Building Guardrails for Grief

Inside Higher Ed

(May 24, 2022) -- Samira Rajabi, a media studies scholar of trauma and grief at CU Boulder, pinpoints how the pandemic has left many people with a profound sense of ambiguous grief. Countless among us invisibly contend with indelible losses that are difficult to characterize and name after a fatiguing two years.

Bits of an Extinct Bird’s Eggshells May be Clue to Why Megafauna Vanished

The Washington Post

(May 25, 2022) – It may shed light on a scientific mystery about the disappearance of the planet’s megafauna — the gigantic animals that once roamed the
continents.

“It’s one of the few science questions that pretty much everybody knows something about,” said Gifford Miller, a professor of geological sciences at CU Boulder Colorado and the senior member of the research team.

The Pentagon Investigates What are Now Called UAPs or Unexplained Aerial Phenomena.

NPR (audio)

(May 24, 2022) -- Congress held a public hearing last week into Unexplained Aerial Phenomena. Carol Cleland, a professor at CU Boulder, wants to see more of the government’s files.

“I think, for them to concede there was evidence of non-terrestrial origin, they’d have to come down and say ‘hi,’” she said.

NASA-Funded Sounding Rockets to Probe Nearby Stars’ Habitable Zones

Forbes

(May 13, 2022) -- A NASA-funded team led by CU Boulder will this summer launch another two sounding rockets equipped with half-meter optical telescopes to determine whether our nearest stellar neighbors have
inner solar systems that could support life. CU Boulder astrophysicist Kevin France and colleagues will be traveling to a new launch site in northern Australia to send several 60-foot sounding rockets some 280 kms into sub orbit.

**Grim 2022 Drought Outlook for Western U.S. Offers Warnings for the Future**

The Conversation

(May 19, 2022) -- “The thirstier atmosphere is turning what would otherwise be near-normal or moderately dry conditions into droughts that are more severe or extreme,” said Imtiaz Rangwala, research scientist in climate at the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences at CU Boulder. “As the climate heats up further, the increasing atmospheric thirst will continue to intensify drought stress, with consequences for water availability, long-lasting and intense heat stress, and large-scale ecosystem transformation.”
Abortion: A Great Religious Divide that also Unites Faithful Opponents and Supporters in Colorado

The Gazette

(May 4, 2022) -- “It’s just going to be one more massive issue that’s stoking the cultural wars,” said Jeffrey Scholes, director of the Center for Religious Diversity and Public Life at UCCS. Scholes believes the impending Supreme Court decision, assuming it overturns Roe, will only embolden both sides.

Voice of the Consumer: Bracing for Impact of Fed Rate Hike

The Gazette

(May 8, 2022) – “You'll see mortgage rates go up, you'll see student loan rates go up, although usually they’re locked into a year, and you'll see car loan rates go up,” said Joe Craig, chair of the economics department at UCCS. “So what they’re basically trying to do is higher interest rates are discouraging people from borrowing because if you borrow, you don’t want to pay back that high rate, and encouraging people to save.”
Supreme Court Whodunit? UCCS Professor Thinks He Knows Who Did It and Why

The Gazette

(May 3, 2022) -- The most common speculation — which UCCS political science professor and chair Josh Dunn believes is correct — is that the culprit is a court clerk to liberal-leaning justices, who were angry about the direction the court was heading. "It's less likely for a conservative clerk to have leaked it because it's more difficult to figure out how it works to their advantage," he said.

Also:

- [Few incumbents running for state legislature in 2022](https://www.koaa.com), KOAA, May 4
- [UCCS professor weighs in on overturning Supreme Court decisions](https://www.krdonews.com), KRDO, May 3

Inflation nation: Colorado Springs Residents Pummeled by Rising Prices

Fox 21

(May 8, 2022) -- Inflation is hitting almost every American because prices are rising the fastest for necessities like food, energy and transportation, said Tatiana Bailey, director of UCCS Economic Forum.
“It is hard for the average person to escape because the impact is so widespread and broad-based,” Bailey said.

