Boulder Speaker Series—Topics Worth Exploring is now one course for registration, although each offering is an individual session on a diverse topic lasting two hours. The topics and speakers list begins below. All talks are held Monday afternoons (Sept. 16 through Nov. 4) from 1-3 p.m. in the Frasier Parlor at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 355 Ponca Pl., Boulder, CO 80303.

**Date:** September 16  
**Title:** The Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood: Separating Fact from Fiction  
**Presenter:** Dr. Nader Hashemi  
**Overview of Presentation:** How can Americans make sense of the Muslim Brotherhood movement? It is frequently described as an extremist organization that has supported violence and terrorism across the Middle East. Sometimes it is depicted as a nonviolent political movement that supports democratization of the Arab world, albeit with a socially conservative agenda. Which of these descriptions best represents your views? What should US policy be toward the Muslim Brotherhood movement? This lecture will answer these questions.

**About the Presenter**  
Nader Hashemi is the Director of the Center for Middle East Studies and an Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. He is the author of *Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies* and co-editor of *Sectarianization: Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East.*

**Date:** September 23  
**Title:** Love in the Time of Yellow Fever: The Life and Loves of William C. Gorgas, Medical Officer  
**Presenter:** Carol Byerly  
**Overview of Presentation:** William C. Gorgas was the most well-known physician in his time – and almost unheard of today. As an Army medical officer in Cuba from 1900-1902, he helped prove Walter Reed’s discovery that the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito transmitted yellow fever by clearing Havana of mosquitos and thereby the dreaded disease. By taking that work to Panama, Gorgas helped change the face of world trade. This talk will reveal this fascinating man whose efforts toward eradicating yellow fever impacted the lives of people on many continents and who, as Army Surgeon General, presided over the greatest expansion of the Army medical service during WWI. He has been commemorated in stamps, plays, paintings, young adult literature, memorial laboratories, schools and medals. His legacy will be revived in this talk.

**About the Presenter**
Carol R. Byerly, PhD, in history from CU Boulder, specializes in American political history and the history of military medicine. Carol taught American history and the history of medicine at the University of Colorado Boulder from 2000 to 2016 and was a contract historian for the U.S. Army Office of the Surgeon General, Office of History from 2001 to 2010. Carol’s publications include *Fever of War: The Influenza Epidemic in the U.S. Army during World War I* and *Good Tuberculosis Men: The Army Medical Department’s Struggle with Tuberculosis*. She is currently working on a biography of William Crawford Gorgas, entitled *Love in the Time of Yellow Fever: The Life and Loves of a Military Medical Man, William C. Gorgas*.

**Date:** September 30  
**Title:** Canada-US Relations: Friends, Partners, Allies  
**Presenter:** Stéphane Lessard  
**Overview of Presentation:**  
Canada and the United States share over two hundred years of economic prosperity and common values. We will discuss the breadth and depth of the US-Canada relationship, events that unfolded in 2018 with the renegotiation of NAFTA and what we can expect in 2019. We will pay specific attention to links between Canada and Colorado.

**About the Presenter**  
Stéphane Lessard, a native of Montréal, Canada, joined Global Affairs Canada at the Consulate General of Canada in August 2016. As Canada’s Consul General in Denver, Stéphane oversees a team of 17 people who work within Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Utah and Wyoming to strengthen trade and economic ties; enhance political, academic and cultural links; and assist Canadians visiting or living in the five-state U.S. Mountain West region. Stéphane holds a BCL from the University of Montréal, his LLM in Air & Space Law from McGill University, his LLB from the University of Ottawa, and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario.

**Date:** October 7  
**Title:** Increasing the World’s – and Our – Wisdom Quotient in a Time of Shortsighted Decision Making  
**Presenter:** Ren Feldman  
**Overview of Presentation:**  
What is wisdom, and why do we need it now more than ever? We live in an era of self-serving decision making, providing the greatest good to the fewest people; a time in which Machiavelli’s Prince would feel right at home. Wisdom is making decisions that over time prove positive for self, others, the Earth and beyond. If the world is to stay in business, all of us will need to ratchet up our daily decision-making skills to balance out and overcome selfish or ignorance-based shortsightedness. In this session we will discuss and practice how to do just that.

