

A History of the Department of Geography & Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado Denver



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University of Colorado Denver banners at Larimer Square: “The City is Our Campus: Learn with Purpose”



Milo in support of cultural diversity at CU Denver in 2017



Runners and Milo the Lynx, CU Denver's mascot, stretch out before the fifth running of the Milo Mile at the Tivoli Quad



***Timeline University of Colorado Denver
from 1912 (Denver Campus originates as Extension of CU Boulder) to
1973 (Denver Center becomes University of Colorado at Denver)***

1876	University of Colorado (CU) established in Boulder
1912	Denver campus originates as extension of CU Boulder
1956	Denver Extension Division moves into Tramway Building (14 th and Arapahoe Streets)
1964	CU regents promote Denver Extension Center to University of Colorado – Denver Center
1968	Auraria site in Denver chosen for a three-college campus
1969	U.S. Dept of Housing and Urban Development designates Auraria an urban renewal area
1971	Regents authorize College of Undergraduate Studies at Denver Center
1973	Constitutional amendment establishing additional CU campuses becomes effective
1973	Regents rename the Denver Center the University of Colorado at Denver (commonly called UCD)
1974	Regents establish CU System, with four campuses
1975	College of Undergraduate Studies at Denver Center renamed College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS)
1977	CU Denver students join CCD and Metro State students at Auraria
1988	CU Denver moves into the North Classroom Building
1990	CU Denver acquires CU Denver Building (also called Dravo Building) at 14 th /Larimer St.
2004	CU Denver and Health Sciences Center (later Anschutz) campuses consolidate
Feb 2013	Milo, the Lynx, presented as the new CU-Denver mascot
2013	CU Denver celebrates its 40 th Anniversary as an independent campus
Sept 2013	“Learn with Purpose” brand established
Aug 2014	Lynx Center in the new Student Commons Building, with annual Lynx Fests by 2017
2016	“CU in the City” message (‘the City is our Campus’) reclaimed and disseminated in ads
2018	Lolo & Rob Salazar Wellness Center for UC-Denver Students Opens

GEOGRAPHY



AND



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Timeline Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences

- 1963 - 1996 **Richard “Dick” Stevens** hired as Assistant Professor (Ph.D. University of Kansas) by University of Colorado, Boulder (Dept of Geography): **first geographer for the “Denver Extension Center”/“University of Colorado - Denver Center”** (at that point the entire campus of the university extension center - commonly called UCD and housed at the Historic Tramway Building on 14th and Arapahoe Streets - has 22 faculty members). He teaches physical & regional geography as well as agriculture and food production (while he is a member of the Boulder Farmers Market, with a food stand there). He retires as Full Professor in 1996; he passes away in 2018
- 1965 Stevens becomes Chair, Division of Natural and Physical Sciences (Geography is part of the Division of Natural & Physical Sciences, one of three divisions of the College of Undergraduate Studies, renamed College of Liberal Arts and Sciences CLAS in 1975)
- 1965 – 1998 Stevens hires **William “Bill” Rodgers, a former Brigadier General /a military adviser in Iran, with Master’s Degree from Arizona State University, as Instructor in geography** (Rodgers teaches regional geography including the Middle East; eventually he becomes Assistant Professor and retires 1973/74; he passes away in 1998; his wife Wendell Rodgers establishes the “William Rogers Memorial Fund”, with scholarships for students majoring in geography)
- 1966/67 Stevens, as Chair of the Division, is told to expand the faculty of the Division of Natural & Physical Sciences with one hire in Physics, one in Chemistry and one in Geology (Biology, Mathematics, Psychology had already faculty members)
- 1967/68 While Stevens went on a Fulbright (in Africa) faculty search conducted by CU-Boulder
- Fall 1968 **Wesley “Wes” LeMasurier, Geology (Ph.D. from Stanford) is hired as Associate Professor**, jointly with Clyde Zaidins, Physics (Ph.D. from Cal Tech) and Bob Damrauer, Chemistry (Ph.D. from MIT). LeMasurier retires as Full Professor in 2002
- 1968 – 1975 Stevens serves as Chair for the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences, with LeMasurier as Associate Chair of Geology (1970-1973)
- 1970 **Yuk Lee, Ph.D. Ohio State University, is hired as Assistant Professor** (he teaches urban and transportation geography; he moves to the College of Architecture and Planning, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, in 1986). He retires as Full Professor in 2013/14
- 1971 - 1985 **Melvin Albaum, Ph.D. Ohio State University, is hired as Associate Professor** (he publishes a volume “Geography and Contemporary Issues”, with pioneering contributions to population geography and social geography, in 1973; he leaves academe for a business venture in San Francisco in 1980 and passes away in 1985; a Melvin Albaum Scholarship Fund for CLAS Undergraduate Studies is established)

