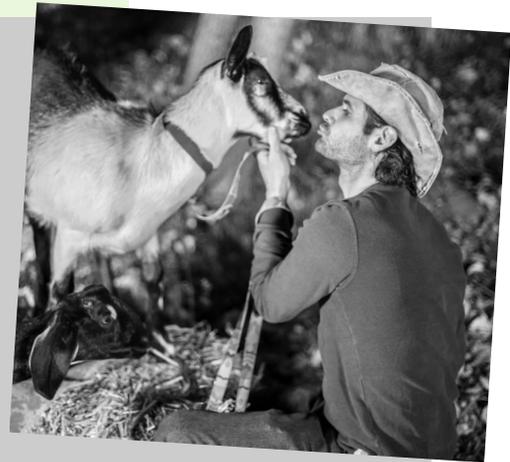


Oct. 13th, 2017

Center for ENVS & MEM Newsletter

MEM Student of the Week **Randy Pistacchio**

Randy is from Gold Hill, CO, and is currently trying to move to Gunnison. He has chosen the MEM program to expand on his relationship with the land and the people who use it. He's always worked outside, hands in the dirt and, to him, is a great way to continue "expanding my play, *ahem, career goals". Randy's current project idea is to establish a comprehensive land and business management plan on a historical property in Boulder that currently houses an iris growing farm, a goat dairy, and an agricultural education center and market farm. This unified plan aims to assist with the implementation of an upcoming conservation easement and the management challenges that may come with it. He supposes his biggest dream is to wake up just before sunrise, walk outside in the morning dew, look out on an expanse of land and know that it's his to take care of alongside his two dogs, Roo and Dizzy.



Western's MEM Alumni and Current Students

- * Share your project, share potential projects, ask questions and make connections! Have awesome job opportunities posted or share your post-graduation journey here! We are all here to help each other. Make sure you follow us on [Facebook](#).

MEM Housing Options

- * To any MEM student who is still looking for a place to live, please post your available apartments/housing in the Gunnison Valley to the [MEM Student Housing Exchange Facebook](#) page for new incoming MEM students. A good place to check is also the [Gunnison Market Place](#) group or the Gunnison Shopper.

Events and Items of Interest

- * The 3rd Annual **Headwaters Poetry Festival** will be at the Gunnison Arts Center **TODAY, Friday, October 13th-Sunday, October 15th**. The festival features many of the strongest poets and writers from around the western slope and beyond, presenting readings, lectures, seminars and discussions. Come see what promises to be one of the most lively literary events in the region this year. Check the GAC [website](#) for updated event details.

* Go [here](#) to support **Ian Gonzalez-Basco and Jack Burchmore's relief trip to Puerto Rico by making a donation.** Western MEM students Lucy Flores and Ian are from Puerto Rico, and Western stands by them. Hurricane relief is now a form of climate adaptation. Learn more about their progress [here](#).

* **Campus Sustainability Month** is here at Western! There will be exciting events all month long:

"How to Let Go of the World and Love Things Climate Can't Change" screening on **Thursday, Oct. 19th from 7-9pm** at the UC.

Spooktacular Costume Party **Thursday, Oct. 26th, 7-9pm** in the UC Ballroom.

More info can be found [here](#) on the image, and the LEAD Sustainability Facebook page. All events are **FREE**.

* Join 2,000 other higher education sustainability professionals in San Antonio, TX from **October 15th -18th** for the **2017 AASHE Conference & Expo: Stronger in Solidarity.** Attendees will come together to discuss how the campus sustainability community can break down walls, build bridges and continue to make progress toward a healthy and equitable future for all. [Register](#) now!

* Coldharbour Institute will be hosting its first **Harvest Gala & fundraiser on October 21st**, from **5:30-8pm** at the Gunnison Arts Center. Come learn how you can be a part of Coldharbour Institute's facilitation of responsible living practices in the Gunnison Valley! Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Coldharbor's SEED students, along with some great engagements. Tickets are being sold for \$35 at Double Shot, The Guild in Crested Butte, or online [here](#).

