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[Why it can pay to be the funny person at work](#)

USA Today

(March 2, 2017) -- Humor leads to higher status, but it can work the other way, too. Greater status gives license to joking. Higher-status individuals within organizations have the luxury of making jokes comfortably and face lower risks. "The higher you are, the harder it is to get fired," said [Peter McGraw](#), an associate professor of psychology and marketing at CU Boulder.



[Deconstructing the 'Ferguson Effect'](#)

The New York Times

(March 29, 2017) -- [David C. Pyrooz](#), a sociologist at CU Boulder, and his co-authors looked at crime rates in 81 large American cities in the year after Michael Brown's death in August of 2014 and found no overall increase. However, in some cities — Baltimore, New Orleans, St. Louis and Washington — there was a striking upward trend in homicides.



[CU Boulder law professor appointed to United Nations position](#)

Daily Camera

(March 24, 2017) -- A CU Boulder law professor has been appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council to be the North American representative on the Expert Mechanism

on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. [Kristen Carpenter](#) is the associate dean for research and the Council Tree Professor of Law at CU and focuses on the legal claims of indigenous people.



[Adam Bradley examines the poetry of pop music](#)

Westword

(March 29, 2017) -- In 2011, CU Boulder professor [Adam Bradley](#), along with co-editor Andrew DuBois, released *The Anthology of Rap*; a year earlier, he'd put out *Book of Rhymes: The Poetics of Hip-Hop*. Both books sought to prove that rap lyrics had literary value. Likewise, his CU course titled "Hip-Hop in the Classroom" takes a scholarly approach to an art form that some academics would disagree has value.



[Struggling teens use drugs more – but it might just be a phase, CU Boulder study finds](#)

Denverite

(March 16, 2017) -- "Some people assume that if you try something in adolescence, you are on a path you are never going to come back from — sort of the gateway drug hypotheses," said [Daniel Gustavson](#), who conducted the study at CU Boulder's Institute of Behavioral Genetics. "Our data do not support this and instead show it could just be about experimenting."



[Important NASA missions that may vanish in 2018](#)

National Geographic

(March 17, 2017) -- "That's a surgical removal, a surgical targeting," says climate scientist [Peter Pilewskie](#), a professor at CU Boulder. He questions cost-cutting as a rationale, given that \$102 million—the money the Trump Administration estimates will be saved from the cuts—is a minuscule fraction of the U.S. federal budget, which is more than \$3 trillion.

Also: [Boulder might be hit hard by Trump cuts to Earth science, conservation](#), Daily Camera, March 16



[Are college campuses growing more intolerant of free speech? The numbers say no](#)

Los Angeles Times

(March 13, 2017) -- [Paul Campos](#) of Colorado Law at CU Boulder, who views such hand-wringing with appropriate skepticism, points to a “database” of supposed attacks on free speech on campuses. He questions its sponsors’ assertion that the “number of attempts by students, faculty and others to prevent those with whom they disagreed from speaking on campus,” which it terms “disinvitations,” set a record in 2016. The statistics were compiled by the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, or FIRE, which describes its mission as battling infringements of First Amendment rights in academia.



[Can you guess what these eyes are saying?](#)

Reders Digest

(March 2, 2017) – In a study led by [Daniel H. Lee](#) of CU Boulder and Adam K. Anderson of Cornell University, participants completed 600 trials in which they were presented with a photograph of a pair of eyes from widely used databases (each representing one of six common expressions: sadness, disgust, anger, joy, fear and surprise) together with a word representing a specific mental state. The participants then rated the extent to which the mental state described the eye expression.

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[The Stories of the Southwest exhibit looks at the evolution of stories behind art](#)

Colorado Springs Independent

(March 29, 2017) -- The objects in our lives, from phones to tools to clothes to knickknacks, say a lot about how we live. That is what [Karin Larkin](#) had on her mind when guest-curating *The Stories of the Southwest*, on display at the Fine Arts Center through Dec. 31. According to Larkin, assistant professor and curator at UCCS anthropology department, the exhibit should help build fresh perspectives on the FAC’s collection of Spanish colonial Santos and Southwestern indigenous art.



[Interim UCCS chancellor using his experience to give back to campus](#)

The Gazette

(March 26, 2017) -- In some ways the short move for [Venkat Reddy](#) represented a seismic leap, from being dean of the College of Business and associate vice chancellor for online studies to becoming interim chancellor in charge of the entire campus of some 12,000 students and 3,230 employees.

"The job is more complex, but I have good people around me all working toward a common vision," Reddy said.



[Colorado Springs area job growth slowed in 2016, but stayed well ahead of state](#)

The Gazette

(March 13, 2017) – "This is another good sign for the local job market," said [Tatiana Bailey](#), director of the UCCS Economic Forum. "Previously, we had a declining unemployment rate because people were dropping out of the labor force. Now we are absorbing new people and keeping the rate steady. This is great news, but eventually we will be in a labor shortage unless we are able to train people for the relevant jobs."

Also: [Quality of life report shows areas of Colorado Springs that need improvement](#), Fox 21, March 3



[UCCS Theater invites audiences into an immersive Cabaret](#)

Colorado Springs Independent

(March 14, 2017) -- If you're not familiar with *Cabaret* through Alan Cumming's iconic 1993 London performance, you're at least familiar with Liza Minnelli's incredible vocals in the 1972 film. We all know the songs, including the show-stopping title number that makes everyone want to belt out "life is a cabaret, old chum." But, as UCCS theater and dance director [Kevin Landis](#) says, "It's peppy and fun but it's all sort of masking something fairly sinister."



