



University of Denver in the News

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National/International reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

BlackAmericaWeb.com, January 1—Peter Groff, the first black state senate president in Colorado history and only the third in U.S. history, was named to the A-list of high-profile black Americans to watch in 2008. Groff created a national political black think-tank, the Center for African American Policy at the University of Denver. Other media quoting or mentioning Groff and his connection to the University of Denver in January include: **Rocky Mountain News, January 5; BlackAmericaWeb.com, January 8; Denver Post, January 9, KMGH-TV, January 9; KUSA-TV, January 9; KVDR-TV, January 9; Denver Post, January 10; Rocky Mountain News, January 10; Pueblo Chieftain, January 10 and Black America Web, January 20.**

Yiddish Book Center, January 2—David Shneer, associate professor of history and director of the Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Denver, will teach at the Steiner Summer Internship in Yiddish Studies.

PRLog.org, January 6—Blackpolicy.org, a flagship media project of the Center for African American Policy at the University of Denver, provided key evening coverage and analysis of the historic Iowa Caucuses on XM Radio Channel 130.

U.S. News and World Report, January 9—Steve Ells started his first Chipotle in 1993 near the University of Denver as a “cash cow” to help fund a “real restaurant.” The shop was so busy that he quickly added four more eateries and then, with McDonald's financing, took the concept nationwide. **MSNMoney.com, January 11,** also reported this story.

ManageSmarter.com, January 10—The University of Denver is among the growing number of companies contracting with providers of backup dependent care for employees.

National Law Journal, January 14—The University of Denver's Frank H. Ricketson Jr. Law Building was certified LEED gold in 2003. Law academics around the nation agree that climate change has made it imperative for law schools to consider the elusive concept of sustainability in how they build, operate and educate.

NewsBlaze.com, January 15—Ved Nanda, vice provost for Internationalization at the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, serves on the supervisory committee for the Dow Jones Dharma Indexes. The new indexes measure the performance of companies selected according to the value systems and principles of Dharmic religions. Other media quoting Nanda in January include: **Denver Post, January 28, Denver Post, January 29 and InterestAlert.com, January 31.**

HotelExecutive.com, January 16—The University of Denver’s School of Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management will co-sponsor the 8th annual Resort Conference, the only conference planned by resort executives for resort executives.

Los Angeles Times, January 16—Michelle Kwan, who plans to get her degree from the University of Denver next December, said she was prepared to take enough time away from school to work for NBC if they had offered. **The Chicago Tribune, January 16** also reported this story.

New York Times, January 20—Until she went to the University of Denver, Condoleezza Rice had only a passing interest in politics. That changed in 1973 when she took an introductory course in international politics taught by Josef Korbel, a Czech refugee and the father of former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Other media mentioning Rice’s connection to the University of Denver include: **Stanford Daily, January 8 and Journal-Star (Lincoln, Neb.), January 27.**

Calibre Macro World, January 29—Rebecca Kourlis, director of the University of Denver Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, is serving on a committee formed by Senator Salazar to help select individuals for consideration for open federal judicial positions.

Kansas City Star, January 29—Ann Seidl, who has a master of library information services degree from the University of Denver, produced “The Hollywood Librarian,” a documentary film to draw attention to the Hollywood image of librarians vs. the real people who keep libraries alive.

ABC News, January 30—A big day on the DU campus offered a speech by Illinois Sen. Barack Obama in the morning and one by former President Bill Clinton in the evening. The dual events underscore Democratic front-running candidates Obama and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton’s attempts to rally people like Jeffrey Graves, a 21-year-old student activist at the University of Denver. More than 150 local, national and international media stories appeared about the visits. A selection of media reporting on the visits includes: **KMGH-TV, January 28; Coloradoan, January 29; KRDO.com (Colorado Springs, Colo.) January 30; Denver Post, January 30; CBSNews.com, January 30; The Citizen (South Africa), January 30; New York Times, January 30; Yahoo News Asia, January 30; Chicago Sun-Times, January 30; Miami Herald, January 30; MSNBC.com, January 30; New York Daily News, January 30; USA Today, January 30; Yahoo News, January 30; Denver Post, January 30; Daily Camera, January 30; KUSA-TV, January 30; Rocky Mountain News, January 30; Vail Daily, January 30; Arizona Republic, January 31; Baltimore Sun Blog “The Swamp,” January 31; KTLA-TV (Los Angeles, Calif.), January 31; Seattle Times, January 31; St. Louis Post-Dispatch, January 31; Turkish Press (Turkey), January 31; Wall Street Journal, January 31; Washington Post, January 31; Denver Post, January 31; The Age (Melbourne, Australia), January 31; Chicago Tribune, January 31; The Hindu.com (India), January 31; Kansas City Star, January 31; San Diego Union-Tribune, January 31; St. Petersburg Times, January 31; Coloradoan, January 31; Reporter-Herald (Loveland, Colo.), January 31 and Summit Daily News, January 31.**