* Join local Photographer Matthew Burt On **October 17th** from **7-8pm** at the Gunnison library, as he presents his photos taken while **climbing Kilimanjaro** and tells of his adventures traveling in Tanzania. Go [here](#) for more info.

LEAD SUSTAINABILITY AT WESTERN PRESENTS...

Campus Sustainability Month

The entire month of October.

Sunday, Oct. 1, 6-8pm
Kick off with Organics Guild Harvest Party
\$5, or FREE if you bring your own bowl!
Chipeta Garden

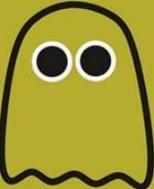
Thursday, Oct. 12, All Day
Bike/Walk to School Day
Events outside of the University Center

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7-9pm
Film: How to Let Go of the World and Love the Things Climate Can't Change
Movie Night at the University Center

Thursday, Oct. 26, 7-9pm
Spooktacular Costume Party!
University Center South Ballroom

More information on Campus Sustainability Month can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/WSCUCS/>.
Your name will be submitted into a PRIZE DRAWING for each event you participate in. Names will be drawn at Spooktacular! Find out more at the Kick Off party and to pick up your ticket to Sustainability Month.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE.



* You are invited to attend **CREA's annual Energy Innovations Summit** on **October 30th** in Denver, CO. Co-ops face unprecedented challenges as the result of new distributed energy technologies, customer attitudes toward self-generation, and more. During this conference, co-op experts will provide a coast-to-coast look at how the electric co-ops in their states are mapping a survival strategy for this new energy paradigm. The registration fee for non-coop individuals is \$125. Please refer to attachment for more details.

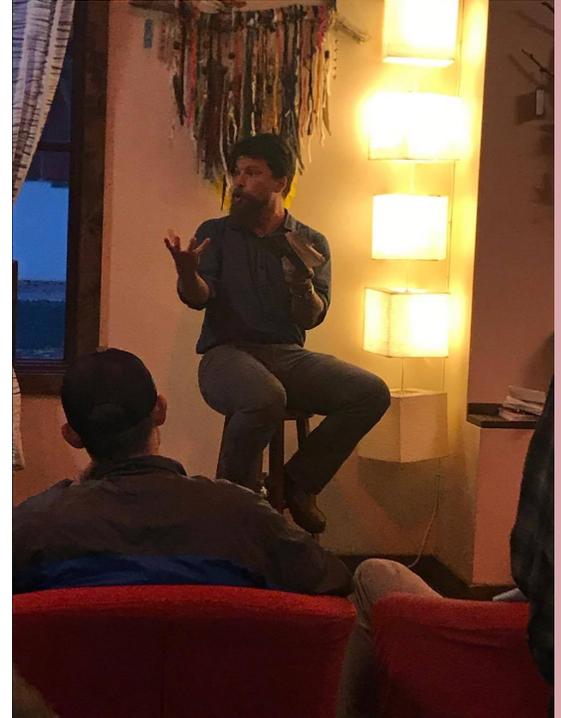
* Mountain Roots Food Project and the Master of Environmental Management Program at Western Colorado University welcome applicants for our 2017-18 **Community Program Development Fellowship**. This is a one-year award that provides a student the opportunity to engage in community –based research and more. See attachment for additional details!

* A **National Environmental Policy Act Course** will be offered from **November 2nd-3rd** consists of approximately 12.5 hours of continuing education, including 1 hour of ethics. You must let them know, at least 45 days in advance of the conference, the states or organizations for which you will need credit (see registration form). Credit hours for states will vary and are subject to each state's approval and credit rounding rules. Register [here](#) for the class.

* There will be a **ROE 510, one-credit "Leadership at the Edge" course** being offered for **November 3rd, 4th, and 5th and December 2nd, and 3rd**. Leadership at the Edge is a course for those who want to understand this road less travelled, what leaders do (and teams need) to perform in the face of difficult challenges that are volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA). To register for the course or learn more about it, go [here](#) or find more on attachment!

