

Tom and Carole Huber
CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Carole and Tom Huber are passionate and vocal supporters of sustainability on the UCCS campus. They initiated sustainability on the UCCS campus with the forming of the Campus Sustainability Committee in 2002, now a committee of the Faculty Assembly. Working with students, faculty and staff, they advocated for UCCS to take a leadership role in sustainability in academics, operations, and administration. The sustainability office is in part due to their concerted efforts. They also significantly contributed to the 2007 UCCS Sustainability Strategic Plan.

Tom and Carole were instrumental in launching an innovative multi-disciplinary Minor in Sustainability Development, approved in 2006. This program has grown with courses from numerous different departments. They have developed experiential coursework in their Writing Place and Saving Place classes that are held at the historic Heller Center and have jointly conducted field courses to the San Luis Valley. Students are encouraged to develop their connection to issues of sustainability through geographic writing and the exploration of place. Many students have gained ecological literacy through starting with Carole's Climate and Vegetation class and continuing with Tom's Mountain Environmental Systems.

Carole has been the tireless student advisor for Students for Environmental Awareness and Sustainability, SEAS, since 2003. While in this role, the group advocated for high performance LEED buildings, conducted an energy conservation campaign with Paws to Save Power light stickers, hosted numerous Earth and Sustainability Day events, and is now starting an organic garden on campus.

Tom has been involved in a diverse number of projects including the habitat mapping of the Prebles meadow jumping mouse in El Paso County, and mapping and analyzing the elk habitat needs in the Pikes Peak region. He has also collaborated on a research project dealing with the definitions and measurement of environmental justice. Tom secured two \$20,000 planning grants from the Colorado Governor's Energy Office to assist with green design for both the Recreation Center and Science Engineering. Both of these buildings will receive LEED certification.

In recognition and thanks for their dedication to the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, the UCCS Sustainability Office and Sustainability Council are happy to honor Carole and Tom Huber with the 2009 Campus Sustainability Award.



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