

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Cathy Comstock, Ph.D.

Associate Teaching Professor

Philosophy, Arts and Culture 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.

### **Over 30 times named as Van Ek mentor; these are most recent:**

- Areyana Proctor, 2022
- Erin, Phares, 2021
- Hattie Houser, 2019
- Zoe Parisien-Jeppesen, 2019
- 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 Glicker, 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)

Associate Teaching Professor for Farrand (now Philosophy, Arts & Culture) Residential Academic Program 1980 – present (rostered)

Honors Program 1980 – present (one or two courses every year)

Humanities Department 1978 – 1980 (rostered)

First-Year Seminar program (every year since inception)

Sustainability and Social Innovation Residential Academic Program

INVST (International and National Voluntary Service Training)

Norlin Scholars

### *New Courses Designed and Taught:*

FARR 2820, *Spaceship Earth: Meditation and Sustainability, Personal and Planetary*

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 18<sup>th</sup> Century*

***Other Courses Taught:***

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, Acting Director, Farrand Residential Academic Program 1988 –  
1989

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

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

## **Support to Unit and Beyond**

PUEC (Main author) for Michele Simpson	Fall 2022
Teaching Observation of Michele Simpson (4 pages)	Fall 2022
Recruitment of recommenders for BFA Excellence in Teaching and Pedagogy Nomination for Michele Simpson	Fall & spring 2022
Biweekly meetings, Dean's Instructor Task Force: Guidelines for Promotion	Fall 2021 - present
Worked with Dean of Undergraduate Education to continue First-year Seminars	Fall 2021
Introductory meeting with parents for PAC RAP	Fall 2021
Merit Review Committee for Farrand RAP	Spring 2021
Teaching observation of Elizabeth Anderman (3 pages)	Spring 2021
Teaching observation of Marshall Smith (3 pages) and consultation	Spring 2021
Teaching observation (4 pages) of Sharon Mar Adams and consultation	Fall 2021
Extensive recommendations (2-3 pages) for 15 graduating students	Spring/ Fall 2021
UndocuAlly Training (two hour-long workshops)	Fall 2021
Dialogic Pedagogy Community of Practice	Fall 2021/ Spring 2022
Boulder Faculty Assembly Representative at Large	2015 - Ongoing

## **Curriculum and Pedagogy**

Associate Chair, Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee	2015 – 2020
Dialogic Teaching Practice Group	2021 - 2022
Inclusive Excellence Community of Practice (Workshops and seminars)	2017 – 2019
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 – 2020 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**

Teaching observations (detailed analyses) – Most recent:

- Associate Teaching Professor Elizabeth Anderman, Spring 2021
- Associate Teaching Professor Carole Conzelman, Spring 2020

PUEC (Primary Unit Evaluation Committee) for James Walker (Norlin Scholars) 2019  
(Interviewed students, reviewed letters, wrote report)

PUEC (Primary Unit Evaluation Committee) for Paul Strom (Honors) 2009  
(Interviewed students, reviewed letters, wrote report)

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