* The **Quivira Conference** will be **November 15th-17th** this year in Albuquerque, NM. Quivira's outstanding speakers and attendees contribute expertise in ranching, farming, conservation, community, and all things soil, which is the key to it all. Every attendee brings something unique to the table, and each departs with inspiration, new connections, and broader perspectives. More info and to register can be found [here](#). Student discounted rates and scholarships are available.

* Hosted by Coldharbour Institute, a **Youth Pyro Workshop** will take place **November 17th-19th**. The Coldharbour Institute and Telluride Fire Festival collaborate to bring a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) program, which engages historically underrepresented (economically, racially, physically) students from three rural areas of Colorado and brings them to Telluride for two weekends. Over the course of two and a half days in November, the kids research, design, plan, and build a sculpture. Go [here](#) to find out more.



Dr. John Housdoerffer, co-editor of *Wildness*, speaking about the book at Townie Books last week

- * Ecosystem Field Studies will be having a winter-break, 3-credit, **field science course**: “Ecosystem Field Studies”. This is an opportunity to gain valuable career skills in hands-on scientific field research with a diverse and exciting group of college students for a marine and coastal learning experience of a lifetime! This course will take place at the Caribbean coral reef of Mexico from **December 27th to January 16th**. Go [here](#) to register for the course.
- * On-campus **Freecycle**, located in the basement of UTE Hall will be open **Monday & Wednesday 12-1pm and Monday-Thursday 4-6pm**, during the semester. Please feel free to come and take what you need, as well as to drop off what you don't. Volunteers are also needed to help run Freecycle so stop on by to find out more about it!
- * Kalu Yala is seeking students who are passionate about solving social and environmental issues through the discovery and application of scalable solutions and products for their **study abroad program**. If you'd like to find out more information about this program, visit their website [here!](#)

Current Job Openings

- * There is an **Environmental Manager** position that has just opened up for Recology in San Francisco, CA. One duty includes overseeing daily operations of Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility (HHWCF), including mobile collection from homes and neighborhood drop off sites, and Waste Acceptance Control Program (WACP) solid waste load-checking program. More info can be found about this position, that is open until filled, [here](#).



Western Professor Abel Chavez with MEM students and Natural Capitalism author Amory Lovins last week at a sustainability event in Denver

- * A **Communications Manager** position just opened for the Water Council in Milwaukee, WI. One of the responsibilities include writing and administering a high volume of effective marketing copy for all email marketing campaigns including newsletters, special announcements and event invitations; design in MailChimp; track/report on results. Application **deadline is October 20th**, check out the position [here!](#)
- * A **Ecosystem Restoration Scientist** position has opened up for The Nature Conservancy in Franklin Grove, IL. One of the tasks includes being the on-site lead for providing technical and scientific support for habitat management and restoration at Nachusa Grasslands, a 4,000-acre landscape of native and restored prairies, savannas, streams and wetlands in north-central Illinois. Apply **before October, 20th** [here](#).

- * There is a position opening for a **Community Organizer, for United for A New Economy (UNE)** at DenverMetro, CO. As a community organizer with United for a New Economy, you will have the responsibility of organizing and working with neighborhood members to fight to keep our neighborhoods affordable, strengthen our schools, bring better jobs to our communities, and more. Deadline to apply is **October 22nd**. For more info, refer to attachment.
- * The Gunnison-Crested Butte Regional Airport is hiring a **Transportation Security Officer**. This employee will provide security and protection of air travelers, airports and aircraft in a courteous and professional manner and more. Apply for this position [here](#) by **October 31st**.



Photos from this weekend at the 28th Headwaters Conference!

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Senior Policy Advisor, Healthy Rivers Program, Western Resource Advocates, Phoenix, Arizona

Hydrologist 3, Field Operations Center, South Florida Water Management District, West Palm Beach, Florida

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