc.

In *Dangerous Doctrine*, political scientist Robert G. Kaufman argues that the forty-fourth president has pursued a clear and consistent national security policy, but has given up the muscular internationalism seen after World War II. Drawing on international relations theory and American diplomatic history, Kaufman presents a robust critique of the Obama doctrine as he situates the president's use of power within the traditions of American strategic practice.

Focusing on pivotal regions of the world, this study demonstrates how current executive leadership threatens America's role as a world superpower. Kaufman proposes a return to the grand strategy of moral democratic realism, as practiced by previous presidents, with the hope of reestablishing the United States as the world's dominant power

Featuring: [Robert Kaufman \(Pepperdine\)](#)

Make America WHAT? A Discussion about the Election *Attendance: 195*

Wednesday, 11/16/2016

7:00:00 PM-9:00:00 PM

Visual Arts 1B20

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

The results of the 2016 Presidential Election took pollsters, the media, and the public by surprise. Join a panel of politically engaged CU students and faculty from across the political spectrum to discuss the results of the election, the implications of a Trump presidency, and the future of American politics.

Featuring:

Marilyn Alexander, '16, Business Administration and Accounting

Clarity Engel, '17, International Affairs and Spanish

[Spencer Case](#), Graduate Student, Philosophy

[Anthony Kelley](#), Graduate Student, Philosophy

[Kenneth Bickers](#), Professor of Political Science, Director CU in DC

[Sarah Krakoff](#), Raphael J. Moses Professor of Law

Revenge of the “Bitter Clingers”: The Future of Conservatism in the Age of Trump *Attendance: 75*

Tuesday, 1/31/2017

7:00:00 PM-9:00:00 PM

Humanities 150

University of Colorado Boulder

Free and open to the public

Donald J. Trump’s presidential victory was as much a shock to conservatives as it was to liberals and progressives. For conservatives, especially among literary and academic types, Trump’s campaign seemed to confirm all the worst stereotypes about their movement that they had thought would surely doom his campaign and against which they had fought for decades.

And yet, Trump won, largely as a result of swaying a segment of voters who had supported Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012. What now is the future of conservatism given this new reality?

Featuring:

[Francis Beckwith, 2016-7 Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy](#)

Academic Engagement

The Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy focused a large part of our energy this year in engaging the campus community in a deeper and more meaningful way. While the former Center for Western Civilization offered student and faculty grants for the study of Western Civ, the expanded role of the Center for Western Civilization, Thought & Policy has given these grants new depth, which we hope to expand in 2017-8. The importance of our Faculty Grants cannot be understated: not only do they provide a key source of funding in the often barren landscape of Humanities outreach and professional development on campus, they allow us to build with connections with faculty and partnerships with units on campus who help us achieve our mission to promote the study of Western Civ.

A significant achievement of the program has been the increased outreach efforts to undergraduate students throughout the course of this semester. The Center has historically had little contact with students, excepting those who attend events. This sporadic contact has limited the impact that the Center has been able to have with those students interested in joining our intellectual conversation. Furthermore, in the absence of permanent staff, the Center was unable to offer continual, structured contact with students.

With the hiring of Center Associate Director Alex Holmgren, the Center has re-engaged students on a number of fronts. First, the Center conducted an initial outreach campaign to politically engaged students leaders on campus, getting to know each one personally, showing an interest in their organizations and opening the door towards collaboration. Secondly, the Center hired an undergraduate intern to assist in program marketing, event management, and data collection; this student has also increased the capacity of the Center to conduct additional programming.

The CWCTP Undergraduate Fellows Program

This academic year, the Center created an Undergraduate Fellows program, modeled after the James Madison Center's Undergraduate Fellows Forum at Princeton. Undergraduate Fellows are offered special opportunities to engage with the Center, including intimate discussions with our visiting scholars, private receptions with prominent visitors, and advance notice about events and conferences. Our goal in creating the CWCTP Fellows program is to foster an environment of serious intellectual inquiry for all students who desire to learn more about the moral, economic, and political questions of our time.

So far, the Undergraduate Fellows program brought students to the CTP Welcome Event for Francis Beckwith, they have taken one CTP visitor, Patrick Deneen (Notre Dame), out for drinks in downtown Boulder, and they have had a lunch interview at the Sink with Candidate for Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy for 2017-8, Dr. Robert Kaufman (Pepperdine). In April of 2017, we held a very successful Lunch and Learn with the Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought and Policy Prof. Francis Beckwith, and his invited guest, Prof. Timothy Weston (History) to give a talk on Academic Freedom. This talk was very well received and modeled to our Undergraduate Fellows the practice of civil dialogue across political ideologies. Given its success, we plan to replicate this formula many times in the upcoming academic year. These students regularly participate in our Western Civ Dialogues and Conservative Thought and Policy events, and they are a valuable resource for student opinions and ideas for events and opportunities to reach out on campus.

Foundations in Western Civilization Certificate

The Certificate in Western Civilization is intended for students who focus a portion of their university studies on the foundations of western thought and society. Its emphasis is coursework focusing on languages and cultures, science, the arts, philosophy, law and government in their ancient, medieval, and modern forms.

While the number of students pursuing the certificate is small, considerable effort this year, both on the part of the University's Registrar's office, as well as the Center's has been made to audit the available courses, update the curriculum, streamline the application process, improve communications with students, and hasten the delivery of the actual certificate. Additionally, the Center developed a comprehensive, updated brochure to advertise the certificate at student outreach and curriculum fairs, which had previously not been done. We look forward to working towards growth in our Certificate numbers in 2017-8.

Student Grants

The Center for Western Civilization Thought and 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 15 students grants of \$1,000.00 each to undergraduate and graduate students in disciplines such as Classics, Philosophy, and Technology, Arts, and Media (TAM).

