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# **Main Hall to Main Street**

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## Forest Service rewards UM researcher

The U.S. Forest Service has presented this year's Excellence in Wilderness Stewardship Research Award to Steve McCool, a UM professor of wildland recreation management.

The award is given each year to an outstanding scientist who works closely with wilderness managers to apply research to real-world situations. McCool received his award last month at a meeting of the World Wilderness Congress in Anchorage, Alaska.

"I work with some great people," McCool said, "and it's wonderful to have a hand in helping protect wilderness areas for our children and grandchildren."

McCool earned the award for his studies

of wilderness visitors and using the Limits of Acceptable Change planning framework in Montana's Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. The LAC process uses citizen involvement to decide how much human-induced change is acceptable in wildland areas.

McCool has worked in UM's College of Forestry and Conservation since 1977. His professional involvement with "the Bob" — the 1.5 million-acre wilderness complex comprising the Bob Marshall, Great Bear and Scapegoat wildernesses — started in 1982 when he worked on a study of visitor-use patterns, attitudes and motivations. He also helped facilitate a new planning process, which led to a new recreation management direction for the complex.

His planning processes are now used in many areas within the National Wilderness Preservation System. 🐾



**McCool**

## UM's Mohr earns professor of the year honor

University of Montana students have called marketing Professor Jakki Mohr "dynamic, demanding, innovative and inspiring." Now they can call her the best professor in Montana higher education.

Mohr has been named the 2005 Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching Montana Professor of the Year. She accepted the award in Washington, D.C., Nov. 17.

The award comes as part of the U.S. Professors of the Year program, which salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the nation — those who excel as teachers and influence the lives and careers of their students. The program is sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Mohr's award marks the sixth consecutive year a UM professor has won the prestigious honor. She was nominated by UM President George Dennison, a cadre of her colleagues and students past and present.

"She has earned a stellar reputation for teaching of the highest quality while also mentoring her students and serving the external community," Dennison said in his nominating letter.

A member of the School of Business Administration faculty since 1997, Mohr consistently receives high marks from



**Jakki Mohr  
at work**

students on teaching evaluations. In 2002 she was presented with one of the highest honors a UM faculty member can receive — the Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award, voted on by graduating seniors and given by Silent Sentinel, a senior honorary society.

An innovator in the field of marketing high-technology products and services, Mohr has achieved international acclaim for her work, and students all over the world benefit from her scholarly efforts. She wrote "Marketing of High-Technology Products and Innovations," a textbook that has become the work of choice in business schools at colleges and universities worldwide, as well as for private industry managers in company training sessions. 🐾

## Grant funds new infectious disease program

UM has been awarded a \$3.2 million National Science Foundation grant to establish the Montana Ecology of Infectious Disease (M-EID) program.

The award will allow the University to attract, support and train researchers to focus on some of the most important social and environmental issues, said Erick Greene, acting associate dean of UM's Division of Biological Sciences.

He said, "With current concerns about avian flu and global pandemics, West Nile virus, HIV and AIDS, chronic wasting diseases in deer and elk, whirling disease in trout, and brucellosis in bison — just to name a few — the ecology of infectious diseases is an emerging field of global and local importance for people and wildlife."

UM Professor Bill Holben and

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**Hurricane Class**—This wintersession, UM's environmental studies department will offer students a unique opportunity to visit Louisiana and explore the factors that resulted in Hurricane Katrina and what their effects are — particularly the racial and class divisions exposed by the damage and response. "Katrina — The Making and 'Unmaking' of a Disaster" was organized by environmental studies Assistant Professor Robin Saha and EVST/ social work Professor Emeritus Tom Roy. In January they plan to meet with a group of between eight and 10 UM upper-division and graduate students in New Orleans. Once there, they will explore the social and environmental causes and consequences of the disaster, visit affected areas and more.

**Winning Journalist**—Peter Bulger, a UM junior in journalism from Missoula, has received the \$5,000 Jim Murray Memorial Scholarship, named for the legendary Los Angeles Times sports columnist who died in 1998. Bulger won the award on the basis of his academic performance and an essay he submitted to the Jim Murray Foundation. Bulger and six other national winners will be honored Dec. 11-12 in La Quinta, Calif.

