

CURRICULUM VITAE

Cathy Comstock

Senior Instructor, Farrand Residential Academic Program

University of Colorado, 180 UCB

HONORS:

Stearns Award for Outstanding Contributions to the University (teaching and service), 2005

Alumni Association Student Herd (formerly SOAR) Teaching Excellence Award, 2004

Boulder Faculty Assembly Service Award, 2001

Boulder Faculty Assembly Teaching Award, 1997

Campus Compact National Faculty Award for Service Learning in Higher Education, 1995

SOAR Teaching Excellence Award, 1990

Honors Excellence in Teaching Award

Van Ek Mentor for one-to-three Van Ek winners (with high academic and service records) a year, 1985 – present

Most recent:

- Anisah Spahn, 2017
- Autumn Braley, 2017
- Xia Duffing-Romero, 2016
- Adrianna Adams, 2015
- Hanna Le, 2015
- Matisse Rosen, 2014 ▪ Lorien Howe, 2014
- Gideon Irving, 2013
- Monica Glick, 2013

Marinus Smith “You Make a Difference” Award (teaching and retention), 2010 and 2014

Farrand Teaching Award, 2013 and 2007

Chosen as mentor by the Most Outstanding A&S Graduate (four times),
Spring 2003, Fall 1990, Spring 1989, Fall 1988

University of Colorado "Green Faculty" Award, 1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

(1980 – Present)

Senior Instructor for Farrand Residential Academic Program (rostered)
Honors Program
Humanities Department
First-Year Seminar program
Sustainability and Social Innovation Residential Academic Program
INVST (International and National Voluntary Service Training)
Norlin Scholars

New Courses Designed and Taught:

HUMN 4845, *Reading Culture: The Meanings We Make*

FYSM 1000, *Gandhi and Meditation: Practices of Peace*

SSIR 2930, *Internships in Sustainability and Social Innovation*

HUMN 4835, *Literature and Social Violence (Contemporary Societies Core)*

HUMN 3935, *Humanities Internship*

HONR 4055, *Discourse Analysis & Cultural Criticism (Critical Thinking Core)*

HONR 4056, *Service-learning Practicum optional with HONR 4055*

FARR 1562, *Gandhi's Satyagraha*

FARR 1561, *Nonviolence and Contemplative Pedagogy*

HONR 4000, *The Individualist Ethic and American Culture*

HUMN 3828, *The Dynamics of Desire: English and French Literature and Art of 18th Century*

Other Courses Taught:

FARR 2820, *Spaceship Earth*

2002, *Literature of Lifewriting*

INVS 4914, *Democracy and Nonviolent Social Movements*

HUMN 1010 and 1020, *Introduction to Humanities, I and II*

Introduction to Composition

Advanced Composition

Great Books

Administrative

8/2011 – 5/2015 Associate Director, SSI Residential Academic Program
(Sustainability and Social Innovation)

1/1983 – 5/2011 Associate Director/ Co-director, Farrand Residential Academic Program

1998 – 99, 1995 – 96, 1988 – 1989 Acting Director, Farrand Residential Academic Program

1986 – 87 Director, Introduction to Humanities Program for Comparative Literature and Humanities Department

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Curriculum and Pedagogy

Associate Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee 2015 - ongoing

Inclusive Excellence Community of Practice (Workshops and seminars) 2017 – ongoing

Faculty Advisor, Service-Learning Program 1999 - 2002

Chair, Service-Learning Faculty Council	1994 – 2001
Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee	1999 – 2008
Chair, Sub-committee on Internships for A&S Curriculum Committee	2003 – 2004
Chancellor’s Service-Learning Committee	1991 – 1994
UCB Strategic Plan Teaching-Learning Committee	1995
Chair, A&S Ideals & Values Subcommittee for new Core Curriculum	1988 - 1989

Presentations on Service Learning

Presentation on Service Learning for Residential Academic Program Forum (panel member)	2013
Center for Civic Engagement video interview to inform public about service-learning and civic engagement at University of Colorado	2007
“Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Service Learning,” Graduate Teaching Excellence Program	1999
“The Farrand Program and Service-Learning,” CU-B’s “Club 24”	1999
“Designing a Service-Learning Course,” Faculty Teaching Excellence Program	1998
“Service Learning: Practice and Purpose,” Faculty Teaching Excellence Program	1998
“Service Learning: Connecting Academia and the Community,” Faculty Teaching Excellence Program, Fall 1997	
“The Institutionalization of Service Learning within the University” (panel member), Conference of the Invisible College	1997
“Service Learning: Academic Theory and Community Practice,” The Scholarship of Service Conference	1997
“Service Learning Across the Disciplines,” Campus Compact Regional Conference	1997
“Service Learning and the Humanities,” Campus Compact Regional Conference	1996
“Service Learning, Teaching and Professionalism,” Graduate Teaching Program	1996
“Personalizing the Research University: Residential Academic Programs and Service Learning,” Big 12 Provosts’ Conference at University of Colorado	1996

“Service Learning Across the Curriculum,” Campus Compact Regional Conference	1995
“Service Learning as Praxis,” Lead Conference Speaker, Graduate Teaching Workshop	1995
“Service Learning: Putting Academic Theory into Community Practice,” Graduate Teaching Program	1995
“Critical Theory and Compassion: Service Learning,” Campus Compact Regional Conference	1994

