



The Winter Solstice is December 21, when the sun will seemingly stand still in the sky. The shortest day of the year for half the world, and the longest night, the Winter Solstice has stirred deep feelings since time immemorial. Celebrations of light permeate all cultures, as do gatherings for contemplation of the bigger questions of meaning, reviewing the scope of our lives, appreciating our gifts, and sharing our love among family, friends, and community. Memories of the waning year give color to our shortened days, and inspire our hopes for the future as each hour of the new year continues to brighten.

You are an important part of our programming, and we want to hear from you. All of us at Colorado Humanities deeply appreciate your interest and support, and thank you for taking a moment to read about our efforts in this newsletter. We hope you'll participate, too. Please contact us any time with your comments and ideas.

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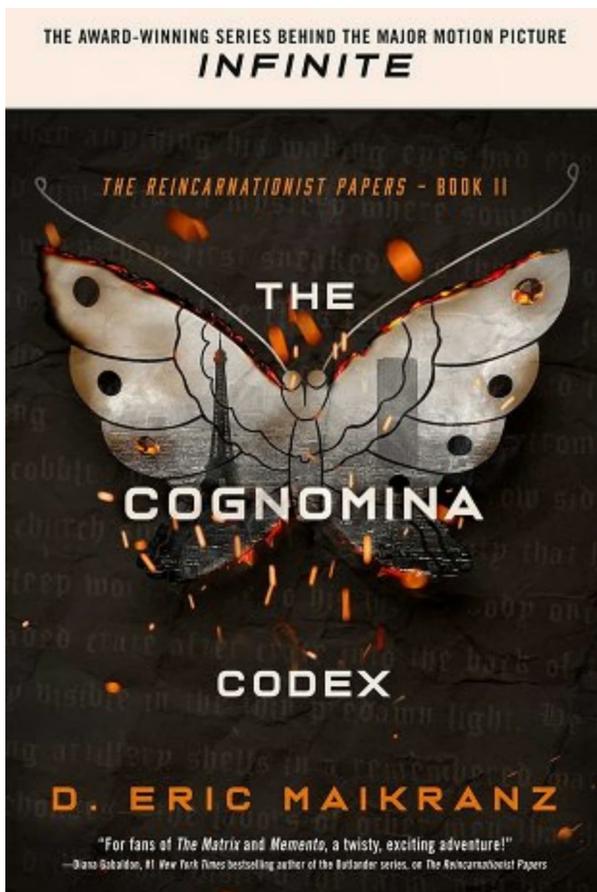
## Exploring Culturally Fluent Healthcare on December 12

Colorado Humanities is hosting a community panel discussion, Exploring Culturally Fluent Healthcare, focused on addressing equity challenges, representation in healthcare, impacts of Covid, and barriers to access at Atlas Theater in Greeley at 7 p.m. Panelists include Adeo Executive Director Dr. Sarita Reddy, The Colorado Health Foundation President & CEO Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller, and University of Northern Colorado College of Osteopathic Medicine Founding Dean Beth Longenecker. SummitStone Health Partners Chief Medical Officer and North Colorado Health Alliance Assistant Medical Director Dr. Lesley Brooks will moderate this discussion. Registration and additional information can be found on our [website](#).

## Nominations Open for Colorado Poet Laureate

Nominations for the next Colorado Poet Laureate are open through February 1, 2023. Chosen by the Governor, the Colorado Poet Laureate will serve a four-year term beginning in July 2023. The position was created to promote an appreciation of poetry in Colorado, to honor outstanding Colorado poets, and to serve as an active advocate for poetry, literacy, and literature by participating in readings and other events at schools, libraries, literary festivals, and the State Capitol. The Poet Laureate will also provide the Governor with an annual account of the impact and success of the Colorado Poet Laureate program. Any organization or individual may nominate a poet for consideration. Nominations must be [submitted through Submittable no later than February 1, 2023 to Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book.](#)

## More News



## Conversations with Indigenous Conservation Leader

The [Powerhouse Science Center in Durango](#) is hosting Audrey Harvey, an indigenous conservation leader, on December 14 in conjunction with the Roots of Wisdom exhibition. Audrey was born and raised in Tselani Springs, Navajo Nation, and is a PhD candidate at Northern Arizona University in Biology. She is researching how to scale up the seed production of five Southwest native wildflowers using the biological concept of maternal effects. She hopes to provide better understanding to improve revegetation practices to benefit

## **Colorado Book Award Winner Announces New Release**

Eric D. Maikranz, 2022 Colorado Book Awards Winner in the Science Fiction/Fantasy category, is continuing his popular debut novel *The Reincarnationist Papers* with his new book *The Cognomina Codex*. Protagonist Evan Michaels is back in a new life as a Syrian refugee. When strange memories of his former lives lead him back to Zurich, headquarters of his old family of fellow reincarnationists, the Cognomina, he must reacquire their trust to rejoin their ranks. But on the last leg of this journey, he is intercepted by an excommunicated member of the Cognomina who is on a mission to wipe out large portions of the world's population to save the planet from destruction. Michaels finds himself at the start of a war between two factions of immortal beings, each with a radically different vision for life on earth. To learn more, visit [Maikranz's website](#).

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indigenous conservation practices with native plant species. For more information, contact President of the Southwest Colorado Humanities Roundtable Shelley Walchak at [swalchak@gmail.com](mailto:swalchak@gmail.com).

## **Making Merry by Stories on Stage**

Join Stories on Stage actors on Saturday, December 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Nomad Playhouse in Boulder and Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the King Center in Denver for their annual holiday program of actors reading stories, Making Merry. Jamie Horton, 23-year veteran, principal actor and director at the Denver Center Theatre Company, returns to Denver to perform "Red Ranger Came Calling" by Berkeley Breathed. Joining him on stage is GerRee Hinshaw performing "Demon Foiled" by Anne Roiphe, and Sean Scrutchins performing "What Lights We Have" by David Ebenbach. Music Director/pianist Laura Jo Trexler will perform "Christmas in July" by Monterey Buchanan. Plan to stay for the sing-a-long and, after the show, a cookies and milk reception. Tickets are available on [storiesonstage.org](http://storiesonstage.org).

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