- 1972/73 **Faculty of Geography and Geology (within the Division of Natural & Physical Sciences) consists in 1973, the year the University of Colorado Denver becomes an independent institution, of four members:**
Associate Professor Melvin Albaum, Associate Professor Richard Stevens, Assistant Professor Yuk Lee, Assistant Professor William Rodgers (all Geography) and Associate Professor Wesley LeMasurier (Geology)
- 1970s/1980 Secretary of the Division: Jane Frame (Division Office location on 9th Street)
- 1973/74 **Charles “Gil” Schmidt, an urban/transportation geographer, is hired** as Assistant Professor and faculty associate of the Center for Urban Transportation Studies (he becomes eventually Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and left UCD for the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, in 1991)
- 1974 When William “Bill” Rogers retires, James “Jim” Huckabay is hired (did not have a Ph.D. yet, and left in 1980/81, when he could not get tenure)
- 1974 Master Plan of the University of Colorado at Denver lists the potential development and availability of master degrees programs for geography and for environmental sciences
- 1976 - 1978 Rick Page, a geographer and graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy, is hired (left the Division after two years)
- 1976/78 **Jeanne Mayne** (a former student of UCD since 1970 who eventually earned a master’s degree from CU-Boulder) **becomes Instructor in geography**
- 1975 – 1980 Geography faculty members (except Yuk Lee and Jeanne Mayne) teach a semester at sea (responsibility for teaching at sea was eventually restructured, with CU Boulder); Stevens serves as Administrative Dean on the ship (his wife Betty is one of the nurses on the ship)
- 70s/early 80s **Boom years of the extractive industries in Colorado, with a high demand for geologists, leads to further hiring: William “Bill” Biladeau, Ph.D. Stanford University, Geology (did not make tenure and leaves Dept) and Jeff Kurtz (worked for the Dept for three years) teach courses in geology, joined eventually by instructors John Roulston, Karen Houck, and Hassan Amini**
- 1980/1981 Transition from the division structure of CLAS to a departmental structure of CLAS
- 1980 – 1986 **Stevens becomes the first Chair of the Dept of Geography, Geology, and Physics**
- 1980s/1990s Secretary/Program Assistant of the Dept.: Patricia “Pat” Baldwin, followed by Nancy Coca after Baldwin passes away
- 1980 - 2011 **Martin Lockley, a geologist/paleontologist from Wales, with Ph.D. from Birmingham University, is hired;** he establishes the Dinosaur Trackers Group at UCD and the

- Dinosaur Tracks Museum where he serves as curator of the museum (1996 till 2012 when the museum is moved to Boulder). He retires as Full Professor in 2011
- 1980s Geology Student Club, with a multitude of activities, is established
- 1982 – 2014 **John “Jack” Weihaupt, a geophysicist and geologist, is hired** as Associate Dean of the Graduate School and eventually promoted to Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs; after completion of his administrative service in 1986 he joins the Dept where he becomes Professor of Geology and retires in 2007. He passes away in September 2014
- 1982 **Thomas “Tom” Clark, a geographer with Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, is hired** by the College of Architecture and Planning, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning (he becomes eventually acting Dean of the Graduate School and acting Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; he was never part of the Dept but collaborates with members of the Dept. of Geography and Environmental Sciences). He retires in 2011.
- 1982/83/84 Collapse of the extractive industries in Colorado (with the consequence of a substantially reduced ‘output’ of geology majors in the following years/decade)
- 1986 – 1992 **Martin Maltempo, from Physics, becomes Chair of the Dept of Geography, Geology and Physics**
- 1986 - 88 While the faculty teaching geology, paleontology and oceanography courses consists of Wes LeMasurier, Martin Lockley, Bill Biladeau, Jeff Kurtz and Jack Weihaupt as well as several instructors, the faculty for teaching geography courses is down to two (Stevens and Mayne) resulting in considerations within CLAS (Dean Loflin) to discontinue Geography as a major, an idea that was abandoned
- 1988 Dept. of Geography and Geology moves 1988/1989 from the Tramway Building (today the buildings on Arapahoe Street/13th and 14th Streets are occupied by the Hotel Teatro, a boutique hotel, and the Robert and Judi Newman Center for Theatre Education, the Denver Center Theatre Academy) to the new North Classroom Building on Auraria Campus, Third Floor
- 1991 **Frederick “Fred” Chambers, Ph.D. Arizona State University, is hired** to teach physical geography
- 1992 **Brian Page, Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, is hired** to teach human geography
- 1992 **Split of Dept of Geography, Geology and Physics into a Dept. of Physics and a Dept. of Geography and Geology**
- 1992 – 1994 **While Maltempo remains Chair of the Dept. of Physics, Stevens becomes again Chair of the Dept. of Geography and Geology**

