

## 2025 IAVS Symposium: Second Circular



The 2025 IAVS 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium will be held 28 JULY-3 AUG, 2025, at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado, USA. Greeley is located approximately 80 km north of Denver, on the shortgrass steppe in the rain shadow of the Rocky Mountains just 50 km to the west. The timing of the symposium is optimal to see the subalpine and alpine flora in flower and will also allow participants to attend the Annual Conferences of the American Botanical Society in Palm Springs CA, 26-30 JUL, and the Ecological Society of America conference, 10-15 AUG, in Baltimore MD. *The [webpage](#) will be up and running by 1 FEB 2025.*

Given the magnificent natural setting, we chose the primary theme of the meeting as "Gradients of Vegetation in Space and Time". Anticipated sub-themes include:

- Theory and Methods in Vegetation Science
- Vegetation Shifts
- Vegetation Science in Natural Resource Management
- Adapting to Extremes
- International Vegetation Classification

*Proposals for special sessions and workshops are welcome! (please send to [scott.franklin@unco.edu](mailto:scott.franklin@unco.edu) by 14 FEB 2025)*



**Registration Costs (US\$) – includes all sessions, welcome social, mid-week excursion, five lunches, and symposium dinner.**

<b>Early Bird</b>	15 May 2025	Member	400
		Non-member	500
		Student	300
		Non-member Student	350
		Accompanying Person	250
		Virtual Session	0
<b>Late</b>	After 15 May 2025	Member	500
		Non-member	600
		Student	400
		Non-member Student	450
		Accompanying Person	350
		Virtual Session	0

**Housing** (Select one **by 30 June 2025**) – welcome to book your own hotel as well, but none are very close to campus.

5 Nights – Double - Deluxe – West Campus - \$243.15; 6 nights = \$283.83; 7 nights = \$324.51

5 Nights – Single - Deluxe – West Campus - \$318.15; 6 nights = \$373.83; 7 nights = \$429.51

**Meals** – (Select # of meals **by 30 June 2025**)

Breakfast - \$11.20 each

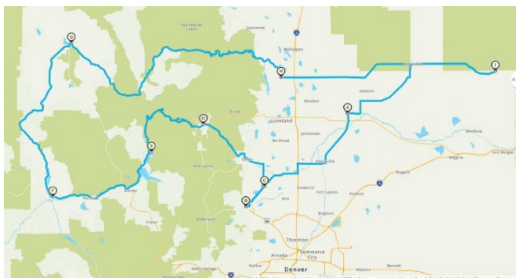
Lunch – Included in cost of conference

Dinner - \$14.08 each

**Excursions – Registration available by FEB 5**

The Pre-Symposium Excursion (THU 24 JUL-TUE 29 JUL 2025) will focus on various vegetation communities in northern Colorado, including short grass steppe, sagebrush, several forest biomes and alpine. The draft itinerary is below. Estimated cost: \$950.00 for double occupancy lodging and \$1350.00 for a single occupancy.

Day, Date	Location/Leader	Activity	Lodging
WE, July 23	Greeley, CO	ARRIVAL	Greeley
TH, July 24, 7 am	Pawnee National Grasslands	Visit the Central Plains Experiment Station ( <a href="#">CPER</a> ), National Ecological Observatory Network ( <a href="#">NEON</a> )/Long-term Ecological Research ( <a href="#">LTER</a> ), various vegetation types	Fort Collins <i>Best Western</i>
FR, July 25	Mountain Mahogany/Ponderosa Pine/Foothills	Examine vegetation types of the foothills, including shrub, grassland, and forest communities	Fort Collins <i>Best Western</i>
SA, July 26	Poudre Canyon and Cameron Peak Fire	In 2020, the Cameron Peak Fire burned approximately 84,000 ha of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Rocky Mountain National Park. We will tour a portion of the Cameron Peak Fire and discuss several topics.	North Park Hotel, Walden
SU, July 27	Sagebrush near Kremmling	Visit Wyoming Sagebrush ecosystems and restoration; examine rare species and their conservation	YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park
MO, July 28	Rocky Mountain National Park	Elevation transect (2700-3700 m) with special focus on alpine, krummholz, aspen and 5-needle pine vegetation	YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park
TU, July 29	RMNP Day II	Conifer forest types, recovery from disturbance, meadows, and landscape management	Return to Greeley by 5 pm – participants make their own reservations, which could be the start of their symposium reservation



