

Upcoming Event: Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series



Prof. Robin
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University of Utah, Professor of Law, Robin Kundis Craig, will be on campus speaking in the next installment of the Thomas C. Sorensen Policy Seminar Series.

Professor Craig will discuss the concepts explored in her forthcoming book, *The End of Sustainability* (co-authored with Melinda Harm Benson). The question she will pose is how American culture and law can better adapt, prepare for, and respond to the narrative tradition of the Trickster of the Anthropocene. Environmental and natural resources law in the United States assume that natural systems can easily be restored to their proper balance through the application of appropriate assessment and regulation. However, modern ecological studies and resilience theory call these assumptions into doubt, particularly in the face of continually changing ecosystems and baseline conditions brought on by climate change.

This event is free and open to the public and university community and is co-sponsored by the Nebraska Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, School of Natural Resources, Department of English, the University of Nebraska Public Policy

Center, and the College of Arts and Sciences through the Thomas C. Sorensen Endowment.

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CENTER RESEARCHER PRESENTS ON NIH FUNDED WORK AT NATIONAL HIV CONFERENCE

Dr. Kate Speck, Senior Research Manager, recently presented at the **AIDS Project Los Angeles HIV Care Conference in California**. She shared results of her National Institute of Health funded work using motivational interviewing interventions to diminish risky behaviors of persons with HIV. Dr. Speck collaborates on this project with **Bryan Garner** of **Research Triangle Institute**. Dr. Speck is a nationally known expert in the field of motivational interviewing and regularly trains the trainers in the technique. **You can view the slides from her presentation here.**



Dr. Kate Speck

CENTER RESEARCHER SERVING ON CITY OF LINCOLN OPEN DATA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Lisa PytlikZillig, Senior Research Manager, is serving as a member of the City of Lincoln Open Data Governance Committee. In this role, she is the convener of the public engagement subcommittee and a member of the website subcommittee.

This purpose of the **Open Data and Performance Management website** is to give the public better access to City data and



Dr. Lisa PytlikZillig

information on performance management. "This is a new resource for the public to help them more easily find the volumes of data that are on our City website," Mayor Beutler said. "They can use this data to more clearly understand how local government works, how City resources are used and how we arrive at important decisions." Additionally, this site is another layer of transparency to the City's [Taking Charge](#) performance management process.

[Full press release is available here.](#)



SAVE THE DATE FOR 2017 GREAT PLAINS DISASTER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

The Great Plains Disaster Behavioral Health Conference is set for July 28, 2017 at the Embassy Suites Downtown Omaha, NE. This year's conference theme is "Back to Basics" and will present two training tracks appropriate for both behavioral health professionals and disaster behavioral health volunteers without a license.

This Conference is for psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, mental health care providers, public health officials, nurses, clergy, emergency managers, and first responders to learn and recognize how to prepare and respond to the psychological effects of disaster and mass casualties.

Details about training and presenters to be announced soon! [Visit the conference website for updates.](#)

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