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## Upcoming Active Minds Events at Tattered Cover

*Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **China's Human Rights Struggle**

Thirty years ago, China's human rights issues were showcased to the world by the bloody crackdown on peaceful protesters in Tiananmen Square. Join Active Minds as we look at how modern China's economic growth has often come at the expense of human rights. We will highlight the ways in which the Chinese has repressed political dissent, as well as ways in which ethnic minorities have been negatively impacted.

*Tuesday, November 12, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store*

### **The Legacy of World War I: A Flawed Peace**

As we marked the hundred year anniversary of the Treaty of Versailles and the end of World War I, join Active Minds for a look at how the agreements made at the Paris Peace Conference after "the Great War" sowed the seeds of conflict soon thereafter, as well as to the present day.

*Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Climate Change**

Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds as we examine the predictions and the politics given the US withdrawal from the Paris climate accord.

*Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Zimbabwe**

On November 15th, 2017, the then President of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe was removed from power via a military coup. Current President Emmerson Mnangagwa faces a challenging transition following a leader who was both oppressive and beloved by many. Join Active Minds as we review Zimbabwe's history as a former British Colony, the nominally independent country of Rhodesia, and a 15 year civil war involving complicated race relations. We will also cover where the country may be heading as it seeks to find its path after nearly four decades under the dictatorial rule of Mugabe.

*Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store*

### **Railroads**

This year marks the 150 year anniversary of the "Golden Spike" that completed the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Join Active Minds as we review the rich history of railroads in the United States. We will explore the role they played in building a young country as well as the industry titans that emerged to build and control them. We will bring the story all the way up to the present, discussing current freight and passenger train issues and opportunities. All aboard!



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*Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Ukraine**

Seventy years of Soviet control of Ukraine ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. During that time Ukraine suffered extensive famines, deportation of its citizens, and repopulation of its country by ethnic Russians. After independence, Ukraine aligned more with the west, resulting in escalating tension between ethnic Russians and Ukrainians. In 2014, Russia annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine, fueling an ongoing low-level civil war fed by Russian influence. This past April Ukraine's President Petro Poroshenko was defeated by Volodymyr Zelensky, an actor/comedian who played the President in a popular television show. Join Active Minds as we review the history, present issues, and future challenges of this former Soviet satellite country.

*Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Brazil**

The early 2000s was a time of immense optimism and growth in Brazil under the leadership of Presidents Luiz Inácio da Silva and his successor Dilma Rousseff, both of the Brazilian Workers Party. Corruption scandals, however, led to the impeachment of Rousseff in 2016 and the imprisonment of Lula in 2018. In January 2019, Jair Bolsonaro became President of Brazil, marking a significant shift to the right in Brazilian politics. Join Active Minds as we explore Brazil's bumpy political ride and what it may suggest for the future of the largest nation in South America.

*Tuesday, February 11, 2020, 12:30-1:30 pm, Aspen Grove Store*

### **Kashmir**

Since the formation of India and Pakistan in 1947, both countries have fought over the region known as Kashmir. Containing a Muslim majority, but ruled by Hindu dominated India, Kashmir has been the trigger of two separate wars between India and Pakistan, and even drawn China into the conflict. Add to the mix, the nuclear arsenal of both countries and it's not difficult to see the potential flashpoint that Kashmir represents in the region. Join Active Minds as we explore Kashmir and seek to understand its pivotal role in South Asia.

*Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 5:00-6:00 pm, Colfax Store*

### **Chicago: Biography of a City**

Join Active Minds for the story of the Windy City. We will begin with the French explorers, missionaries, fur traders and Native Americans that inhabited the region in the early 1800s. We will cover the Great Chicago Fire and how it impacted the development of the city. And as we bring things all the way up to the present, we'll cover the politics, crime, food, culture, and architecture of the "City of Broad Shoulders." It's the next best thing to being there!

**Store Locations: (All events are free and open to the public.)**

**LoDo:** 1628 16th Street at Wynkoop in downtown Denver, 80202

**Colfax:** 2526 East Colfax, two blocks east of York, Denver, 80206

**Aspen Grove:** 7301 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120.



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