



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Regents

**FROM:** Associate Vice President Michael Lightner  
Analyst Thomas Spahr

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**SUBJECT:** Annual Report on Faculty Sabbatical Assignments

A total of 176 faculty members were on sabbatical assignment during the 2013-14 academic year, 51 for a full year, and 125 for a single semester or portion of the calendar year. A breakdown of sabbatical assignments by campus and school or college is attached.

Each institution reported that the criteria and approval process for granting a sabbatical assignment were consistent with the Laws (5.B.3.C) and Policies (5-A) of the University of Colorado Board of Regents. A campus officer verified that each faculty member was eligible to receive a sabbatical assignment and that the plan he or she submitted met the above criteria, as well as any additional criteria established by the individual campus. Each sabbatical plan was reviewed and approved by the department chair, unit head, or advisory committee, the dean of the school or college, and the chief academic officer of the campus, who then forwarded the plans to the office of the vice President for Academic Affairs. With the concurrence of the president, the plans were approved by the Regents.

Eligible Faculty Members: All those granted sabbatical assignments were tenured faculty members, or, in the case of the Anschutz Medical Campus, tenure-eligible faculty members who had achieved the rank of associate professor or professor, and all had the equivalent of at least six years of full-time service.

Criteria: Each proposal for sabbatical assignment describes a work plan that specifies objectives that will: a) enhance the faculty member's professional growth and development of expertise; b) achieve the academic goals of the department; c) enhance the reputation of the University; and d) contribute to the educational experience of students. Additionally, departments or other units must verify the availability of resources to support the sabbatical assignment.

## Examples of research projects carried out in 2013-14

### At CU-Boulder

- Professor Andy Baker of the Department of Political Science spent his sabbatical completing three different manuscripts and beginning a fourth. As of today, one of those articles has been accepted for publication in the *American Political Science Review*, another is being revised and resubmitted for publication in *Comparative Political Studies*, while the other two are currently under review.
- Professor Michelle Ellsworth of the Department of Theatre and Dance was able to raise \$120,000 to support the development of her project called *Clytigation: State of Exception*. The project is an experimental dance committed to investigating, interpreting, and communicating humane values by fostering community, collaboration, and a deep discussion around salient issues such as legal systems during wartime. She received feedback on the project from experimental dance presenters around the world and it is set for formal premiere at the prestigious Seattle venue, On the Boards. The project will premiere live at CU in the ATLAS Black Box in fall 2015, followed by a national tour.
- Professor Ruben Donato of the School of Education was awarded a Spencer Foundation grant to examine school segregation and exclusion of Mexican children in public schools. He traveled to Mexico City, Washington, DC, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Alexandria, Louisiana to access and collect data for the project. In addition to collecting and organizing data for his research, Professor Donato was able to complete a manuscript that is currently under review at the *History of Education Quarterly*.
- Professor Ben Kirshner of the School of Education spent his sabbatical in Cape Town, South Africa. While in Cape Town, he completed six chapters for his book manuscript, called *Youth Activism in an Era of Education Inequality* and learned about a youth movement called Equal Education and the historical and cultural context of youth activism in South Africa. The findings from his research have been presented at national and international conferences, including The International Conference of the Learning Sciences (June 2014) and Society for Research on Adolescence (March 2014).
- Professor Lakshmi Kantha of the Department of Aerospace Engineering Sciences devoted part of his sabbatical to his comprehensive book on *Aerospace Propulsion* and his research into the use of radiosondes and GPS occultations to identify and quantify turbulence in the troposphere and stratosphere. He also used his sabbatical to establish collaborations with radar centers around the world through visits to the MST radar in Japan, where he completed a Visiting Professorship at Kyoto University, and the oceanographic and atmospheric research institutes in India.

## At UCCS:

- Professor Thomas Christensen of the Department of Physics & Energy Science spent his sabbatical serving as a Visiting Professor at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. He also worked on an advanced physics textbook on surface and interface physics. The book is now under contract with Taylor and Francis Publishers.
- Professor Rebecca Duray of the College of Business developed a paper regarding the differences between undergraduate and graduate business student online learning. The paper was accepted for presentation at the Decision Sciences Institute Conference and appeared in the conference proceedings in November 2014. She also used this information to develop a survey instrument to further explore these online learning questions.
- Professor Raphael Sassower of the Department of Philosophy wrote a book-length manuscript about the responsibility of public intellectuals. During the sabbatical, he read about 50 books and three dozen articles while compiling an exhaustive taxonomy of public intellectuals. His manuscript, *The Price of Public Intellectuals*, was published in 2014 by Polity Press in the UK for world-wide distribution.
- Associate Professor Lesley Ginsberg, of the Department of English, submitted a completed book manuscript *Romantic Education in Nineteenth-Century American Literature: National and Transatlantic Contexts* which will appear as a volume in the Routledge Studies in Romanticism series. In addition, Professor Ginsberg authored an essay that will appear as a chapter in *Race and Romantic Pedagogies in the Works of Lydia Maria Child*.
- Associate Professor Peter Gorder of the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering produced a sustainable funding model for the Senior Design program in his department. This capstone experience, in which external project sponsors bring real problems to the students, has been regularly cited as among the most valuable experiences of students' undergraduate program experiences at UCCS. Working with existing project sponsors, Professor Gorder has developed a better understanding of the evolving expectations for sponsors and has identified potential new sponsors to engage over the future years.

