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2023 Dearfield Conference Program
9:00 AM-3:55 PM
Saturday, May 20th, 2023

Hybrid In-Person & Virtual Conference Location: College of Agricultural Sciences, Nutrien Agricultural Science Building,
Bernard Rollin Knowledge Well Classroom, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado,

The Dearfield Conference Format

This year's conference, the ninth since 2012, features a hybrid format with on-site and on-line (Zoom) attendance and sessions. The conference is co-sponsored by Colorado State University and the Dearfield Preservation Committee and hosted at Colorado State University's College of Agricultural Sciences. In-person attendees are encouraged to take their lunch at local restaurants (see the list provided at the end of this program), bring a bag lunch, take advantage of the food venues at Lory Student Center (open on Saturday, May 20th), or sign-up on arriving at the conference for lunch at the university's Foundry Food Hall. The conference lunch break is scheduled for one hour thirty-five minutes.

Our conference program, described below, includes special plenary and thematic sessions as well as individual topical presentations. On-line Zoom attendees are encouraged to submit comments and questions through the Zoom chat function. Based on available time, conference presenters, when time allows, be able to respond to Zoom chat questions and comments. It should be noted some presentations listed in the program will be pre-recorded video/audio but will also be presented in real time in a mix of on-site and live formats. Non-PowerPoint (such as Adobe pdf) or recorded video presentations will be broadcast on Zoom directly from the Colorado State conference room.

This conference program and its Zoom link was sent to on-line presenters and members of a master email address list used for announcements and distribution of the Dearfield newsletter. In addition, Zoom link information for Internet connecting to the meeting (see below) was provided to all Dearfield Contact Database subscribers. The Zoom **log-in does not require a password.**

Topic: 2023 Dearfield Conference
Time: May 20, 2023 08:30 AM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join the Zoom Meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/7912842701>

Meeting ID: 791 284 2701 No password required.
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Meeting ID: 791 284 2701

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/7912842701>

The conference Zoom link will **open** at 8:30 AM and the conference is scheduled to *start promptly at 9:00 AM*. The first part of the conference continues *until 10:05 AM for a 15-minute break and resumes at 10:55 AM until 11:55 AM when there will be a lunch break until 1:30 PM*. *The afternoon segment starts at 1:30 PM and has a mid-afternoon 15 minute break at 2:10 PM*. *The conference will end and sign off Zoom at 3:55 PM*.

Free conference parking is available at six lots near the conference building (see details and a map at the end of this program).

Special Dearfield exhibits will be displayed in a classroom (Room 135) across an open area containing conference refreshment from the main conference room, Nutrien Hall's Bernard Rollin Knowledge Well. Exhibits will include an art series of Historic Dearfield paintings by artist Julie Vaught, a poster presentation of Historic Black Newspaper articles featuring Dearfield life and activities from 1910 to the mid-1920s, and examples of documents, photos, and artifacts from the University of Northern Colorado's Library Archives Dearfield Collection and Dr. George Junne.

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Pre-opening announcement (five minutes before conference start) by Bob Brunswig to conference room attendees about exhibits in Room 135 across the lounge, the refreshments area outside the conference room, and the sign-up and payment table for the Foundry Food Hall lunch in the back of the conference room.

1. 9:00-9:05 AM CSU Welcome to the 2023 Dearfield Conference

At 9:00 AM, take down the Conference Title slide. Bob Brunswig will then introduce Dr. James Pritchett, Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, for the conference welcoming.

https://youtu.be/oS65_Ei6SOw CSU Land Acknowledgement. 2 minutes.

Mike: Please bring up the Conference title slide on Zoom when it opens up at 8:30, then bring it down once the 9 AM welcoming is ready to start.

Comments/Instructions: Put up Conference Title at opening of Zoom at 8:30 AM a half hour prior to the conference start. The title slide will remain on the monitor throughout the pre-opening announcement (see above). Conference Title Slide Name-1 **Dearfield Conf Title**.