[Trump has many jobs unfilled; is he deconstructing the administrative state?](#)

National Public Radio

(March 6, 2017) -- [Joseph Postell](#), assistant professor of political science at UCCS, says there is no clear definition of the administrative state. "It's typically used to describe overregulation, and sometimes it's used to describe the rise of administrative agencies and the number of agencies that we have," he said.

Postell says those who use the term, mostly conservatives, view the issue more as "a structural or constitutional problem, that has to do with agencies being able to make law," as opposed to where laws are supposed to be made, which is in Congress.

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[Cyclists break traffics laws for personal safety and to save energy, study says](#)

Canadian Cycling Magazine

(March 19, 2017) -- While many studies have sought to understand the reasons motorist break the law, few have focused on cyclists. [Wesley E. Marshall](#), an engineer and sociologist from CU Denver, and Daniel Piatkowski, an urban planning professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, wanted to better understand rule-breaking cyclists and the factors associated with their unlawful behaviors. They also wanted to understand if cyclists, like drivers and pedestrians, were making rational choices to break the law, or whether their behavior was simply reckless and dangerous.



[CU Denver concerned about enrollment for international students](#)

7 News

(March 28, 2017) – CU Denver has seen a slight drop of global students. "The perception is America doesn't want us," said [John Sunnygard](#), director of international affairs for CU Denver. One of the reasons why Sunnygard recently went on a trip to Saudi Arabia and Qatar was to let future students know

they're welcome. CU Denver is also facing competition from Canada and Australia, which some students perceive to be more friendly.



[Paging Dr. Fraud: The fake publishers that are ruining science](#)

The New Yorker

(March 22, 2017) -- In exchange for a hefty fee, journals with names such as Journal of Clinical Toxicology and Enzyme Engineering offered quick peer review, which often meant no review whatsoever.

“They were journals I’d never heard of,” [Jeffrey Beall](#), an associate professor and librarian at CU Denver, said. “Often they were based in West Africa or South Asia, with titles close to existing ones, and filled with grammatical errors. Basically, they were just pay-to-publish operations.” ... For years, though, Beall provided one of the only listings of the ne’er-do-wells, and in late January he abruptly shut down the site for good, for reasons he preferred not to elaborate on.



[How limited transportation undermines school choice — even in Denver](#)

Chalkbeat

(March 21, 2017) -- [Todd Ely](#), director for the Center for Local Government Research and Training at CU Denver, co-wrote a study on the Success Express. He has looked at transportation models in other cities and called Denver’s a good idea, but only one piece of a hard-to-solve puzzle.

“As far as better systems, I don’t think there is (one),” Ely said. “The more you have kids coming from the same neighborhood, going to different schools, the more expensive and complicated the transportation service needs to be.”



[CU Denver professor explains why students suck at identifying fake news](#)

Westword

(March 3, 2017) -- CU Denver associate professor **Scott**

McLeod is well-versed in fake news. As a technology advocate who teaches school administrators how to utilize and increase access to technology, McLeod says that “schools are behind” when it comes to making students information-literate. This, despite the amount of time that young “digital natives,” as McLeod calls them, spend on the internet and social-media networks in their spare time.

“If you're a young person these days, you never remember a time when there weren't computers and the internet and smartphones,” he says. “That's like the air they breathe.”

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[Rural areas brace for a shortage of doctors because of visa policy](#)

The New York Times

(March 18, 2017) – A visa delay could affect the roughly 400 foreign medical graduates who come each year to participate in residency programs at teaching hospitals.

“Everyone around the country will be in a mad scramble to figure out this visa situation,” said [Michelle Larson-Krieg](#), the director of international student and scholar services at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, which usually takes 10 or 12 residents on H-1Bs each year.



[Colorado medical research worries about proposed NIH budget cuts](#)

Colorado Public Radio

(March 29, 2017) -- “We were shocked,” said [Kathleen Barnes](#), who leads the Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “In my almost 25 years of NIH-funded research in academic medicine, we've never experienced a threat this great to the NIH.” CU's School of Medicine, where Barnes works, gets about \$200 million a year in NIH funding, so a 20 percent drop could make \$40 million vanish. Barnes points out that there's “no historical precedent for a drop that drastic in the NIH budget.”



[Daily glass of pure fruit juice doesn't cause weight gain in kids](#)

Fox News

(March 23, 2017) -- The findings should reassure parents that a small amount of pure fruit juice is not likely to directly cause obesity in children - just as long as parents don't confuse these beverages with fruit drinks that, like sodas, often lack nutrients and are full of sugars and empty calories, said pediatrician [Stephen Daniels](#) of the CU School of Medicine.



[Family adapts to reality of Type 1 diabetes as, one after one, children are diagnosed](#)

The Gazette

(March 19, 2017) – “I can tell you that the great majority of families have only one patient. Maybe 10 percent have two patients (and) there's just a handful of families with more than two,” said [Robert Slover](#), director of pediatrics at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora. “That is an extremely unusual situation to have it happen to four children in a family.”



[The long history of discrimination in pain medicine](#)

The Atlantic

(Feb. 28, 2017) -- “Pain without lesion” has long puzzled doctors and the 19th century ushered in a whole new era of controversy, said the bioethicist [Daniel Goldberg](#) in a recent paper, “Pain, objectivity and history: understanding pain stigma.” The era also brings technological developments—“objective” instruments like the X-ray—that rendered previously un-seeable injuries seeable.



[Monet, Picasso, Renoir: Coming to a Colorado medical campus near you](#)

Denver Business Journal

(March 29, 2017) -- Works by Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Auguste Rodin, Henri Matisse and

others are on display at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The collection is owned by **Morton Mower**, an adjunct distinguished professor of cardiology at CU Anschutz and co-inventor of the automatic implantable cardioverter defibrillator, and his wife, **Tobia Mower**, a philanthropist and longtime nurse.

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