## At CU Denver | CU Anschutz Medical Campus

- Professor Mary Dodge of the School of Public Affairs spent her sabbatical writing two books. The first is *Women and Crime*, which Professor Dodge and her co-author completed in the fall. The second is *Introduction to Criminal Justice: Systems, Diversity, and Change* which will be released by Sage in January 2015.
- Associate Professor Allan Wallis of the School of Public Affairs gathered data as a baseline for a comparative study of regional governance, comparing four cities in the Intermountain West region. He was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to spend a semester at the University of Alberta in Canada and included two regions

of Canada in his sample. Professor Wallis plans to use his research to complete a book to fill the void in this area of study in regionalism.

- Professor Tom Noel of the Department of History completed four books during his sabbatical leave: *Colorado Historical Atlas*; *Denver Landmarks and Historic Districts*; *Western Faces & Places by Herndon Davis, Artist and Historian*; and *Colorado Newspapers: A History & Inventory, 1859-2000*. *Colorado Historical Atlas* won the University of Oklahoma Press DeBow Prize for the best book about the American Southwest published by the University of Oklahoma Press.
- Professor Jana Everett of the Department of Political Science conducted research in Pune, India, on non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with the homeless. She interviewed NGO leaders to gain their perspectives on issues of homelessness. She is currently writing up the results of her research, which will also compare the approaches of NGOs in India with those of a Denver program for homeless women.
- Associate Professor Osman Attmann of the College of Architecture and Planning traveled to Washington DC, Baltimore, New York, and Chicago to visit and document LEED-certified green buildings. The studies of the LEED buildings in these locations became the focus of a book, *Green Architecture and Anatomy of Green Buildings*, which was completed by the end of 2014.
- Associate Professor Evelyn Hutt of the School of Medicine worked with Hospice Africa Uganda (HAU) to learn how to conduct palliative care in resource-limited environments. She extended the work of the HAU via “walking outreach” to initiate palliative home visits in surrounding villages and neighborhoods. She also mentored junior faculty research activities at the Institute of Palliative Care in Africa (IHPCA), thereby strengthening their research program, and gave divisional grand rounds on palliative care in resource-limited environments to faculty in the geriatrics, general internal medicine, and palliative care programs. Her work resulted in the establishment of an on-going academic relationship (a permanent visiting professorship) at IHPCA.

**University of Colorado Sabbatical Assignment Summary:  
AY 2013-14**

<b>Campus</b>	<b>School/College</b>	<b>Full-year Sabbatical</b>	<b>Partial- year Sabbatical</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>CU- Boulder</b>	Arts & Sciences	21	61	82
	Business	0	1	1
	CMCI	0	1	1
	Education	0	2	2
	Engineering	18	3	21
	Grad School	0	2	2
	Law	0	5	5
	Libraries	0	1	1
	Music	1	7	8
<b>CU-Boulder Total</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>UCCS</b>	Business	1	6	7
	Education	0	1	1
	Engineering	2	2	4
	Letters, Arts, & Sciences	1	13	14
	Nursing	0	1	1
	Public Affairs	0	0	0
<b>UCCS Campus Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>CU Denver</b>	Architecture & Planning	0	1	1
	Arts & Media	0	2	2
	Auraria Library	0	1	1
	Business	0	2	2
	Education & Human Development	1	4	5
	Engineering & Applied Science	1	0	1
	Liberal Arts & Sciences	2	7	9
	Public Affairs	0	2	2
<b>CU Denver Total</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>CU Anschutz Medical Campus</b>	Dental Medicine	0	0	0
	Medicine	1	0	1
	Nursing	0	0	0
	Pharmacy	0	0	0
	Public Health	0	0	0
<b>CU Anschutz Medical Campus Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>CU System Total</b>		<b>51</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>176</b>