Take down Conference Title PPT slide immediately before start of the CSU welcoming.

Welcoming will be done in person by College of Agricultural Sciences Dean (Dr. James Pritchett). Dr. Pritchett will be introduced by Bob Brunswig. Once the dean's welcome is complete, bring up slide 2 of the Conference Title PowerPoint. Slide 2 shows the hyperlink to the Land Acknowledgement! **The Land Acknowledgement (on side 2 of the Conference Title PPT) immediately follows the welcome.**

2. 9:05-9:20 AM Welcome and Brief Comments from the Greeley Dearfield Preservation Committee and Black American West Museum/BAWM (15 minutes)

Conference welcomes from the Dearfield Preservation Committee and the Black American West Museum. **Bill Garcia will lead off.**

Mike (and Bill): There is no PPT for this section. Bill Garcia will start the session as soon as speakers are ready.

Comments/Instructions: No PowerPoint. Welcome/comments opening introduction by Bill Garcia who will start with Dearfield Committee remarks with Holly Berg. He will then introduce Daphne Rice-Allen and Dr. Denise Leadon..

Presenters (*all in-person*): Dearfield Committee members Bill Garcia and Holly Berg and Black American West Museum Board Chair Daphne Rice-Allen and Vice-Chair Dr. Denise Leadon.

3: 9:20-9:35 AM The Colorado Agricultural College Ag Extension Service and its support of Dearfield farmers (15 minutes)

Mike: Bring up PPT file **2 Kelly Quinonez CSU Dearfield** prior to Dr. Junne's Introduction, then take down for introduction and presentation.

Introduction: Dr. George Junne (UNC). *Open by introducing the presenters and their bios (see below).*

Presenter (*Dr. Kelly will present in-person.*): Dr. Eugene Kelly and Elias Quiñonez (Colorado State University)

Bio 1: Dr. Kelly is Deputy Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, College of Agricultural Sciences Associate Dean for Extension, and Professor Pedology. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley and is an internationally known authority on soil ecology and the effects of climate change on agriculture.

Bio 2: Elias Quinonez is a Dearfield Preservation Committee member and Manager of Student Life and Diversity in the CSU College of Agricultural Sciences. He holds an MA in Educational Leadership from the University of Northern Colorado, a UNC BA in Human Communication from UNC, and is completing his Ph.D. in Higher Education Leadership at CSU.

Comments/Instructions: Presentation Slide Name-**2 Kelly Quinonez CSU Dearfield**. Lead presenter Dr. Eugene Kelly. The presentation will be delivered in person by Dr. Kelly. The first ten minutes will be a slide (PPT) presentation, followed by a five minute period for live audience and Zoom attendee Q&A.

4: 9:35-10:05 AM Morning Plenary Session: Progress toward Designation of the Dearfield Townsite as a National Historic Site under the National Park System (30 minutes)

Session Introduction and Moderator: Dr. Bob Brunswig (UNC) (5 minutes)

Mike: Bring up this session's PPT title slide, **3 NHS Designation Title**, after the last presentation and keep up until Bob starts the introduction. The videos will be shown in sequence, **3A Congressman Neguse Dearfield CO; 3C Sen Bennet Dearfield CO; 3D Sen Hickenlooper Dearfield CO**, then Bob will introduce the legislative staffers for their remarks. Bob will operate the four successive videos (2-2.5 minutes each) from the podium, then introduce the congressional staffers.

Presentations/Panel/Discussion: Representatives and Senators Staff Presentation (s): Definition, Timeline, and Roles of Congress and the National Park Service in Designating a Dearfield National Historic Site (25 minutes)

Presenter (s): Colorado Federal Legislators and/or legislative staffs. Pre-recorded presentations by *Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet and Congressmen Joe Neguse and Ken Buck*. Comments on the history of and what to expect in the coming year with the on-going Dearfield designation process will be presented by *Julia Barry from Senator Hickenlooper's Washington Office, Sally Boccella, Senator Hickenlooper's Northern Colorado Regional Director, and Kim Redd from Congressman Neguse's staff*.