PRInside.com, January 31—Iris Mauss, assistant professor of psychology, contributed an article in a new book “Regulating Emotions: Culture, Social Necessity, and Biological Inheritance.” **Yahoo! Canada, January 31** also reported this story.

Local reputation-defining electronic and print media placements

Rocky Mountain News, January 3—Nicole Vilegi, associate director of admissions and financial aid at the University of Denver’s Graduate School of International Studies, says that the advice “learn from all situations, the good and the not so good,” has helped her develop into a well-rounded professional who can overcome a variety of challenges.

Denver Post, January 4 - Colorado lawmakers should vet citizen-proposed constitutional amendments before they hit the ballot and a state commission should clear up conflicts in the document every 10 years, a University of Denver report says. “The stakes are high,” said Jim Griesemer, a DU business professor who chaired the panel. Other media reporting this story include: **Rocky Mountain News, January 2; Summit Daily News, January 3; Rocky Mountain News, January 4, Denver Business Journal, January 4; Grand Junction Sentinel, January 4; Pueblo Chieftain, January 4; KUSA-TV, January 4; CBS4Denver.com, January 4; KWGN-TV, January 4; Univision, January 4; KOA-AM, January 4; KCFR-AM, January 4; The Colorado Index Blog, January 3; HeadFirst Colorado Blog, January 4; CalibreMacroWorld.com, January 5; Cortez Journal, January 5; Durango Herald, January 5; Denver Post, January 5; Durango Herald, January 6; Rocky Mountain News, January 8; Cortez Journal, January 8; KMGH-TV, January 9; KUSA-TV, January 9; KVDR-TV, January 9; Denver Post, January 10; Rocky Mountain News, January 10; Pueblo Chieftain, January 10 and Longmont Daily Times-Call, January 11.**

Denver Post, January 4—The University of Denver’s School of Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Managements houses a conference and events center. Students in the program must work a minimum of 1,000 hours in the industry.

Denver Post, January 4—The first annual report from the Denver Center for the Performing Arts with Daniel Ritchie as chairman reflects some of the same magic that helped him transform the University of Denver. **SiloBreaker.com, January 5 and Rocky Mountain News, January 19**, also reported on Ritchie’s connection to DU and the DCPA.

Denver Business Journal, January 7—A study conducted as a joint project by University of Colorado Real Estate Center and University of Denver Franklin L. Burns School of Real Estate and Construction Management, found that construction, operation and maintenance of commercial real estate properties represents a significant and largely stable portion of Colorado’s economy, accounting for more than ten percent of the state’s total output. Other media reporting this story include: **Rocky Mountain News, January 7; Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.), January 7; PRInside.com, January 7 and CalibreMacroWorld.com, January 7.**

Rocky Mountain News, January 9—University of Denver senior Adam Holmstrom is ranked 17th in the latest NCAA Division I rankings for men's tennis singles.

Denver Post, January 10—Cory Madden, a student at the University of Denver, said part of his class is engaged in a youth voting project to get people involved in the presidential race.

Denver Post, January 10—Tyler Ruegsegger, a Lakewood native and DU sophomore forward is one of the nation’s top young hockey players — a status reinforced by his selection to the U.S. team that finished fourth in the World Junior Championships in the Czech Republic. Another Pioneers sophomore, Rhett Rakhshani, also was on the U.S. team.

Rocky Mountain News, January 10—Lynn Gangone, the dean of the Women’s College of the University of Denver, was elected to the board of directors of The Colorado Women’s Chamber of Commerce.

Rocky Mountain News, January 10—Gerry Powers, a goaltender who helped the University of Denver to national championships in 1968 and 1969, has watched the success of his alma mater this decade slowly erase his accomplishments from the DU record book.

Rocky Mountain News, January 10—University of Denver senior swimmer Jeff Giddens and sophomore diver Cody Stambaugh were named the Sun Belt Conference swimmer and diver of the week. Eight members of DU’s men’s soccer team have been named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation’s all-academic team.