- 1992/94 **Ed Nuhfer, Ph.D. Stanford University, is hired** as Director of Teaching Effectiveness, and is part of the Dept. of Geography and Geology as a tenured geology professor; he eventually leaves UCD, in 2002
- 1993 **Rudi Hartmann, Ph.D. Technical University of Munich, is hired** as an Instructor to teach regional geography classes, first Eastern Europe, Africa and eventually World Regional Geography (he becomes Senior Instructor in 2000, Associate Professor Clinical Teaching Track C/T in 2011 and Professor C/T in 2017)
- 1994 **John Wyckoff, Ph. D. University of Utah, becomes Chair of the Dept. of Geography and Geology**
- Mid/late1990s Wyckoff collaborates with Lynn Johnson (Civil Engineering) and Maryanne McDonald (Urban and Regional Planning) to create the FAST Lab (Facility for Advanced Spatial Technology), a state-of-the-art Geographic Information System science lab for teaching and research on campus, with first location in the Dravo Building on 14th Street and later relocation to the North Classroom Building, Fifth Floor
- Late 1990s Wyckoff asks Dean Loflin to incorporate the Master of Environmental Sciences Program into the Dept. as well as to rename the Dept. to a Department of Geography, Geology and Environmental Sciences
- 1996/98 **Herman “Herm” Sievering, Ph.D. University of Illinois, is hired**, initially for the Environmental Sciences section of the Dept of Physics in 1985, and becomes eventually part of the Dept of Geography, Geology and Environmental Sciences (joined by William “Bill” Chappell) but leaves the Dept as Full Professor in 2008
- Late 1990s Krisna Suryanata, Ph.D. in political ecology, from the University of California Berkeley, is hired (leaves Dept. within one year, and returns to the University of Hawaii)
- 1998/99 **Joanna Wright, Ph.D. University of Bristol, is hired** as Senior Instructor and Assistant Curator of the Dinosaur Tracks Museum (she becomes eventually Assistant Professor and Associate Professor but leaves Dept. in 2007)
- 2000 **Deborah “Deb” Thomas, Ph.D. University of South Carolina, with specializations in GIS/Geography of Public Health, is hired** to strengthen the Geospatial Science faculty
- Fall 2000 **Chambers becomes Chair of the Dept of Geography, Geology and Environmental Sciences**
- 2002/03 Sue Eddleman becomes Program Assistant of the Dept.
- 2001/02/03/04 Options in B.A. Geography are established; more courses in GIS applications, with the offering of a GIS certificate and the regular uses of the FAST Lab; a rapid increase of geography majors in the 2000s

- 2000 **Jon Barbour, Ph.D. University of California, Davis, is hired** as Instructor to teach courses in environmental sciences and physical geography (he becomes Senior Instructor and Associate Director of the Masters of Environmental Sciences Program in 2002 and leaves the Dept. in Summer 2014)
- 2002 **The Dept. starts housing the Masters of Environmental Sciences Program in 2002** (John Wyckoff becomes Director of the Program 2002 - 2011)
- 2003 **Rafael Moreno, Ph.D. Colorado State University, is hired** to teach land use planning and natural resource management
- 2002/03/04 As the output of geology majors drops off significantly in the 1990s/2000s, CLAS Dean Smith decides to terminate the Geology major (coinciding with Wes LeMasurier's retirement) and **the department is eventually renamed Dept. of Geography and Environmental Sciences (GES)**
- 2004 University of Colorado Denver and University of Colorado Health Sciences Center campuses (Health Sciences Center after relocation from 9th Avenue/Colorado Boulevard becomes the Anschutz Medical Campus in the former Fitzsimmons Hospital location) consolidate, with eventually more collaboration between faculty members of the Dept. (Deborah Thomas, Peter Anthamatten) and Anschutz Campus faculty members in the public health field
- Jan 2005 **Page becomes Chair of the Dept. of Geography and Environmental Sciences (GES)**
- 2005/06/07/08 EDGE (Every Day Geographical Experiences) GES/GIS student club is established
- 2005/06 **Amanda Weaver is hired** as Instructor to teach GIS Applications and Urban Studies (eventually Urban Agriculture at the Five Fridges Farm in Wheat Ridge, a new research station of the Dept.; Ph.D. University of Denver 2014)
- 2007 **Bryan Chao-Chang Wee, Ph.D. Purdue University, is hired** by the School of Education & Human Development (SEHD) in the STEM Education program (75%), with a joint appointment in GES. In 2009, these roles are flipped (25% SEHD/75% GES). In 2015, Bryan is full-time in GES but retains an affiliate faculty position in SEHD. Bryan has served as GESD Undergraduate Adviser from 2015 to 2018.
- 2008 **Casey Allen, Ph.D., Arizona State University, is hired** and becomes faculty adviser for undergraduate studies in 2012. He leaves GES in Summer 2017.
- 2008 **Peter Anthamatten, Ph.D. University of Minnesota, is hired** and serves as faculty adviser and coordinator for GIS certificates 2011 to Summer 2015.
- 2009 **Gregory Simon, Ph.D. University of Washington, is hired** to teach environmental policy & planning and political ecology