Comments/Instructions: Put up Session Title slide just prior to start of opening comments, then take down for conf room camera feed with Bob's introduction of session. Session Slide Name-**3 NHS Designation Title**

Presentations Key: Bob Brunswig-Intro, Moderator, in-person; Julia Barry and Sally Boccella, Discussants, in-person.

Legislator's Presenter Video (MP4s) File Names Key-**3A Congressman Neguse Dearfield CO; 3C Sen Bennet Dearfield CO; 3D Sen Hickenlooper Dearfield CO**.

5: Break-10:05-10:20 AM (15 minutes)

6: 10:20-10:35 AM Jennie Goodall: One Woman's Journey to Dearfield (15 minutes).

Introduction: Katie Peterson (Colorado Preservation, Inc./CPI).

Presenter (*in-person*): Maren Bzdek (Historic Preservation Manager, City of Fort Collins)

Bio: Maren Bzdek (MAH-ren BIZ-deck) manages the Historic Preservation Services division for the City of Fort Collins, which supports the preservation of historic places that represent an inclusive understanding of our community history. She holds an MA in History from CSU and has worked in the fields of historic preservation and environmental history for sixteen years.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File Name-Both the introducer and presenter will be in in-person. Presentation Slide Name-**4 Bzdek Jennie Goodall**.

7: 10:35-10:50 PM Clara B. Franklin: An Early African American Civil Rights Icon and Dearfield Founding Leader (15 minutes)

Introduction: Katie Peterson (CPI/Colorado Preservation, Inc.[CPI]).

Presenter (*in-person*): Dr. Bob Brunswig (UNC)

Bio: Bob Brunswig is a Dearfield Committee member and Professor emeritus from the University of Northern Colorado. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Colorado-Boulder and manages Dearfield grant programs through UNC, along with directing its archaeology research program.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint. File name-**5 Brunswig C Franklin**. Both the moderator and presenter are in-person.

8: 10:50-11:05 PM Dearfield Schools and their African American Women Teachers, the Colony's Emphasis on Education in Enfranchising Future Generations (15 minutes)

Introduction: Katie Peterson (CPI).

Presenter (*in-person*): Dr. Margaret Picher (Independent Scholar)

Bio: Margaret Picher was one of the very earliest formal scholars on Dearfield. She produced her University of Denver Master's thesis on the colony and townsite in 1976, drawing on extensive interviews with former Dearfield resident Charlie Rothwell. She later received her Ph.D. from DU in 1986 in American Economic and Business History and taught at Arapahoe Community College and the University of Denver between 1971 and 1979. She later served as program director for American Leprosy Missions. She continues her Dearfield research today, writing a new book on its history.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File name-**6 Picher Dearfield Schools Title *Dr. Picher will deliver her presentation in person without graphics or a presentation file.*** The title page PowerPoint will need only to be brought up on the screen immediately after the previous presentation and remain up for the introduction and bio. ***Once the introduction is over, the title slide will be taken down and the presentation will be verbal only.***

9: 11:05-11:20 PM The Role of Dearfield Women in Colony Church Life and Connections between Denver and Colony Presbyterian Churches (15 minutes)

Introduction: Dr. Chris Bowles (City of Greeley Museums).

Presenter (*in-person*): Daphne Rice-Allen (BAWM).

Bio: Daphne Rice-Allen is chairperson of the Board of Directors at the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center in Denver. The museum is the townsite's owner and three-decade-long Steward and Champion of the Dearfield Legacy.

Comments/Instructions: Both the moderator and presenter are in-person. Presentation Slide Name-**7 Rice Allen Church Life** Presenter will be in person. *There will be a title page and a single second slide. Leave the second slide up for the presentation.*

10: 11:20-11:35 AM Hattie Rothwell: Denver and Dearfield Entrepreneur (15 minutes).

