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UM SCHEDULES TELECONFERENCE ON 1ST AMENDMENT RIGHTS

MISSOULA --

Four nationally recognized speakers will address the topic "New Conflict on Campus: Can We Live With the First Amendment?" in a live, interactive teleconference Thursday, Oct. 21, at The University of Montana.

The program, produced by the State University of New York and presented by the Public Broadcasting Service's Adult Learning Satellite Service, will run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

UM's Committee for Diversity Forums and Diversity Advisory Council are sponsoring the teleconference as a tool for helping the campus community find a balance between the often conflicting rights guaranteed under the First and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Dean of Students Barbara Hollmann said Monday.

The campus has heard much debate about diversity and academic freedom during the past year as well, she said. "This teleconference gives us the opportunity to hear nationally recognized speakers address these issues," she said.

The teleconference features Blanche Wiesen Cook, a professor at the City University of New York and a noted author and political activist; Nat Henthoff, Washington Post columnist and author of the recently published book "Free Speech For Me--But Not For Thee"; Marianne R. Merritt, a law clerk for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund; and Charlayne Hunter-Gault, well-known journalist and national correspondent for the "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour."

Participants are invited to bring a lunch.

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