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Colorado Chautauqua Association appoints renowned historian Patricia Limerick to its governing board



BOULDER, Colo. (Feb. 11 2010) – The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA) today announced its appointment of Patricia Limerick, co-founder of the Center of the American West, to the CCA board of directors. Limerick is a midterm replacement for former University of Colorado Leeds School of Business dean Dennis Ahlburg, who has moved to San Antonio, Texas, to become president of Trinity University.

Limerick, considered one of the leading historians of the American West, is faculty director and chair of the board of the Center of the American West, at the University of Colorado, where she also serves as professor of history. Limerick has received a number of awards and honors for leadership in her field, including the MacArthur Fellowship (1995-2000) and the Hazel Barnes Prize (2001), the university’s highest award for teaching and research.

“We are honored to have someone of Professor Patty Limerick’s caliber join our board of directors,” said Susan Connelly, CAA executive director. “We value her ingenuity and historical wisdom and look forward to her contributions to the Colorado Chautauqua community.”

Limerick graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1972, received her Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University in 1980, and from 1980 to 1984 was an assistant professor of history at Harvard. In 1984, Limerick moved to Boulder to join the history department at CU, where she was promoted to full professor in 1991. Limerick is also the former president of the American Studies Association.

The Colorado Chautauqua Association’s Board of Directors focuses on ensuring a sustainable future for the Front Range’s only National Historic Landmark, including its commitment to being the most environmentally sustainable National Historic Landmark in the country and a laboratory for learning about the marriage of historic preservation and environmental sustainability. This year the board will work to expand the reach, scope and relevance of its programming, including the annual Grand Convergence program started in 2008.

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The Colorado Chautauqua Association (CCA)

The Colorado Chautauqua Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that preserves, perpetuates and improves the site and spirit of the historic Chautauqua in Boulder, enhancing its community and values through unique cultural, educational, social and recreational experiences. The Colorado Chautauqua is open year-round, providing public programming, private event venues and nightly lodging in 60 historic cottages and two lodges located on 26 acres beneath the majestic Flatirons. To arrange interviews with executive director Susan Connelly, please contact Claire Tindall at (303) 449-2108, ext. 24. For more information about the Colorado Chautauqua and the CCA, visit www.chautauqua.com.