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honors

Drum roll, please! The recipients of CU Denver's 2020 Faculty Awards have been announced (selected by a committee of previous award winners) and they include a couple of our CUPC affiliates:

- ❖ The Excellence in Teaching award goes to **Adam Lippert**, recognized by colleagues and students for his exemplary performance as an instructor and mentor. *Congratulations Adam!*
- ❖ The Excellence in Leadership and Service award goes to **jimi adams**. *Congratulations jimi!*

Myron Gutmann has been named to the advisory board of the newly formed Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) for the National Academy of Sciences. Sponsored by NSF, this network of leading individuals in the social, behavioral, and economic sciences (SBE) will facilitate rapid responses to urgent policy questions from decision-makers, including emerging infectious diseases and health threats arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Myron has also been invited to join the program committee for the 2021 PAA Annual Meeting.
Bravo on all your new undertakings Myron!

new funding

Hooray for **Matt McQueen** (PI) and **Jason Boardman** (co-I), who recently received five years of funding from the National Institute on Aging (R01) to collect and analyze oral and gut microbiome data from respondents of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health (Add Health). The project's collaborators include Ken Krauter (MPI) in MCDB at CU, Kathleen Mullan Harris (MPI) and Allison Aiello, both with UNC, and Jennifer Beam Dowd, Univ. of Oxford. Read the [abstract here](#).

recently published papers

Demographic Research published a paper co-authored by **Rick Rogers**, Robert Hummer (UNC), GRA **Justin Vinneau**, and CUPC alum Elizabeth Lawrence (UNLV) entitled "[Greater Mortality Variability in the United States in Comparison with Peer Countries](#)." Their research found that the ranking of US life expectancy has slipped for nearly all age groups from 1980 – 2016, drawing particular attention to the comparatively high US early and midlife mortality.

This past week, **Scott Ortman** and José Lobo's (ASU) paper came out in *Science Advances*, entitled "[Smithian Growth in a Nonindustrial Society](#)," also written up in [CU Boulder Today](#). Their research digs into the preindustrial past of Pueblo communities, which is full of archaeological evidence that shows "ancient societies hold lessons for modern cities."



The current situation of the incarcerated during the coronavirus pandemic has **David Pyrooz** and **Jennifer Tostlebe** busy researching and writing papers, including “[Views on COVID-19 inside prison: Perspectives of high-security prisoners](#),” published in *Justice Evaluation Journal* (coauthored with Ryan Labrecque, UCF and Bert Useem, Purdue). This team also wrote an essay for the Social Science Research Council, entitled “[Using social science to understand and respond to COVID-19 in jails and prisons](#)” for their series *Items: Insights from the Social Sciences*.

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An accumulation of 12 years of research in eastern Oregon with the [Communities and Forests in Oregon](#) has resulted in a paper by [Joel Hartter](#), entitled “[Finding common ground: agreement on increasing wildfire risk crosses political lines](#),” published in *Environmental Research Letters*. His research explains how decision makers have an opportunity to engage diverse stakeholders in developing policies to mitigate increasing wildfire risk *without invoking climate change*, which remains politically polarizing in some communities.

introducing a new Masters degree



[Joel Hartter](#), Director of CU Boulder’s [Masters of the Environment program \(MENV\)](#) is excited to announce the new online graduate degree [Masters of Science in Outdoor Recreation Economy \(MORE\)](#), planned to launch in Fall 2021. MORE will prepare professionals for outdoor recreation economy; read all about it in [CU Boulder Today](#).

CUPC proposal submission

CU PI: Fernando Riosmena

Collaborator and Lead: University of Texas, El Paso (UTEP)

Project Title: Metabolomics, stress markers, and the Healthspan: Mexican Americans in El Paso

Funding Agency: NIH NIMHD R21

CU Amount Requested: \$45,093



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