- 2010 **Anne Chin, Ph.D. Arizona State University, is hired as Professor** to teach physical geography, fluvial geomorphology and human-landscape interaction. She has served as Director of Graduate Studies (of both Master's Programs) from 2015 to 2018
- 2010/11 **Ryan Sincavage is hired as Instructor** to teach geology and earth sciences courses. He leaves GES in September 2015
- 2011 Fred Chambers serves as Director of Graduate Studies, for the Master's Program in Environmental Sciences, 2011 to 2015
- 2011/12 Branding campaign for the four campuses of the CU System: University of Colorado Denver becomes CU Denver and the common abbreviation UCD is abandoned
- 2013 **Christy Briles, Ph.D. University of Oregon, is hired** to teach physical geography and biography (she becomes Associate Director of the Masters of Environmental Sciences Program in 2014)
- 2013 **Yi-Chia Chen. Ph.D. Louisiana State University, is hired as Instructor** to teach human geography and urban studies at the International College Beijing (ICB). In Spring Semester and Summer Semester 2018, he has taught at the University of Colorado, Denver.
- 2013 Valerie Kraucunas becomes Administrative Assistant. She leaves GES in November 2015.
- 2013/14/15 GES develops Master's Program in Geography, "Master of Arts (M.A.) Applied Geography and Geo-Spatial Science", (approved by Dean, Provost and the Board of Regents; beginning of the two-year graduate program: Fall 2015)
- Jan 2015 **Deborah Thomas becomes Chair, Rafael Moreno becomes Associate Chair;** Thomas remains Chair through the academic years 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18. She leaves GES in August 2018
- Spring 2015 Department of Geography and Environmental Program Self-Study 2015
- Fall 2015 Master's Program "Master of Arts (M.A.) Applied Geography and Geo-Spatial Science" is launched
- Fall 2015 **Matthew 'Matt' Cross is hired as Instructor** to teach Remote Sensing and GIS Applications Courses. He has served a faculty adviser and coordinator for the GIS Certificate 2015 to 2019 (Ph.D. University of Colorado Denver in May 2018; he becomes Assistant Professor C/T in 2018)
- March 2016 Samantha 'Sam' Maslak becomes Administrative Assistant. She leaves GES in June 2017
- Fall 2016 **Daniel 'Dan' Liptzin, Ph.D. University of Colorado Boulder, is hired as Senior Instructor** to teach physical geography classes. He leaves GES in May 2018

- Sept 2017 Meron Ayele becomes Administrative Assistant
- August 2018 **Page becomes Chair of GES for the Academic Year 2018/2019**
- Fall 2018 **Ivan Ramirez is hired as Senior Instructor** to teach environmental sciences classes. He leaves GES in July 2019
- August 2019 **Peter Anthamatten becomes Chair of the Department of Geography and Environmental Sciences (GES)**
- Fall 2019 **Benjamin ‘Ben’ Crawford, Ph. D. University of British Columbia, is hired as an Assistant Professor** to teach physical geography, weather and climate
- Fall 2019 **Katherine ‘Kathy’ Kelsey, Ph. D. University of Colorado Boulder, is hired as an Assistant Professor** to teach environmental studies and climate change

