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David Carlson is the founder and convener of the Ethics and Ecological Economics Forum. The [EEE Forum](#) meets monthly during the academic year for presentations and discussion on current public policy issues such as climate change and carbon pricing, regenerative agriculture and carbon farming, public health inequities during COVID-19, hunger and food insecurity, election reform and ranked choice voting, and economics and the quality of life.

Dr. Carlson founded the EEE Forum shortly after he completed the Joint Ph.D. Program in Religious and Theological Studies at the Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver (DU) in 2013. His dissertation examined relationships among religion, science, and theology in dialogue with the thinking of German philosopher, Martin Heidegger. Since then he has taught graduate-level courses in financial management at Iliff (2014-15) and ecological economics and human well-being at DU (2016) as an adjunct faculty member.

Before returning to academia in 2005, Dr. Carlson served as the natural resources policy analyst for the Colorado Department of Agriculture (1976-2003). During that time, he directed major studies and public policy education activities in agricultural land conversion and growth, the future of the Ogallala Aquifer, irrigation water demand, and biofuels. He also founded and served as the first Executive Director of the Colorado Agricultural Leadership Program (1983-89)—an intensive, two-year program, including national and international travel, for emerging leaders 25-40 years of age. Prior to joining the state Department of Agriculture, David earned a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 1971 and taught undergraduate mathematics at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and Colorado State University in Pueblo.

Currently, Dr. Carlson is a Team Co-leader for “Beyond GDP: Measuring Human and Ecological Wellbeing (HEW) in Colorado” – a project of the DU Grand Challenges Initiative. In collaboration with NGOs, government agencies, and other stakeholders in Colorado, this project seeks to develop a consensus set of measurable indicators of personal, community, and environmental wellbeing (such as access to health care and quality education, personal safety, and civic participation) that go beyond gross domestic product and other economic indicators. The Project Team intends to produce a HEW Report and hold a HEW Forum on or before Earth Day 2022. David also is a member of the Regenerative Agriculture and Food Systems Working Group of the [Regenerative Recovery Coalition](#), an initiative of the Alliance Center.

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