

2022 CSU Summer Extension Internship Application

Title: Geographies of Place, Environment & Community in Southwest Denver

1. Faculty mentor name, department, college, and contact information: Dr. Carrie Chennault, Department of Anthropology & Geography, College of Liberal Arts, Carrie.Chennault@colostate.edu

2. Are there any other identified mentors (e.g. field-based Extension agent) associated with this project? Dan Goldhamer, Director CSU Extension Denver County, Dan.Goldhamer@colostate.edu

3. In what region(s) will the student be working (county/region)? Denver County

4. Please describe the proposed internship goals, scope, and objectives. The goal is to explore community stories and relationships to place in a predominately non-white/immigrant neighborhood(s) in Southwest Denver in connection with the neighborhood's broader human-environmental geographies. The intern will use community-engaged, qualitative methods (e.g., interview, photography, or videography) to collect stories from residents and community organizations, potentially including: neighborhood history, what the neighborhood means to them, significant neighborhood spaces or places, how those spaces have changed over time, major challenges and opportunities for residents, and dreams for the future of the neighborhood and the communities that live there. The intern will investigate ties between community stories and racialized spatial processes in Denver (e.g., redlining and environmental racism) that have shaped the neighborhood and its communities, as well as efforts among BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and immigrant communities to make place, claim urban spaces, and bring about a more just world. This participatory project will require working with community members to shape the research direction, including identification of participants and community organizations, important neighborhood locations, and the human-environmental geographic issues most impactful in residents' daily lives.

5. How was this applied research project identified? Dr. Chennault is a geographer and community-based participatory researcher (CBPR) with experience conducting applied ethnographic research with Iowa Extension on food systems, community development, anti-racism, and social and environmental justice. As new CSU faculty, Dr. Chennault has an interest in developing relationships with Denver Extension and engaging communities in CBPR.

6. With which stakeholder group(s) will the intern work? The intern will work with BIPOC and immigrant communities in the selected Denver neighborhood(s), along with community organizations serving and employing community members. The ideal intern will be a student who grew up in, lives or works in, or is connected to the Southwest Denver neighborhood(s), with opportunities to draw upon their existing networks and life experiences.

7. What student learning outcomes do you anticipate and are there opportunities for professional development? The student will learn how communities shape and are shaped by place, space, and environment, and develop a shared understanding with community members about neighborhood history and goals for the future. They will network with CSU Extension personnel and community organizations, receive professional mentorship from Denver Extension, and learn about Extension, non-profit, government, and private sector careers in Urban Community Development. In addition, they will gain experience with community-based participatory research methods, improve communication abilities, and present research to a professional audience.

8. Do you have a specific mentor style that you would like to share with potential interns? I am flexible depending on student experience levels and preferences. If they need regular feedback or prefer working independently, I will mentor accordingly while ensuring progress toward the internship goals.

9. Are travel funds available? Opportunities to provide student assistance with housing? Denver Extension has committed \$500 for travel, and the project has requested additional funding to support lodging in Denver.