Current faculty (August 2019): Peter Anthamatten, Associate Professor and Chair; Christy Briles, Assistant Professor; Frederick Chambers, Associate Professor; Yi-Chia Chen, Instructor (CU-Denver/International College Beijing), Anne Chin, Professor; Ben Crawford, Assistant Professor; Matt Cross, Assistant Professor C/T; Rudi Hartmann, Professor C/T; Kathy Kelsey, Assistant Professor; Rafael Moreno, Associate Professor; Brian Page, Associate Professor; Gregory Simon, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies; Amanda Weaver, Senior Instructor; Bryan Chao-Chang Wee, Associate Professor

Professors Emeriti Wesley LeMasurier, Martin Lockley and John Wyckoff

Instructors Jeanne Mayne (since 1976/78), Thomas ‘Tom’ Duster (since 2017), Kirsten ‘Kris’ Christensen (since 2018; CU-Succeed-Liaison), Sarah McCall (since 2019), Karen Houck (1981/82 to 2007)

Lecturers Jim Fleming (since 1996), Richard DeGrandchamp (since 2006), Tim Connors (since 2008), Richard Ashmore (since 2013) Peter Timm (1993 to 2015), Eric Ross (2009 to 2015), Chuck Patterson (2014 to 2016), Sojin Jang (2015 to 2018), Cody Peterson (2018 – 2019)

Staff: Sue Eddleman, Program Assistant, and Meron Ayele, Administrative Assistant

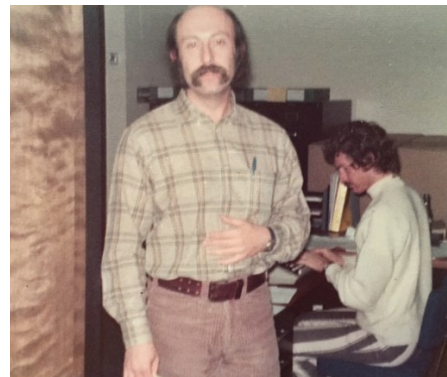
Early GES Faculty



Richard 'Dick' Stevens and Betty Stevens at their Longmont Home, 2013



William 'Bill' Rodgers and Wendell Rodgers



Melvin 'Mel' Albaum and David Cole



Mel Albaum, Ila Warner, and students of the Population Dynamics Program



Yuk Lee at the 2014 Commencement event



Wesley 'Wes' LeMasurier

Richard 'Dick' Stevens

Richard 'Dick' Stevens was the first geographer, with Ph.D. from the University of Kansas, who was hired to teach at the "Denver Extension Center"/"University of Colorado – Denver Center" in 1963. Two years later, he became Chair of the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences, one of three divisions of the College of Undergraduate Studies (eventually to be renamed CLAS). He was appointed the first Chair of the Department of Geography, Geology and Physics 1980 – 1986. After years of teaching at UCD as well as within the 'Semester at Sea' Program and at the International College Beijing (ICB) in the 1990s, Dick Stevens retired as Full Professor in 1996. He passed away in 2018.

He taught many courses in physical and regional geography. Probably, his favorite course was Agriculture and Food Production where he was able to offer information on the theory and practice of growing and distributing food. Dick was a co-founder of the Boulder Farmers Market in 1987 which became known as the largest and most recognized farmers market in the State. He and his wife Betty had a farm in Longmont; the vegetables they harvested there would represent a main source of fresh produce offered at the Boulder Farmers Market. Many of their long-time customers which they attracted with their naturally grown crops became 'family'.

William 'Bill' Rodgers

William 'Bill' Rodgers was one of the early geographers who taught at the University of Colorado – Denver Extension/University of Colorado at Denver in the late 1960s and early 1970s. He was hired as an Instructor in Fall 1965. During his nine academic years at UCD (1965/66 – 1973/74) he provided a multitude of courses in geography for undergraduate studies. In the last year before his retirement he was promoted to Assistant Professor. Bill Rodgers passed away in 1998.

Most of William Rodgers' professional career played out in the military. He was decommissioned in January 1963 after more than thirty years of service. He fought in World War II in Europe, was part of the troops that stayed in Germany and served as a military adviser to the Shah Government in Iran. He was promoted to Brigadier General and was an assistant commander in the 2nd Armored Division.

After he left the military in 1963 he decided to go back to school at age 55, with a chosen emphasis on studies in geography. He became a graduate student at the University of Arizona where he received his Master's Degree in 1965. He specialized in cultural and historical geography and studied the interface of cultures and the uses of the land they occupied, in particular in the context of the arid landscapes of Southern Arizona.

