

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Cathy Comstock, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Teaching Professor**  
**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:

- 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)

Senior Instructor (Working Title: Associate Teaching Professor) 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  
18<sup>th</sup> 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, Acting Director, Farrand Residential Academic Program  
1988 – 1989

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 - 2020

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| 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**

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| Presentation on Service Learning for Residential Academic Program Forum<br>(panel member)   | 2013 |
| Center for Civic Engagement video interview to inform public about<br>service-learning and civic engagement at University of Colorado | 2007 |
| “Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Service Learning,” Graduate<br>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<br>Program, Fall 1997                          |      |
| “The Institutionalization of Service Learning within the University” (panel<br>member), Conference of the Invisible College           | 1997 |
| “Service Learning: Academic Theory and Community Practice,” The<br>Scholarship of Service Conference                                  | 1997 |
| “Service Learning Across the Disciplines,” Campus Compact Regional<br>Conference  | 1997 |
| “Service Learning and the Humanities,” Campus Compact Regional Conference   | 1996 |

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| “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**

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| 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**

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| Arts and Sciences Governance Council – Representative for Residential Academic Programs                         | 2012 – 2020<br>1996 – 2000    |
| Boulder Faculty Assembly  | 2015 - ongoing<br>1993 – 2009 |
| Academic Futures<br>(Listener and participant in sessions)  | 2017                          |
| Chair, CU-Boulder Outreach Committee for 15 years<br>(Granted \$250,000 each year to faculty outreach projects) | 1996 – 2011                   |
| Executive Committee, Boulder Faculty Assembly   | 2006 – 2009,<br>1998 – 2004   |

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| Co-Chair, BFA Academic Affairs Committee   | 2006 – 2008    |
| Chair, BFA Administrator Appraisal Task Force<br>(Intensive process of research and consultation to form new AAPs)   | 1999 – 2000    |
| Chair, BFA Administrator Appraisal Committee<br>(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           |
| <b>Other service</b>   |                |
| Teaching observations (detailed analyses) – Most recent:   |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Associate Teaching Professor Elizabeth Anderman, Spring 2021</li> <li>• Associate Teaching Professor Carole Conzelman, Spring 2020</li> </ul> |                |
| PUEC (Primary Unit Evaluation Committee) for James Walker (Norlin Scholars)<br>(Interviewed students, reviewed letters, wrote report)  | 2019           |
| PUEC (Primary Unit Evaluation Committee) for Paul Strom (Honors)<br>(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