Denver Post, January 11 – Martin Luther King III will speak at the University of Denver on Monday. His speech will be the first in a series of multicultural events honoring his father, the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. **Denver Post, January 14; Denver Post, January 15 and KUSA-TV, January 15 also reported on King’s visit to DU.**

Denver Post, January 13- The University of Denver’s No. 15-ranked gymnastics team squeaked out a 194.900-190.475 victory over Washington in front of a sellout crowd that came to see the meet and special guests Nadia Comaneci and Bart Conner. **KDVR-TV, January 13,** also reported on Comaneci and Conners’ visit.

Denver Post, January 15—Gerontological Services Inc., a consulting firm specializing in market feasibility, research and planning of older-adult services and facilities, is working with the University of Denver to develop lifelong learning opportunities that connect retirees to the institutions.

Rocky Mountain News, January 16—James Nicholson, most recently the secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs, has joined the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck. Nicholson earned a law degree from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Other media reporting this story include: **InterestAlert.com, January 16; Rocky Mountain News, January 17 and Conde Nast Portfolio, January 17.**

Durango Herald, January 20—Megan Dignum, a Durango native and University of Denver student is a legislative intern for Representative Ellen Roberts from Durango. **The Cortez Journal, January 22,** also reported this story.

Denver Post, January 22—A Colorado Public Radio program tackling media issues was one of a series held in conjunction with the University of Denver’s Daniels College of Business on the intersection of ethics and business.

Denver Post, January 14—With images by Semyon Fridlyand and his contemporaries, “On the Road: Photography of the Soviet Empire” documents the ethnic, religious and physical diversity of the former Soviet Union. It can be seen March 6-May 4 at the University of Denver’s Myhren Gallery.

Denver Post, January 25—A team of talented interior designers is giving a facelift to the historic Phipps Tennis Pavilion, the site of the Junior Symphony Guild guild’s 2008 Designer Showhouse. The property was given to the University of Denver in the 1960s.

Rocky Mountain News, January 28 – A group of 27 high schoolers from across the metro area - equally divided among Muslims, Jews and Christians - will fly to Israel in June in an effort to bring a measure of peace to the region. The Student Interfaith Peace Project, SIPP for short, came out of discussions between Shaul Gabbay, head of the Institute for the Study of Israel in the Middle East at the University of Denver, and Rohan Schlueter, the institute’s former project director.

Denver Business Journal, January 29—The University of Denver announced Tuesday the establishment of one of the first endowed university chairs in the nation dedicated to researching the benefits of animal-assisted therapy, with backing from Arapahoe County-based American Humane. Other media reporting this story include: **Digital News Direct, January 29; East Bay Business Times, January 29 and Cleveland Plain-Dealer, January 31.**

Denver Post, January 29—A group of students from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Environmental Law Clinic are working with a Denver-based clean air group to petition Xcel Energy to address

emissions at its Adams County plant. The team has filed a notice of intent to sue under the federal clean air act. **Denver Business Journal, January 28 and Rocky Mountain News, January 29**, also reported this story.

Denver Business Journal, January 30—Apartment vacancies were down and rents were up in the last year's fourth quarter, compared to 2006's final period, according to a report by Gordon Von Stroh, professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business. **Daily Camera, January 30**, also reported this story.

Denver Post, January 31—The University of Denver men's lacrosse team is ranked 20th in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Coaches preseason poll.

Denver Post, January 31—"The Talking Bird," a joint presentation of the University of Denver department of theater and the Lamont School of Music, is a musical-comedy family adventure about a secret and a special bird.

National/International expert comment in electronic and print media placements

Fox News Channel, January 3—Mark Aoyagi, assistant professor of Sports and Performance Psychology at the University of Denver, says that the concept behind Denver's Anti-Gym, which motivates by degradation, "can work, for a short period of time, until people realize there are better ways to motivate themselves."

USA Today, January 9—Bob Hannum, a University of Denver statistics professor and author of "Practical Casino Math," says that slots are all luck, no skill. **The News Journal (Wilmington, Delaware), January 28**, also reported this story.