**About the Presenter**
Reynold Ruslan Feldman earned his bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees in English language and literature from Yale University. After a career as an English professor, dean, and academic vice president at several American universities and a second career as a nonprofit administrator and fundraiser, he began writing books on practical wisdom, character development, and the right uses of power. He is proud to have worked with Dr. Jonas Salk over a period of several years. His tenth book, *Wisdom for Living – Learning to Follow Your Inner Guidance*, written with Sharon Clark, will be published this summer.

**Date:** October 14  
**Title:** Ecology and Life Cycle of the Honey Bee  
**Presenter:** Suzanne Connolly  
**Overview of Presentation:**  
Suzanne will have photos, charts and a model hive as visual aides as she discusses the life cycle of the honeybee and what happens during the different stages of development. What are the challenges to beekeepers in their work in collaborating with bees? She will also talk about the challenges to bees in today's environment, “colony collapse” and the great importance of bees in our lives. Suzanne will have honey and lotion made from beeswax for participants to sample.

**About the Presenter**  
Suzanne Connolly taught environmental education and natural science programs for over 25 years through many nonprofits, including Thorne Ecological Institute and Eco-Cycle. Suzanne has had bees in her backyard in south Boulder since 1995. She created a program on the ecology and life cycle of the honey bee and has presented this talk to new beekeepers for over 20 years for the Boulder County Beekeeping Association through the Boulder County Extension Office.

**Date:** October 21  
**Title:** Duke Ellington through the Decades  
**Presenter:** Harriet Milnes  
**Overview of Presentation:**  
This talk will present Duke Ellington through the decades of his life, as a pianist, as a bandleader and as a composer. Harriet will give information about Duke's life and career, and then one of his pieces of music will be played from that period, in its entirety, with photographs and quotes on the screen.

**About the Presenter**  
Date: October 28
Title: Do We Need the Humanities – Can We Learn From Our Past?
Presenter: Patty Limerick
Overview of Presentation:
There is a growing "amnesia of the past" and a declining enrollment in the humanities. Patty will discuss the need for all people to learn where we came from and how that makes us who we are in order to understand and to direct where we are going. Should we, and if so, how can we bring the humanities back?

About the Presenter
Patty Limerick is the Faculty director and Chair of the Board of the Center of the American West at the University of Colorado, as well as being a Professor of History. She was previously an Assistant Professor of History at Harvard. She has dedicated her career to bridging the gap between academics and the general public, demonstrating the benefits of applying historical perspective to contemporary problems and conflicts. Her best known work *The Legacy of Conquest*, is an overview of Western American history that has led to a great deal of public and academic debate. Patty is a regular guest columnist in local and national newspapers, including previously being a regular contributor to The New York Times.

Date: November 4
Title: The US Capitol and Colorado State Capitol: Iconic Buildings that Symbolize our Nation and State
Presenter: Ellen Stanton
Overview of Presentation:
If only these walls could talk! Learn about the history of the construction of the US Capitol and Colorado State Capitol. What do the architects of these buildings have in common? What was the cultural and political environment in which they were constructed? We will delve into the fascinating history of these buildings, what they symbolized for us in the past, and how we view them today.

About the Presenter
Ellen Stanton is a volunteer at the Colorado State Capitol, providing guided tours of the Capitol to student groups and visitors of all ages and backgrounds. Previously, Ellen worked as an educator at the US Capitol Visitor Center where she was responsible for developing and implementing student programs, teacher workshops, lesson plans and resources for teachers and students. For several years Ellen was a lead historic interpreter at George Washington's home, Mount Vernon. Ellen is a licensed social worker whose avocation for history and civic education resulted in her serving in many volunteer leadership capacities for the city of Alexandria, Virginia. She is the author of *America's Amazing State Capitols: A Journal and Guide for Students.*