**Men Who Pose Shirtless on Tinder are Perceived as Less Competent**

*PsyPost*

(May 23, 2022) -- “I’m interested in how sexualized pictures of men and women in the media can impact our attitudes and behaviors. For this study, it was fascinating to consider how a man’s sexy dating profile can impact our reactions to the man and how we judge his positive or negative characteristics,” said study author **JoAnna Dieker**, a clinical psychology postdoctoral fellow at UCCS.

**Can Denver Arrest Its Way Out of the Problems at Union Station?**

*Denverite*

(May 3, 2022) -- “Everybody knows it’s not effective,” said **Candice Shelby**, a CU Denver philosophy professor who has written extensively about addiction. She described the glut of arrests as “unconscionable and unhelpful.”
Melissa Tacket Gibson, at left, who teaches criminology at the CU Denver, said that attempting to address drug use — what she called a public health issue — through imprisonment is a misuse of the criminal justice system and that arrests don’t work.

Men Have a Lot to Lose When Roe Falls

DNYUZ

(May 26, 2022) – One of the few social scientists who has conducted research on adult men involved in abortions is Jennifer Reich, a professor of sociology at CU Denver.

“Everybody benefits when individuals can control their own reproduction, but the benefit can be invisible for cis men since they don’t absorb the risks of pregnancy and it’s not written on their bodies,” Reich said.

Biden Set to Open Memorial to Irish Miners in Colorado

Irish Central

(May 30, 2022) -- President Joe Biden will reportedly travel to Leadville, Colorado, in September 2023 to pay tribute to 1,000 miners from the Beara Peninsula in West Cork to work in the area’s silver mines. Professor Jim Walsh, an Irish-American historian from CU Denver, has kick-started the initiative to honor the Beara miners in
Leadville. Walsh estimates that two out of every five people living in Leadville during the 1800s came from Beara.

**Neighborhood Coalition uses Trust to Buy Land and Keep People from Being Priced out of Their Community**

9News

(May 25, 2022) -- Jeremy Nemeth, professor of urban and regional planning at CU Denver, said everyone deserves to see their communities built up without the fear that people will be driven away from their homes.

“I worry that Denver is becoming a city like San Francisco or New York where really only the rich can live,” he said. “That diversity, that integrity and sense of belonging that’s always been a pride of Denver is really going away.”

**Childcare is Freakin’ Expensive. Where’s the Money Going?**

Denverite

(May 18, 2022) -- Early childhood educator and CU Denver professor Liliana Flores Amaro said families and centers are asking each other: “Is it on the program to make things more affordable? How much more can
parents pay to cover staff salaries and building rents and all of that stuff?"
“Basically what you're doing is stimulating the immune system with the vaccine, and getting the immune system to recognize the virus before the virus has a chance to ramp up,” Pastula said.

Camels in Colorado Provide Milk Alternative: ‘It’s Quite a Process’

CBS 4

(May 25, 2022) -- “There are some potential benefits for adults, or even children – not infants and young toddlers who need to be consuming formula,” said Bonnie Jortberg, a registered dietitian and nutritionist at CU Anschutz. “You would not want to substitute camel’s milk for formula or certainly not for a mother’s regular milk.”

Study shows AI Deep Learning Models can Detect Race in Medical Imaging

7 News

(May 24, 2022) -- “We’ve been applying AI to medical imaging analysis now for a long time, almost a decade now,” Jayashree Kalpathy-Cramer, chief of artificial medical intelligence in ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, said. “What we are able to do with them today is phenomenal and quite different than even five years ago.”
U.S. Doctors Often Mistreated by Patients, Families, Study Finds

UPI

(May 19, 2022) – “Physicians commonly experience mistreatment and discrimination by patients, families and visitors,” said Lotte Dyrbye, study co-author and senior associate dean of faculty at the CU School of Medicine. “Everyone has a role in addressing prejudice, harassment and mistreatment, including the government, the press, medical institutions, health care workers and the public.”