Washington Times, January 10—Peter Groff, president of the Colorado Senate and founding executive director of the University of Denver's Center for African American Policy, and Charles Ellison, senior fellow at the Center, contributed an op-ed about the 2008 presidential campaign. Other media quoting Ellison in January include: **TickerTech.com, January 14; MacroWorld Investor, January 14; Post-Bulletin (Rochester, Minn.), January 14; Press of Atlantic City, January 14; Chicago Tribune, January 14; Arizona Republic, January 14; Star-Telegram (Fort Worth, Texas), January 14; MSNBC.com, January 14; KASA-TV (Albuquerque, NM), January 14; The Sentinel (Carlisle, Pa.), January 14; South Coast Today (New Bedford, Mass.); January 14; Statesman-Journal (Salem, Ore.), January 14; Detroit News, January 15; Modesto Bee, January 15; Columbus Dispatch, January 15; Los Angeles Daily News, January 15; Philippine Daily Inquirer, January 15; Jefferson City News-Tribune (Jefferson City, Mo.), January 15; Townhall.com, January 15 and Times-Daily (Northwest Ala.), January 18.**

Forbes.com, Reuters, January 17—A \$40 billion lawsuit by Enron investors against several banks for orchestrating financing deals for the now-defunct energy trader is not dead, despite a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that helps protect such third parties. "It's not forgone that they lose in Enron. It's close but not there yet," said Jay Brown, securities professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. Other media quoting Brown include: **KMTV-TV (Omaha, Neb.), January 22; Forbes.com, January 22; Financial Post, January 22; ITBusiness.com, January 22; BBCNews, January 23; Guardian Unlimited (U.K), January 22; Reuters U.K., January 23; New Zealand Herald, January 23; KTNV-TV (Las Vegas, Nev.), January 23; and Wall Street Journal, January 28.**

Financial Times, January 21—Martin Rhodes, professor of comparative political economy at the University of Denver Graduate school of International Studies, contributed an op-ed about the Italian political scene.

Chicago Tribune's Career Builder, January 22—Students and job seekers alike can gain valuable insights from informational interviews says Mary Michael Hawkins, director of the University of Denver Career Center.

YouTube.com, January 29—Seth Masket, assistant professor of political science, answered questions about primaries and caucuses in a video produced by Fireside Productions. The video has received nearly 107,000 hits. **KCNC-TV, January 8**, also quoted Masket.

Local expert comment in electronic and print media placements

Denver Business Journal, January 11—Bill Berger, an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, contributed an article about Colorado's new minimum wage law.

Denver Post, January 15—The city of Cleveland filed a public-nuisance lawsuit against 21 investment banks and lenders whose subprime-mortgage-lending practices have allegedly turned Cleveland into a sty. Tom Russell, a law professor at the University of Denver, said he admires the way Cleveland is exposing the problems but that he doesn't think the lawsuit will get far.

Rocky Mountain News, January 15—Daniels College of Business professor John Holcomb, the chairman of the commission that disciplines Colorado judges, says he fears that Gov. Bill Ritter may be politicizing the group, after a struggle over the governor's appointees to the body.

Rocky Mountain News, January 15—There's plenty of gray area in determining what mental retardation means, says Sturm College of Law professor Sam Kamin. "The (U.S.) Supreme Court said the mentally retarded cannot be executed, but they weren't exceptionally clear on what they meant by mentally retarded," he says.

KUSA-TV, January 22—Mac Clouse, a professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business, says the Fed's surprise rate-cuts may have added to the panic in some people's minds. Other media quoting Clouse include **Denver Post, January 23** and **KCNC-TV, January 23**.

Denver Post, January 23—Phillip Danielson, professor of forensic genetics at the University of Denver and a science adviser to the National Law and Corrections Technology Center, said the team that conducted tests for Tim Masters' defense employed the latest DNA testing methods. **CBS4Denver.com, January 23, also reported this story.**

Denver Post, January 28—Theresa Conley, clinical professor of marketing at the University of Denver, predicts Isaacson Rosenbaum's ad campaign, which features cranky, imperious goons in lawyerly attire blocking ordinary people from accomplishing ordinary tasks, will resonate with businesspeople who've met an obstructionist attorney or two.

KUSA-TV, January 29—Subway says Quiznos is responsible for the negative comments people posted online about their product. Quiznos argues it can't be responsible for people's opinions. Kevin O'Brien, an associate professor at the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business, says no matter the outcome of this court case, it will change the way we see our advertising forever.

Castle Rock News-Press, January 31—Networking is creating meaningful relationships with mutual benefits, says Lynn Gangone, dean of The Women's College at the University of Denver. Other media reporting this story on January 31 include **Centennial Citizen, Douglas County News-Press, Elbert County News, Englewood Herald, Highlands Ranch Herald, Littleton Independent, Lone Tree Voice and Parker Chronicle.**