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**Announcing the 2021 Colorado Book Awards Lifetime Achievement Award in History!**

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The 2021 Colorado Book Awards Finalist Celebration and Winners Announcement is right around the corner! This year we are delighted to honor Charles Wilkinson with the Colorado Book Awards Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the Colorado and national literary, history, and legal communities. Writer, advocate, and distinguished university professor emeritus, Wilkinson is the author of numerous articles, chapters, and books, including *Messages from Frank's Landing* and *Blood Struggle—the Rise of Modern Indian Nations*, winners of the 2000 and 2006 Colorado Book Awards respectively for History.

Charles earned his law degree from Stanford University in 1966. He moved to Colorado in 1971 to help found and serve as a Staff Attorney for the Native America Rights Fund and began teaching at University of Colorado in 1984, becoming the Moses Lasky Professor of Law in 1989. In 1997, he was named by the Regents of the University of Colorado a Distinguished Professor. In his over 32 continuous years at Colorado Law, Charles has become one of the most widely celebrated names in not only American Indian law, but also in the history of the American West, public land law, water law, and environmental law—even being labeled by *Outside Magazine* as “the West’s leading authority on natural resource law.”

Mark your calendars for an online evening of celebrating Colorado’s literary greatness!

**June 26, beginning at 5 p.m. with a toast to the finalists,** Colorado Book Award Winners will be announced and read briefly from their work. Charles Wilkinson will speak and read briefly in recognition of his lifetime achievement.

Learn more at [coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/](https://coloradohumanities.org/programs/colorado-book-awards/)

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and enrich community life by inspiring the people of Colorado to explore ideas and appreciate our diverse heritage.

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