After completion of his studies in Southern Arizona he was hired by Richard 'Dick' Stevens, then chair of the Division of Natural Sciences. Bill Rodgers offered regional geography courses, with Iran and the Middle East (where he had extensive travel experiences) as his favorite topics. He also taught 'Weather and Climate' and courses in human geography including political and military geography. He liked to talk and teach, and became a popular instructor among many students who followed him as 'Rodgers' Rangers'. He invited his students regularly after class to coffee and to social get-togethers. Bill Rodgers shared the office with Dick Stevens. When arriving at the office, then at the historic Tramway Building (now the Hotel Teatro), Bill and Dick tended to greet each other - more amusingly - with 'Dr. Stevens' and 'Brigadier General'. Occasionally, at the end of the day, Bill and Wendell Rodgers and Dick and Betty Stevens enjoyed jointly a cocktail in a nearby restaurant/bar, then in a smaller Denver Downtown without high rise buildings.

After Bill Rodgers passed away Wendell Rodgers established the William M. Rodgers Fund and Scholarship in the honor of her husband. Since then, each year outstanding and deserving students majoring in geography have received awards. Created with an initial cash gift, the fund supports scholarships for undergraduates studying geography, a subject for which Mrs. Rodgers shares her husband's enthusiasm.

Yuk Lee

Yuk Lee, with Ph.D. from Ohio State University and specialization in urban and transportation geography, was hired in 1970. Originally from South China, he included the study of urbanization processes in China in his research agenda. Among his many publications, some developed with fellow UCD Professor 'Gil' Schmidt, were articles in renowned journals like *Environment and Planning*, *Urban Geography* and *Asian Geographer*. He moved from the Department of Geography to the College of Architecture and Planning in 1986 where he taught among others transportation planning and retail geography. Yuk Lee, as Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, served as Associate Dean and Acting Dean of the URP Program. He also worked as a consultant and international adviser to several Chinese organizations including the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Hong Kong Government Research Grant Council. Yuk Lee initiated an exchange program between Tongji University and the University of Colorado Denver. He retired as Full Professor in 2014. Yuk Lee lives with his wife Judy in the Denver Metro Area, as does his son Tommy Lee, owner and operator of 'Uncle' and 'Hop Alley', two Chinese-American Restaurants in the Denver Highlands and RINO neighborhoods.

Melvin 'Mel' Albaum

Melvin 'Mel' Albaum, with Ph.D. from Ohio State University, joined the UCD faculty in 1971. He was born and grew up in the Lower Eastside of Manhattan. During his graduate years in Madison and Columbus as well as faculty member of the University of Kentucky, Graduate School of Geography, he developed his interest and proficiency in social, ethnic-urban and population studies. His main legacy was a pioneering book publication "Geography and Contemporary Issues: Studies of Relevant Problems" (Wiley 1973), where he served as lead editor. In 1973 he was awarded a four-year grant in the amount of \$ 489,000 by the National Institute of Mental Health. The grant title was "Population Dynamics for Disadvantaged Undergraduates: Experimental Training Programs". Its purpose was to take economically disadvantaged students through an entire college curriculum by providing them academic support built on the foundation of an interdisciplinary demography major called "population dynamics". Virtually all the high risk students he and his collaborator Ila Warner recruited at the beginning of the project graduated from the University. About half of them eventually earned a master's degree. He was a very influential teacher at UCD. Among the people he mentored were David Cole, a later Professor of Geography at the University of Northern Colorado, and his daughter Jennifer Albaum who completed her Master's Degree at Louisiana State University (LSU). Mel Albaum decided to leave his tenured position after the 1981/82 academic year to pursue a small business venture (two restaurants) in San Francisco. Mel Albaum passed away in 1985, as an early victim of the HIV epidemics. An Albaum Scholarship Fund on the CLAS level was established to support his wish of helping students get an education. Mel was one of the first openly gay faculty members within the University of Colorado system. Long before diversity became a University of Colorado Denver acclaimed objective and goal Mel Albaum excelled in his service to the wider University Community.

Wesley 'Wes' LeMasurier

Wesley 'West' LeMasurier was hired in 1968 by the University of Colorado Boulder Geology Department to start a geology program on the Denver campus, known at that time as the Denver Extension Center. He came with a Ph.D. from Stanford and four years as an Assistant Professor at Cornell University. He was offered the choice of either Asst. Prof. or Assoc. Prof. rank, at the same pay, and chose Assoc. Prof. because it included \$250 moving expenses! Wes was tenured and promoted to Full Professor in the UCB and remained on the UCB roster until the mid-1970s, when UCD took the first steps toward independence.

