

## Faculty Colloquium April 1, 2015

### Monumental Sense of Place:

### Recreation studies on BLM public lands around the Colorado Plateau

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Dr. Tim Casey will share preliminary results of his research regarding people's connections to the landscape of Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument in Southern Utah. This project is a multi-year study utilizing mixed methodologies of focus group discussion and audience polling technology as well as data mapping to connect people's discussion of their sense of place with actual locations on the landscape. In the first two and a half years of this research, Dr. Casey has conducted over 40 focus groups to collect the data. He will also be sharing experiences from other research projects in Colorado and Utah using similar methodologies to understand the human connection to public lands across the Colorado Plateau.