Introduction: Dr. Chris Bowles (City of Greeley Museums).

Presenter (s) (*in-person*): Holly Berg (City of Greeley Museums)

Bio: Holly Berg is a Dearfield Committee member and Curator of Exhibits at the City of Greeley Museums. Holly is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Northern Colorado with a BA in Anthropology.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File name-**8 Berg Hattie Rothwell**; The presentation will be delivered in-person and use the above PPT.

11: Lunch 11:35 AM-1:00 PM (85 minutes) Lunch at the CSU Foundry Dining Hall in the Pawnee Grasslands Room, on your own at CSU Lory Student Center, or at a local restaurant of your choice (See restaurants listed at the end of the program).

Lunch Announcement by Holly Berg.

12: 1:00-2:10 PM Conference Theme Session: Dearfield's Sister African American Towns and Colonies in Colorado and Adjacent States (70 minutes) (four presentations)

Introductions: Holly Berg (City of Greeley Museums) (10 minutes total [max] for all introductions)

First Presentation: Women of the Dry: an African American Homesteading Community in Southeastern Colorado (15 minutes)

Presentation Author: Dr. Michelle Slaughter (Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.).
On-site presenter: Bob Brunswig.

Note to conference attendees from Bob Brunswig during the presentation: You can access a Colorado Public Radio Program on The Dry by hypertexting the following Internet link on the conference program: [The Time Before A Community Called 'The Dry' Dried Up | Colorado Public Radio \(cpr.org\)](#). You can also access a dedicated Web site for The Dry at [A History of The Dry | The Dry Archaeology \(wordpress.com\)](#).

Bio: Michelle Slaughter is a historical archaeologist with a BA in Anthropology from Metro State and an MA from the University of Colorado-Denver. She served as principal investigator of a Colorado State Historical Fund grant project on the archaeology and historical background of The Dry between 2010 and 2013. Michelle was a primary contributor to a new History Colorado Museum exhibit titled The Dry: Black Women's Legacy in a Farming Community, which opened on April 14th.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File name-**9 Slaughter Women of the Dry. Presentation and short narration delivered by Bob Brunswig.**

Second Presentation (in-person): Easyville, the town that never was (15 minutes).

Presenters: Rhonda Corman and Dr. George Junne (UNC). Rhonda will present.

Bio 1: Rhonda Corman, MA in Economics, is Emerita Faculty of Economics at the University of Northern Colorado. She originates from the northeastern plains of Colorado and played a role in early Dearfield studies.

Bio 2: George Junne is Professor of African Studies at the University of Northern Colorado and holds a Ph.D. (1988) from the University of Michigan. He is a Dearfield Committee member and long-time Dearfield Scholar

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File name-**10 Corman Junne Easyville. Presenters (RC and GJ) will be in-person.** An *Easyville handout* will be passed out as the presentation begins.

Third Presentation (Zoom): The Pioneer Women of Nicodemus. (15 minutes). Angela Bates, Founder and President, Nicodemus Historical Society

Bio: Angela Bates is the organizer and founder of the Nicodemus Historical Society and lead developer of the African American pioneer town of Nicodemus as a National Historic Site in 1996. She holds a BA in Education from Emporia State University in Kansas and is a very well-known and highly regarded scholar of African American pioneer history.

Mike: Look for Angela Bates in your Zoom window so she can be brought up for her presentation.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint File Name-**11 Bates Nicodemus Women. Will present on Zoom. The PowerPoint is pre-loaded in the Presentations Sessions folder.**

Fourth Presentation (in-person): Placing Dearfield in Historical Context among Other African American Homesteader Colonies. (15 minutes). Dr. Rick Edwards (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Bio: Rick Edwards (Ph.D., Harvard University) is Director emeritus of the Center for Great Plains Studies at the University of Nebraska. He is a long-time scholar of African American historic communities and homesteading. His new book, "The First Migrants: How Black

Homesteaders' Quest for Land and Freedom Heralded America's Great Migration," will be published this summer.