At the University of Colorado Denver he taught two, laboratory courses per semester and continued a research program on volcanoes of Marie Byrd Land, Antarctica (MBL) that was started at Cornell. He brought with him an NSF research grant.

Wes took a year-long sabbatical in New Zealand to study the geologic relationship between NZ and MBL. This was followed by another sabbatical in NZ in 1982 then one in Cambridge, England, in 1990, and another in Siena, Italy and Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1998, all involving the study of Antarctic volcanoes. His research was recognized with a Chancellors' Lectureship in 1995.

The promise of a five-person department was made when he was hired in 1968, but was not realized until Dan Fallon became Dean of Arts and Sciences in the late 1970's. A structural geologist was added to the faculty in 1980, then a paleontologist (Martin Lockley) the next year, and two others in the next five years.

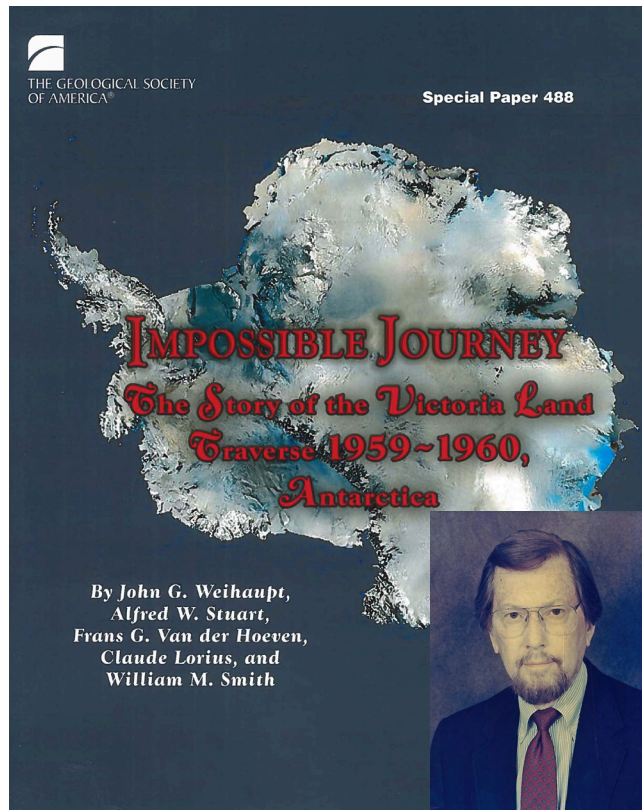
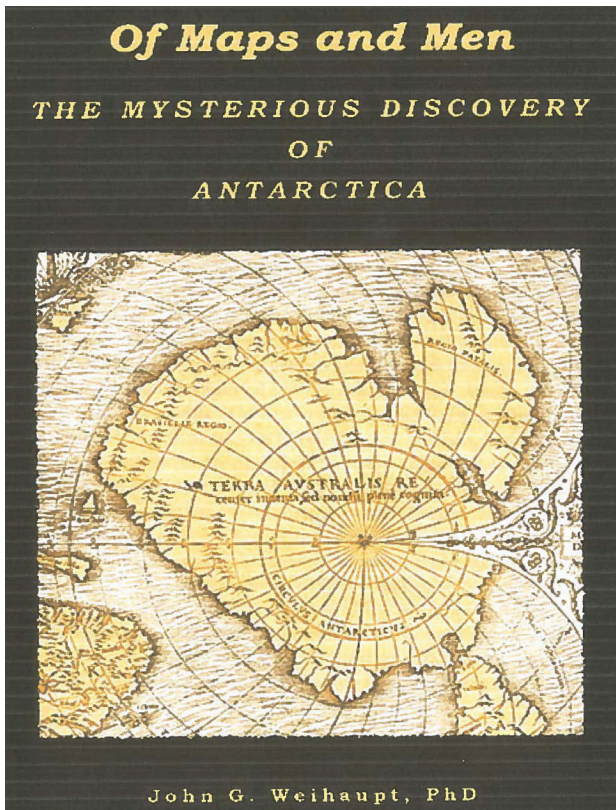
In 1984, Wes was invited to China for a lecture tour and geological field trips around Changsha, Guilin, and Beijing. With financial help from the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (Jack Weihaupt), this resulted in the establishment of the UCD – Guilin College Scholarly Exchange Program. It was the first such program at UCD. Each year for the next 10 years one or two of our students would spend an all expense paid year at Guilin College learning geology and Mandarin Chinese from faculty at the college, and we would host an equal number of Chinese scholars.