The post-symposium excursion (MON 4 AUG-SAT 9 AUG 2025) will focus on drylands of the southwest, mainly in New Mexico, and include grasslands as well as the iconic Chihuahuan desert. Estimated cost: \$1100.00 for double occupancy lodging and \$1500.00 for a single occupancy. **Starts in Greeley and ends in Albuquerque, NM on Friday August 8 with an option to return to Denver (Greeley) on Sat Aug 9.**

Day, Date	Location/Leader	Activity	Lodging
MO, Aug 4 7AM	Greeley, CO - Capulin Volcano Nat. Mon. NM – Las Vegas NM	Depart/ Great Plains grasslands and conifer woodlands (veg map)	Las Vegas, NM – Plaza Hotel
TU, Aug 5	Bandelier Nat. Mon. – Valles Caldera Nat. Preserve – Jemez River	Conifer woodlands and forests, Montane grasslands and wetlands (veg maps; tree mortality; ancient pueblo ruins)	Bernalillo, NM – Holiday Inn Express
WE, Aug 6	Sevilleleta Nat. Wildfire Refuge – Bosque del Apache Nat. Wildlife Refuge	Sevilleleta LTER site. Plains and desert grasslands and scrub; lowland riparian forests (veg maps; experiments; birds)	Truth or Consequences - - Holiday Inn Express
TH, Aug 7	Jornada Exp. Range – Aguirre Springs – Hayes Canyon	Jornada LTER Site. Desert vegetation dynamics and geomorphology; Sierra Madrean oak woodlands; Mixed-conifer old growth forest.	Cloudcroft NM – Cloudcroft Lodge
FR, Aug 8	White Sands Nat. Park – Land of Fires	Gypsum dune vegetation; lava flow vegetation (veg maps; petroglyphs)	Albuquerque, NM – Hotel near airport
Sat, Aug 9	Departure from Albuquerque or return to Denver, CO for departure		Participants make their own subsequent trip arrangements



### Mid-Symposium

A selection of one-day mid-symposium excursions will be provided to local grasslands, forests, and cultural/historic sites on FRI 1 AUG, with costs included in registration. Specific locations include Pawnee National Grasslands, Chatfield Farms/Denver Museum of Natural History, Rocky Mountain National Park, Poudre National Historic River, Cameron Pass (fire scar), and Colorado's Front Range. Further descriptions of each will be found on the registration webpage.



## Preliminary Program

	TU, July 29	Wed, July 30	Thurs, July 31	Fri, Aug 1	Sat, Aug 2	Sun, Aug 3	
<b>Morning</b>	800-830	Below ground Workshop	Registration (UC Fireside Area)	Registration (UC Fireside Area)		Registration (UC Fireside Area)	
	830-900		Symposium opening (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)	Plenary talk 1 Daniel Laughlin (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)		Plenary talk 3 (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)	
	900-930		von Humboldt Award Talk (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)			Plenary talk 4 Katie Suding (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)	
	930-1000			Coffee break (UC Fireside Area)	E	Coffee break (UC Fireside Area)	
	1000-1030		Coffee Break (UC Fireside Area)	Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)	X	Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)	
	1030-1100		Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)		C		Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)
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	1200-1330		LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	S	LUNCH BREAK (VCS Editorial Meeting – <a href="#">Panorama Room</a> )	LUNCH BREAK
	<b>Afternoon</b>	1330-1400		Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)	I	Parallel sessions (Pikes peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)	Parallel sessions (Pikes Peak, Mt Blue Sky, Longs Peak, Columbine A)
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1500-1530			S		Coffee Break (UC Fireside Area)		
15:30-16:00			Coffee break (UC Fireside Area)	Plenary Talk 2 (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)		Coffee break (UC Fireside Area)	General Assembly and Closing Ceremony (Pikes Peak+Mt Blue Sky)
1600-1630			Poster session 1 (Campus Commons Lobby)		Poster session 3 (Campus Commons Lobby)		
1630-1700		Registration (Campus)					
1700-1730				Poster session 2			

1730--1800	Commons Multipurpose Room)	JVS/AVS	(Campus Commons Lobby			
1800-1830	Continued registration and Welcome Reception (Campus Commons Multipurpose Room)	Editorial meeting & snacks (Panorama)	IAVS Council Meeting and Dinner (Panorama)		Symposium Dinner	
1830-1900						
1900-1930				Music Jam Session (477 Distilling)		
1930-2000						
2000-2030						
2030-2100						

**Virtual Session**

We have scheduled a virtual session on Monday 28 July. We hope this provides an opportunity for those who cannot travel to the meeting to participate and add to its scientific content.

