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Colorado Humanities Newsletter

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Happy March from Colorado Humanities!

Conversations Coordinator LaNaya Butler here to share some updates! As we approach April, we are preparing to host two Facilitator Trainings which equip participants with tools to facilitate reflective conversations on the topics of race and ethnicity, war and veteran experience, change in rural Colorado, grief and dying, and more.

“What I learned in the training was instrumental in the work I now do, hosting uncomfortable conversations around climate and rural change.”

–Karen Barton, University of Northern Colorado Professor

Our first training will be held in Greeley on April 8 and 9, and our second training will take place in Denver on April 11 and 12. If you or someone you know may be interested in this training, please complete an application by March 27, 2024:

[Greeley Facilitator Training Application \(April 8 and 9\)](#)

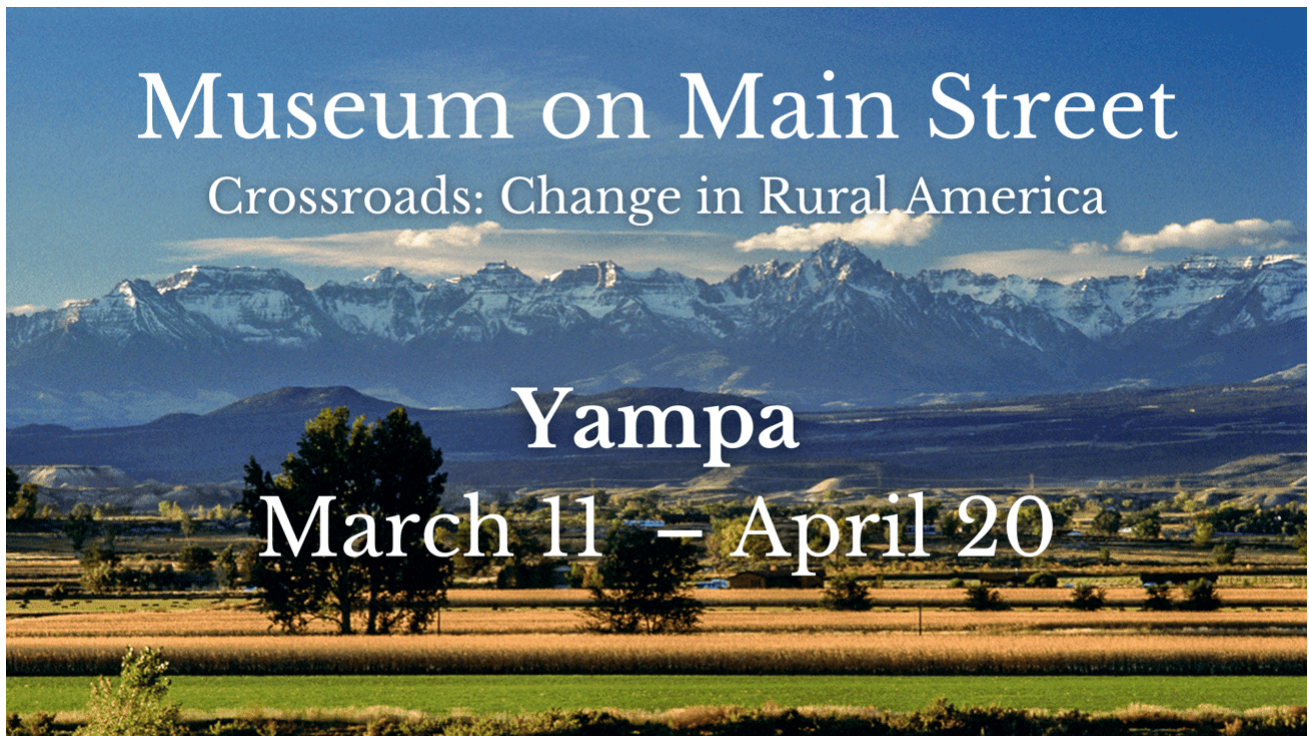
[Denver Facilitator Training Application \(April 11 and 12\)](#)

With our trained facilitators, we are able to host community conversations around the state, offering space to build rapport and relationships. If you know of any organizations or communities that may be interested in holding a community conversation on any of these topics or others, please email me at lanaya@coloradohumanities.org. Please also feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.

Have a great day, week, and month!

LaNaya Butler

Conversations Coordinator



Museum on Main Street's "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" Moves to Yampa

Museum on Main Street's Crossroads: Change in Rural America closed in La Junta on March 2 and will open in Yampa on March 11 at the Yampa-Egeria Historical Society. This Smithsonian exhibition offers small towns a chance to look at their own paths over the past century, highlighting the changes that affected their fortunes, and prompts discussions about what happened when America's rural population became a minority of the country's population, including the ripple effects that continue today. A full list of events is available to view on our [website](#).

ChildcareRead Workshops

The Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference (RMECC), a program of Denver's Early Childhood Council, and Colorado Humanities will collaborate on March 8 to hold a first-of-its-kind offering for attendees at the region's largest and leading early childhood conference. Participants will commit to spending three consecutive sessions in a ChildcareRead workshop and will leave with a certification, lesson books, resources, and a starter library to keep for their use with children.

