

Under Shared Blue Skies: Mongolia and the North American West

November 8 and 9, 2025

Denver, Colorado

Call for Abstracts

Since the early 1990s, the connections between Mongolia and the North American West have grown into vibrant, long-term bridges of knowledge and culture. A wide variety of research and creative scholarship connects Mongolia to the North American West, ranging from archaeology to zoology. At the same time, much of this scholarship is produced by members of Mongolian communities in the North American West. This conference seeks to bring together scholars, practitioners, students, and community members in the North American West who have engaged in or are simply interested in scholarship related to Mongolia. This will be a two-day interdisciplinary event to share knowledge and experiences while also providing opportunities for interaction and development of new ideas for collaboration.

Conference Hosts

- American Center for Mongolian Studies
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Ulaanbaatar-Denver Sister Cities Committee

Conference Sponsors

- University of Colorado
- Colorado State University

Interested in sponsoring the events? Contact Sara Jackson Shumate, Ph.D. at sjacks62@msudenver.edu for more information.

Conference Format

Day 1: Academic and professional conference that is open to students and the community with panels and opportunities to discuss and network

Day 2: Cultural events, presentations, and other activities

Types of Submissions

1. Short paper presentations (10 minutes)
2. Poster presentation

Who should attend?

Anyone who is interested in Mongolian Studies is welcome to attend.

Who should submit an abstract?

Researchers, practitioners, and/or students who engage with research and/or creative scholarship related to Mongolia. Scholars from any discipline or field are welcome to submit an abstract. This conference is not strictly limited to the academic community, and we encourage participation by artists, educators, and members of the non-profit sector.

Where?

Downtown Denver, Colorado - home to one of the oldest and most dynamic Mongolian communities in North America.

Benefits of participation?

The two-day programming will provide opportunities for knowledge exchange through a variety of formats, offering participants different ways to present, learn from each other, and discuss how to enhance further collaborations. This is considered a peer-reviewed conference.

Expected outcomes

Increased interdisciplinary dialog between researchers, practitioners, students, and community members. For junior researchers, increased capacity to present and discuss scientific results.

Proceedings

Abstracts will be published and distributed at the meeting.

Conference Registration and Fees

- Participants from universities and other large organizations: \$50
- Community members (could be anyone in Denver): \$20 or \$25
- Students (any level): \$10

Note: A separate registration form to submit payment for your attendance will be available soon.

Important Dates

- February 4, 2025: Call for abstracts
- March 31, 2025: Abstract submission deadline
- May 1, 2025: Notification of acceptance
- TBD: Registration deadline for all participants

Instructions for submitting abstracts

Complete the [online submission form](#) by the March 31, 2025 deadline. You will be contacted by May 1, 2025 if your application has been accepted.

The submission requirements include:

1. Presentation format (oral presentation or poster)
2. Presentation title
3. Abstract (250 words or less)
4. Key terms (up to 5 words)

Questions?

Contact info@mongoliacenter.org or Sara Jackson Shumate, Ph.D. at sjacks62@msudenver.edu if you have any questions.