**Workshops**

We plan to schedule a full day for workshops and working group meetings. Facilities will be provided on campus for groups to meet TU 29 JUL for half- or full-day sessions. *Please let us know if you would like to hold a workshop or meeting (e-mail [scott.franklin@unco.edu](mailto:scott.franklin@unco.edu)).*

**Venue and Accommodation**

The symposium will be held at the University of Northern Colorado University Center and Campus Commons.



The weather in Greeley in July is usually warm and dry, with an average daily maximum of 30 °C, an average overnight minimum of 15 °C, ~40% humidity, and a mean rainfall of 41 mm for the month of July.

**Travel to Greeley**

Greeley can be readily reached by connections to Denver International Airport (DEN). Direct flights arrive from multiple US and INTL cities. A shuttle (LandLine) is available to travel from DEN to Greeley for approximately \$30.00, one way.

**IAVS Travel Grants**

IAVS members may apply for financial support to participate in an annual meeting of IAVS. These funds are very limited, and the Global Sponsorship Committee (GSC) will work with the Local Organizing Committee to set criteria and administer the application process.



*Applicant must be a member of IAVS and give an oral or poster presentation at the symposium.* If you are not a member yet, you can join at the [IAVS Membership Page](#) (reduced and free membership is available for persons with financial constraints). *The applicant can be a student or researcher.*

## What about a U.S. Visa?

A citizen of a foreign country who seeks to travel to the United States generally must first obtain a U.S. visa. Visas are placed in the traveler's passport, a travel document issued by the traveler's country of citizenship.

Certain international travelers may be eligible to travel to the United States without a visa if they meet the requirements for visa-free travel. The visa section of this website (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html>) contains information on U.S. visas for foreign citizens seeking to travel to the United States.

If you need an invitation letter, please contact Scott Franklin ([scott.franklin@unco.edu](mailto:scott.franklin@unco.edu)).

## Local Organizing Committee

Scott Franklin (Chair, U Northern Colorado), Esteban Muldavin (NM Natural Heritage Program, U New Mexico), Robert Peet (U North Carolina), Mitchell McGlaughlin (U Northern Colorado), Carol Dawson (Bureau of Land Management), Daniel Laughlin (U Wyoming), Paula Fornwalt (USFS), Brenda Wichmann (CO Natural Heritage Program), David Anderson (CO Natural Heritage Program), Donna Shorrock (United States Forest Service, USFS), Carlee Coleman (USFS), Michelle DePrenger-Levin (Denver Botanic Garden), Paige Lambert (National Park Service, NPS).

The *Scientific Committee* includes all Local Organizing Committee members and in addition: Alessandra Fidelis (Brazil), Javier Loidi (Spain), Peter Minchin (US), John Hunter (Australia), Milan Chytrý (Czech Republic), Jozef Šibik (Slovakia), Maria Sibikova (Slovakia), Viktoria Wagner (Canada), Martin Diekmann (Germany), James Moore (US), Dave Roberts (US) and Mario Bretfeld (US).

## Important Deadlines

- Special session and workshop proposals 14 February 2025 (extended)
- IAVS travel grant applications and [abstracts](#) 7 March 2025
- Travel grant decisions announced 4 April 2025
- Decision letters on abstracts 4 April 2025
- Final date for early registration with reduced fees 15 May 2025
- Final date for registering for pre and post-excursions 30 May 2025
- Final date for lodging/meals registration 30 June 2025

## Link to survey

In order to help us estimate the number attending, the type of accommodation required, and participation in the pre- and post-symposium excursions, we have set up a short on-line survey. If you have not already taken the survey, please do so as soon as possible and no later than February 14, 2025.

To access the survey please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FYQVDDDB>

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