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint file name- **12 Edwards Homesteaders**. *The presenter will be in-person and use the above PPT.*

13: 2:10-2:25 PM Break (15 minutes)

14: 2:25-3:00 PM Panel Discussion: Expanding Colorado State and University of Northern Colorado Collaborations and Support for the Prospective Dearfield National Historic Site Museum, Education, and Research Center (35 minutes)

Mike: Bring up the Session Title Slide, 13 CSU UNC Collaborations, about 5 minutes before the conference restarts after the break (about 2:20 PM) and keep it up until the next session moderator is prepared to start the session.

Moderator/Discussant: Dr. Chris Bowles (City of Greeley Museums).

For Chris' opening comments:

Moderator opening remarks will include a brief announcement of the Greeley Museums acquiring the original business ledger books of O.T. Jackson for research and curation, an example of the rapid growth of historical resources acquisitions of such resources in Dearfield partner organizations and institutions as the project becomes increasing well known and advanced.

It is also noted that this year's collaborations session, although it *focuses* on two participating educational institutions, will be followed in future years by conference panels focused on other collaborative groups, such as private, city, state, and federal museums, local, state and federal agencies, businesses and corporations, and other African American sites and programs.

Discussion Areas of Collaboration: Student and faculty participation in Dearfield Dream Projects, individual research programs, joint university-based archaeology and historic resource projects, student site and museum docents, scholarships, internships, and fellowships, grant-funding, joint volunteer events and activities, university curricula and Undergraduate/Graduate/Faculty research.

Participants (*all in-person*): Dr. Bob Brunswig (UNC Emeritus Professor), Dr. Leisl Carr-Childers (CSU History Associate Professor), Dr. George Junne (UNC Africana Studies Director and Professor), Dr. Jeri-Anne Lyons (UNC Associate Vice President for Research and Graduate School Dean), Elsa Quiñonez (CSU College of Agricultural Sciences Manager of Student Life & Diversity), and Jay Trask (UNC Head of Archives & Special Collections).

Comments/Instructions: Lead-in Title PowerPoint Name-**13 CSU UNC Collaborations**. All panelists and moderator will be in-person.

15: 3:00-3:45 PM Update and panel discussion on Dearfield Preservation Strategic Plan progress and anticipated implementation challenges (Powerpoint Visual Summary of Progress, 10 minutes; panel discussion, 35 minutes; 45 minutes total)

Mike: look for Natalie Lord on Zoom so she can be brought into the session at the beginning. At the start of the session, bring up the session presentation PPT, 14 Strategic Plan. Bob Brunswig will narrate the PowerPoint. Once done, close out the PPT and Bill Garcia will open the panel participant introductions and subsequent discussion.

Moderator: Bill Garcia

Presenters (*all but Natalie Lord are in person*): Dearfield Committee Members Holly Berg (Greeley Museums), Dr. Chris Bowles (Greeley Museums), Dr. Bob Brunswig (UNC), Dr. George Junne (UNC), Bill Garcia (Coan, Payton & Payne, LLC), and Project Architect Natalie Lord (Form + Works, Dearfield project architect [**Zoom**]).

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint Lead-in narrated by Bob Brunswig: PowerPoint File Name- **14 Strategic Plan**. All panelists except Natalie Lord will be in-person. Natalie will be logging in on Zoom.

16: 3:45-3:55 PM Closing Comments, Upcoming Events, Volunteer Opportunities, and Field Research Announcements (10 minutes)

Comments/Instructions: PowerPoint Presentation Name-**15 Upcoming and Closing**

Presenter: Dr. Bob Brunswig (UNC).

3:55 PM End of Conference