The geology program at UCD was always sensitive to the boom and bust cycles of the oil and gas industry in Denver. During a boom we could barely accommodate all the geology majors, and during a bust we would find ourselves on the CCHE hit list. Wes retired in 2003 during a big downturn, and rather than replace him, the Dean decided to terminate the geology degree program. Wes was appointed a Fellow and member of the Directorate at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR) at UCB where he now continues his research on the geochemistry and tectonic relationships of Marie Byrd Land volcanoes. Wes and his wife Heather live in Boulder, Colorado. Wes comes regularly to his office at the CU-Denver Downtown Campus.

John 'Jack' Weihaupt Retirement Party, 2007



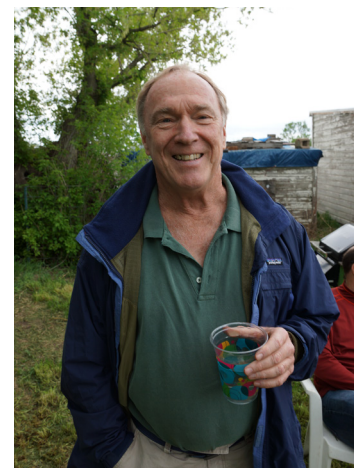
Front Row: Jack Weihaupt, Audrey Weihaupt | **Second Row:** Rudi Hartmann, Deb Chambers, Fred Chambers, Martin Lockley, Sue Eddleman, Jim Fleming, Jim Hageman | **Back Row:** Amanda Weaver, John Wyckoff



Martin Lockley Retirement Party, 2011



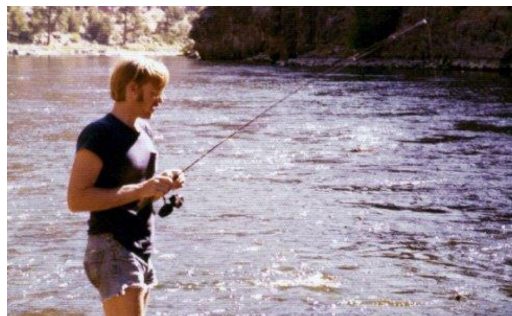
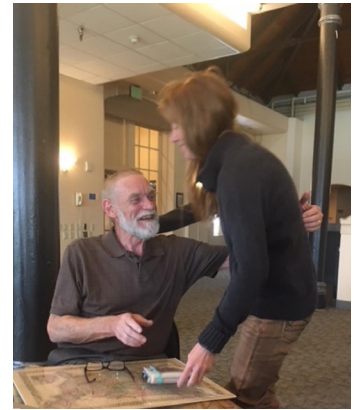
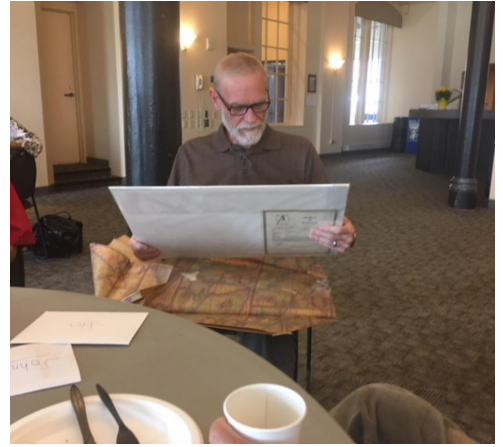
GES Picnic at Five Fridges Farm, 2015



Five Fridges Farm: GES Urban Farm Field Research Station



John Wyckoff Retirement Party, 2018



Rostered Faculty, August 2019



Peter Anthamatten, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor
& Dept. Chair*



Christy Briles, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor



Frederick Chambers, Ph.D.
Associate Professor



Yi-Chia Chen, Ph.D.
Instructor



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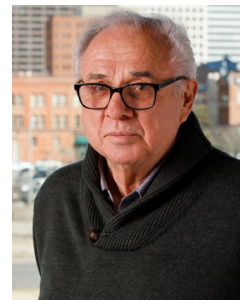
Kirsten Christensen, MSS, MURP
Instructor



Benjamin Crawford, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor



Matthew Cross, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor C/T



Rudi Hartmann, Ph.D.
Professor C/T



Thomas Duster, Ph.D.
Senior Instructor



Pamela Jansma, Ph.D.
CLAS Dean, Professor



Katharine Kelsey, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor



Sarah McCall, Ph.D.
Instructor



Rafael Moreno, Ph.D.
Associate Professor



Brian Page, Ph.D.
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