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UM RECEIVES GRANT FOR WORKSHOP ON NATIVE AMERICANS AND BILL OF RIGHTS
MISSOULA --

The University of Montana has landed a \$10,091 grant from the National Council for the Social Studies to give a workshop on "Diversity and Tolerance: Native Americans and the Bill of Rights."

The proposal, one of only 11 accepted by the council out of 47 applications, was submitted by UM education Associate Professor Jean Luckowski and political science Professor Jim Lopach.

Aimed at 30 elementary and secondary teachers, the workshop will be held Oct. 16-17 at Eastern Montana College in <u>Billings</u> in conjunction with the 1991 Montana Council for the Social Studies conference.

The workshop will present the Bill of Rights as a document advocating a community of tolerant, civic-minded people. Speakers will use the example of Montana's Native Americans to show the connection among diversity, rights, expression, knowledge, respect, tolerance and community.

Presenters will include Don Wetzel, <u>Harlem</u>'s school superintendent and a past state coordinator of Indian affairs;

Margery Hunter Brown, a law professor and the director of the Indian Law Clinic at UM; Professor Lopach; and Dan Kemmis, <u>Missoula</u>'s mayor and a former speaker of the state House of Representatives.

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Other speakers will be Marlene LaCounte, an EMC associate professor of education, and Associate Professor Luckowski. A panel of Montana tribal leaders will also take part in the workshop.

Participating teachers can earn one UM graduate credit and will receive a stipend and workshop materials.

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