#### Disease program — continued

Associate Professors Mary Poss and Carol Brewer from the UM Division of Biological Sciences, Jonathan Graham of UM's math department and Jesse Johnson of the University's Department of Computer Science will direct the new M-EID program.

To achieve its goals, the program will focus on team-based collaborations, effective communication among disciplines, and professional development and career enhancement. Holben said. Students will be trained to meet significant needs related not only to infectious diseases, but also to any complex biological or ecological issues.

"The exciting thing about this training program is that nearly all of the funding goes to support graduate student education and research," Holben said.

UM's M-EID program also will work with a host of partner institutions, programs and agencies in the United States and in other countries to provide students broad opportunities.

"We are very pleased about this grant from the National Science Foundation," Greene said. "It is one of the most competitive in the country, and receiving it is a testament to the University's world-class faculty." 🐾



**Female Portraits**—A current exhibit at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture presents a lesser-known side of Missoula artist Dirk Lee. "The Beauty in Her... Works by Dirk Lee" will be in the Meloy Gallery, located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, through Dec. 21. The exhibit features Lee's oil paintings depicting female portraits and female nudes that are done in a style reflective of surrealism and mannerism. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4-8:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.umt.edu/partv/famus> for more information.

**Animal Art**—Wild and domesticated animals are the subjects of works that will be exhibited at the Montana Museum of Art and Culture through Dec. 21. "Creatures from the Permanent Collection" will be in the museum's Paxson Gallery, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 4 to 8:30 p.m. For more information about this free exhibit call (406) 243-2019 or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/partv/famus>. 🐾

## UM Events

**Art Exhibit**—through Dec. 16. Ryan Horvath's "Emit." Artist's Lecture, 4 p.m. Dec. 2; opening reception, 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. University Center Art Gallery. Information, (406) 243-4991.

**Play**—Nov. 29. Dec. 3. Dec. 6-10. "Peter Pan or the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up." 7:30 p.m. (2 p.m. matinee Dec. 3). Cost: \$15/general; \$12/students/seniors; \$5/children 12 and under. Tickets: PAR/TV Box Office, (406) 243-4581. Information, (406) 243-4481.

**Men's basketball**—Nov. 29. UM vs. Utah Valley State, 7:05 p.m., Dahlberg Arena.

**Concert**—Nov. 29. UM Percussion Ensemble and Islanders Steel Drum Band, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$6/general; \$4/students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6880.

**Holiday Art Fair**—Dec. 1-3. 10 a.m., University Center Atrium. Information, (406) 243-5714.

**President's Lecture Series**—Dec. 1. "The Massive Mysticism of Stone: Religion's Ecological Phase" by Larry L. Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, 8 p.m., University Center Ballroom, Free. Information, (406) 243-4594.

**Men's basketball**—Dec. 2, UM vs. Stanford, 7:05 p.m., Dahlberg Arena.

**Concert**—Dec. 2. University Choir and Chamber Chorale, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre, \$5/general; \$3/students and seniors.

**Reading**—Dec. 2. by Danzy Senna, UM's fall 2005 Kittredge Visiting Writer, 8 p.m. Turner Hall Dell Brown Room

**Concerto/aria competition**—Dec. 3. 1 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free. Information, (406) 243-6880.

**Concert**—Dec. 3-4. Missoula Symphony Orchestra Holiday Pops, 7:30 p.m., University Theatre, Saturday, and 3 p.m. Sunday. Featuring Aaron Lazar, vocalist. Tickets, (406) 721-3194.

**Concert**—Dec. 3. Jubileers, 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall, free.

**Comedian**—Dec. 4. Ron White, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., Wilma Theatre. Tickets \$41 at all GrizTix outlets. Information, (406) 243-6661.

**UM Symphony Orchestra**—Dec. 5. 7:30 p.m., University Theatre, \$5/general; \$3/students and seniors. Information, (406) 243-6880.

**Men's basketball**—Dec. 6. UM vs. Loyola Marymount, 7:05 p.m., Dahlberg Arena.