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**Climate change expert to facilitate discussion at WTAMU**

Canyon, Texas— SueEllen Campbell, co-founder and director of Changing Climates at Colorado State University (CSU), will present a discussion entitled, “Let’s Talk About Climate Change” at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11, in room 102 of the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU). Presented by the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society, in partnership with the Department of Life, Earth and Environmental Sciences, the WTAMU Geology Society, the WTAMU Environmental Science Society and the Center for the Study of the American West, this free event welcomes community members as well as WTAMU students, faculty and staff.

Changing Climates at CSU, a multidisciplinary education and outreach initiative, aims to provide high-quality, easily-accessible information about climate change to interested college students and other adults. In the years since its founding in 2007, Changing Climates has organized over 120 talks for campus and public audiences, featured speakers representing all eight of CSU’s academic colleges and assisted scientists and other specialists in becoming more comfortable communicating their research to a broad audience.

Until recently, Campbell served as professor of English at CSU, where she taught environmental/nature literature and ecocriticism. She has authored several books about personal and cultural responses to the natural world, including *Bringing the Mountain Home* (1996), *Even Mountains Vanish* (2003) and *The Face of the Earth* (2011). Recently, Campbell has focused primarily on reducing the difficulty involved with the important act of discussing climate change and exploring related questions with friends, relatives, neighbors and the public.

In pursuit of this goal, Campbell manages the website “100 Views of Climate Change” (changingclimates.colostate.edu), which offers links to hundreds of annotated videos, websites, articles, essays and books targeted toward non-specialists seeking to learn more about the field. Featured topics cover a wide range, including climate science and ecology, economics, health effects, art, ethics, activism, international and local policy, weather and more.

For more information about Campbell’s presentation at WTAMU, please contact Kaycie Timm at ktimm@wtamu.edu or Alex Hunt at ahunt@wtamu.edu.

**About the Texas Panhandle Audubon Society (TPAS)**Founded in 1952 by a small group of conservationists, TPAS is the oldest environmental organization in the Texas panhandle. TPAS members originally engaged in social bird-watching activities, but also undertook scientific work. By 1962, the group had aided in producing a substantive record of decades-long avian population and migration. Over the years, TPAS has hosted many public programs, inviting experts to speak on subjects ranging from bird identification to Texas water issues to local pioneer histories. Additionally, TPAS has been involved with activities seeking to promote environmental awareness and stewardship, including trail and habitat building in partnership with other organizations in the region. For more information, visit txpas.org.

**About the Center for the Study of the American West (CSAW)**
CSAW formed in the fall of 2016 with a mission of fostering the study of the American West at WTAMU and building bridges between the university, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and the regional populace. CSAW seeks to promote the American West both as a culturally unique region and a product of broad historical forces. Through this endeavor, CSAW remains dedicated to cultivating a critical vision of region and place in a globalized era. For more information about CSAW, please visit wtamu.edu/csaw.

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