Support for optimal conditions for instructor teaching

A&S Task Force on Instructors	2018 – ongoing
Instructor-Track Faculty Affairs Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly	2012 – ongoing
Shared Governance Task Force on Instructors (Revisiting promotion & benefits)	2007
System Committee on Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Issues	1998 – 2000
“Instructors’ Issues and Shared Governance,” KGNU interview	1998
Chair, Task Force on Instructors’ “Bill of Rights”	1997 – 1999

Shared Governance

Arts and Sciences Governance Council – Representative for Residential Academic Programs	2012 – ongoing 1996 – 2000
Boulder Faculty Assembly	2015 - ongoing 1993 – 2009
Academic Futures (Listener and participant in sessions)	2017
Chair, CU-Boulder Outreach Committee for 15 years (Granted \$250,000 each year to faculty outreach projects)	1996 – 2011
Executive Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly	2006 – 2009, 1998 – 2004
Co-Chair, BFA Academic Affairs Committee	2006 – 2008
Chair, BFA Administrator Appraisal Task Force (Intensive process of research and consultation to form new AAPs)	1999 – 2000

Chair, BFA Administrator Appraisal Committee (Provides yearly narrative reports drawn from performance-based appraisals of major administrators at time of review or reappointment)	2000 – 2004
Vice Chair, Boulder Faculty Assembly	1996 – 1998
Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee	1996 – 2001
ASC representative	1996 – 2001
Boulder Faculty Assembly Service Award Committee	1996
Other service	
PUEC (Primary Unit Evaluation Committee) for reappointment for Paul Strom (Interviewed students, reviewed letters, wrote report)	2009
Outreach Staff Awards Selection Committee	2015 - present
Norlin Scholars Advisory Board	1997 – 2009
Honors Advisory Board	1996 – 2006
Pedestrian Safety Task Force, Member and Editor	2009 – 2015
Parking Management Advisory Committee	2006 – 2015
University Calendar Committee	1996 – 1997
Chancellor's Advisory Committee	1996 – 1997
Chair, Honors Thesis (one to four theses a year)	1983 – present
Reader, Honors Thesis (one to five theses a year)	1983 – present
Author, 30 – 40 detailed recommendations for students and faculty of 2 – 4 pages	1981 – present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: Lectures / Workshops (other than service-learning & governance)

Presentation on mindfulness to increase student well-being for UCB Center for Mindfulness/
Rocky Mt. Dialogues, Spring 2019

Presentation on mindfulness in the classroom and beyond, Farrand Residential Academic
Program, Spring 2019

Presentation for Environmental Center on ecological and economic values of Open Space, Fall 2010

Presentation on Gandhi and Nonviolence for INVST class, Spring 2010

Presentation on nonviolence in everyday practices, Spring 2009

Presentations on nonviolent communication - INVST and Multicultural Leadership Class, Fall 2008

Interviewed as the faculty representative of civic engagement at the University of Colorado for video about national Presidential Award won by CU, Spring 2008

"Social Change through Nonviolent Communication and Deep Listening," Presentation for Martin Luther King Symposium, Spring 2005

Panel on Social Violence, Fall 2002

Faculty Teach-In on September 11 Crisis, Fall 2001

Guest Speaker, Luncheon for Environmental Design Faculty, Fall 2001

Guest Speaker, Academic Awards Recognition for Student Affairs, Fall 1999

Boulder Faculty Assembly Speaker for Commencement, Spring 1997

"Service and Success," President's Leadership Program, Spring 1996

"Service for Life," President's Leadership Program, Fall 1994

"How to Save the World in Eight Easy Steps," President's Leadership Program, Fall 1992

"Deep Ecology versus Environmentalism," Guest speaker for Nonviolence and the Ethics of Social Change, Spring 1991

PUBLICATIONS:

Books: *Disruption and Delight in the Nineteenth-Century Novel* (Ann Arbor, Michigan: UMI Research Press).

Articles: "Literature and Service Learning: Not Strange Bedfellows," *Building Community: Service Learning in the Academic Disciplines*, Colorado Campus Compact, pp. 81 – 88.

"Gandhi and the Rhetoric of Nonviolent Revolution," Accepted by *The International Journal of Gandhi Studies* at James Madison University.

"Transcendental Buffoonery: Irony as process in Schlegel's 'Über die Unverständlichkeit,'" *Studies in Romanticism*.

“ ‘Speak, and I See the Side-Lie of a Truth’: The Problematics of Truth in Meredith’s *Modern Love*,” *Victorian Poetry*.

EDUCATION: Ph.D. in Comparative Literature, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

M.A. in Comparative Literature, University of Colorado.

B.A. in English, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Talks on mindfulness and meditation for Boedecker Theater (Watts-Dairy Arts); summer camps for disabled children; and other venues, summer 2016 - ongoing

Boulder County Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee, 2010 – 2019

Representative for Audubon in City Master Planning Process, fall 2009 – present

Ecosteward monitor for Open Space and Mountain Parks (Bluebell Chautauqua area)

Bluebird nest monitor for Boulder County Parks and Open Space, 2004 to present

Board of Directors, Humane Society of Boulder Valley, 1990 – 1996
(Promoted and established one of the first zero euthanasia policies in the nation.)

Member, Boulder Green Alliance, 1988 – 2000