On Saturday, March 16, United Way of Weld County will host a ChildcareRead workshop for Spanish speaking Family, Friend, and Neighbor home-based childcare providers (FFNs). This will be held at the Immigrant and Refugee Center in Greeley.

For questions or information please contact [Karen Murphy](#) at 719.440.5884.



Celebrate Women's History Month

In the spirit of celebrating Women's History Month, join us at one of our many History Speakers Bureau events. Programs throughout the state will feature portrayals of Amelia Earhart, Annie Oakley, Erma Bombeck, and Abigail Adams by actors/scholars Elsa Wolff, Susan Marie Frontczak, and Jessica Downing-Ford. Each presentation is followed by a Q&A with the presenter in and out of character. Visit our [website](#) to view all the events.

High Plains Chautauqua Event: High Tea with Erma Bombeck

Find out how Erma got started as a humorist, and chuckle along as she pokes fun at kids, lawns, husbands, household appliances, and especially herself during high tea on March 23rd at 2:30 p.m. at Cornerstone Community Church in Greeley. With paring knife-sharp humor, Erma Bombeck captured the ups and downs of a new American phenomenon: the suburban housewife. Knowing you had to be able to laugh at life to get through it, she poked fun at the housewife's daily labors in her column "At Wit's End." The session includes Q&A with Erma and Q&A with the presenter, Susan Marie Frontczak. Please [RSVP online](#).



2024 COLORADO BOOK AWARDS

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Colorado Book Awards 2024 Updates

We are excited to announce the 2024 Colorado Book Awards finalists in Romance: *Autumn of the Big Snow* by Lou Dean, *Raising Elle* by Sarah Reichert, and *Brynn and Sebastian Hate Each Other* by Bethany Turner. Please join us in congratulating these talented authors! The full list of finalists will be posted to the [Colorado Book Awards](#) page by May 1.

Save the Date! We are also excited to announce that the 2024 Finalists Celebration and Winners Announcement will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024 at the Tivoli Turnhalle theater at Metropolitan State University of Denver's Auraria campus. \$30 tickets will be available for purchase starting May 6 in our [store](#) or by phone.



Colorado Humanities Partners with Cine Fe and ACT Human Rights Festival

Colorado Humanities was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of their United We Stand: Connecting Through Culture initiative, “which leverages the arts and humanities to combat hate-motivated violence and to create programming that promotes civic engagement, social cohesion, and cross-cultural understanding.” We are excited to announce our

collaboration with Denver-based **Cine Fe** and **Colorado State University's ACT Human Rights Film Festival** on a community conversation following the screening of *In the Dirt* on Friday, April 5 at 12 p.m. at The Lyric theater in Fort Collins. Watch for announcements of additional United We Stand grant-funded programs in our newsletter and on our website. For more information please contact LaNaya Butler, Conversations Coordinator, at lanaya@coloradohumanities or 303.894.7951 x13.

More News

Engaged Arts and Humanities

Scholars Call for Applications

The University of Colorado Center for the Humanities & the Arts (CHA) is calling for applications for the Engaged Arts and Humanities Scholars, in partnership with the Office for Public and Community-Engaged Scholarship. This two-year program is for graduate students in the arts, humanities, and other programs who use the methods/archives of the arts and humanities in their scholarship. Participants will join a community of learners who focus on the co-design of mutually beneficial projects with partners in Colorado communities. Students will receive a \$5000 stipend over two years and up to \$1000 in project funding. Apply before March 17 on the [University of Colorado Boulder website](#).



Young Writers Contest for Story Books on Stage

Stories on Stage is seeking stories written by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade authors to be read alongside published works. Winning stories will be read by professional actors and winning authors will receive two complimentary tickets to the show and meet the actors. The deadline is Friday, April 12 and more information can be found on the [Stories on Stage website](#).

Lighthouse Writers Workshop YA Fest

Join the Lighthouse Writers Workshop on March 16–17 for a weekend rich in



Philosophy Journal for K12 Students

Philosophy Learning and Teaching Organization (PLATO) invites students to write an essay, draw a picture, take a photo, or compose a poem around the theme of conflict and cooperation and the philosophical ideas it raises to be featured in their magazine, *Questions: Philosophy For Young People*. The deadline to submit is April 30. More information can be found on the [PLATO website](#).

Latinx KidLit Book Festival

Community Partner Opportunity

The Latinx KidLit Book Festival is back for its fifth year. This festival brings free high-quality, literary content to classrooms across the country, with beloved and award-winning Latinx authors and illustrators. This year's festival will again take place across Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Month with full festival days taking place September 20, September 27, and October 11, 2024. Applications for community partners are being accepted and can be [submitted through SurveyMonkey](#).

craft discussions, community events, and immersion in the business side of the Young Adult Literature (YA) world.

The fest features Jenny Elder-Moke, Malia Maunakea, Leslie Vedder, and many more favorite YA authors. For more information, contact info@lighthousewriters.org.

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