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 2016-7 year, the CWCTP awarded 18 faculty grants, which reached a total of \$24,350. These grants enabled faculty to bring expert visitors in Western Civ to campus and to pursue new outreach initiatives.

Grantee	Dept/Group	Amount	Description
Andy Cain	Classics	\$700	Dr. Richlin " Transgressive Language in the Ancient World " February 3rd, 2017
Jackie Elliott	Classics	\$700	Emily Mackil: "Cities for Sale: Communal Patrimony and the Limits of Alienability in the Ancient Greek World" March 13th, 2017.
Peter Hunt	Classics	\$550	Professor Sara Forsdyke " "Rule of Law vs. Equity in the Lawcourts of Classical Athens"

Arne Hoecker	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$2100	"How does Literature Know?" Symposium - Postponed until Spring 2018
Lauren Shizuko Stone	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$700	Catriona MacLeod (University of Pennsylvania) will teach a seminar on Western Material Culture and Its Discontents in the context of our Graduate Student Colloquium.
Mark Leiderman	Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures	\$300	Jasenko Selimović, a member of the European Parliament from Sweden, will address issues associated with the European immigration crisis in a public lecture on October 20th, 2016.
Nuria Silleras-Fernandez	Med Studies	\$700	Visit of Dr. Nancy Marino, University Distinguished Professor of Hispanic Studies, Department of Romance and Classical Studies, Michigan State University January 26th, 2017.
Elias Sacks	Religious Studies	\$2300	the Rocky Mountain- Great Plains region meeting of the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) . March 24, 2017.
Katherine Little	English	\$700	Carolyn Dinshaw, " Paradise, Mirage, Archive. " Burger Lecture Series March 16th, 2017.
Brian Catlos	Med Studies	\$5000	Fall 2016 Mediterranean Support
Deborah Hollis	Library	\$700	Kirstyn Leuner, " Digital Methodologies for Recovery and The Stainforth Library of Women's Writing "
John Gilbert	Classics	\$700	Emily Baragwanath, " Watching the Girls Go By: The Wife of Ischomachus and Theodote the Courtesan " April 3rd, 2017.
Isabel Koster	Classics	\$700	A. J. Woodman, "Vinous Voices—Horace's Ninth Epode" April 17th, 2017.
Scott Bruce	CMEMS	\$5000	AY 16-7 Support
Nan Goodman	Jewish Studies	\$800	Matt Goldish, 2017 Sondra and Howard Bender Visiting Scholar Lecture, "1492: Columbus, the Jews, and the Messiah in Spain" March 15th, 2017.
Tamara Meneghini-Stalcker	Theatre and Dance	\$2000	The Testament of Mary Production at the Dairy Arts Center April 27th, 2017.

Lauri Reitzammer	Classics	\$400	Deborah Kamen public lecture- Scheduled to occur from 22-25 October, 2017
Aun Ali	Mediterranean Studies	\$300	Justin Stearns, "Science, Evolution, and Islam in the Modern Middle East" March 21st, 2017.
	Total	\$24,350	



Flyer for the production of "The Testament of Mary", co-funded through a 2016-7 CWCTP Faculty Grant

2016-7 Expenses

2016-7 was the first year in which the Center had its own staff to collect data on the usage of our funds. As such, historical data is not represented, although we plan to include such information on future Annual Reports.

2016-7 Expenses	
Expense Categories	Amount Spent
Salary Expense Total	\$ 367,552.18
Faculty	\$ 218,530.00
Officer/Exempt	\$ 53,981.09
Classified Staff	\$ 1,181.55
Students	\$ 6,051.48
Benefits	\$ 87,808.06
Operating Costs Total	\$ 157,665.77
Operating Expenses	\$ 92,692.25
Travel	\$ 25,545.19
Transfers Out (Faculty and Student Grants)	\$ 39,428.33
Total	\$ 525,217.35

Board of Advisors

The CWCTP Board of Advisors was formally invited by the Chair, President Bruce Benson, in late spring 2017. The Board has not yet met, but is planning to meet in fall 2017. Board members include: Bruce Benson (Chair), Kate Brown, Brian Domitrovic, David Grohne, Dave Hoover, Jim Lyons, David Pyle, Jennifer Schubert-Akin, Tina Snider, and Ted Trimpa.

Executive Committee

The CWCTP Executive Committee consists of nine faculty members that govern the Center. The CWCTP Executive Committee met twice in 2016-7, once in the fall and once in the spring. The Executive Committee consists of: Robert Pasnau (Philosophy/CWCTP), Ken Bickers (Political Science), Francis Beckwith (16-7 CTP Scholar), Katherine Eggert (English), Benjamin Hale (Environmental Science), Scott Savage (Economics), Mark Leiderman (Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures), Patty Limerick (History, Center of the American West), and David Shneer (History, Program in Jewish Studies).

Moving Forward 2018

We believe 2017-8 will bring further opportunities to grow our impact on and off campus. We have three Western Civ dialogues already planned for the fall, including a discussion of campus free speech and a debate on abortion and animal rights. We hope to take incoming fall speaker Peter Wood (National Association of Scholars) to UCCS for a public lecture. We are planning at least two high-profile visitors, including Raihan Salam (National Review), and former Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church of the United States, the Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts-Schori. We have also begun planning for our 2018 summer program for high school students on Politics and Media, with a focus on free speech, in collaboration with the College of Media (CMCI).

Anticipated Changes and Growth

While we do not anticipate any leadership changes, we will be bringing in three additional visiting scholars for the 2017-8 academic year, with views from across the political spectrum. The scholars will join our Visiting Scholar in Conservative Thought & Policy, Prof. Robert Kaufman, and four faculty and graduate fellows to create a new community of interdisciplinary scholars.