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FEMINIST PHILOSOPHER FEATURED IN WOMEN'S HISTORY LECTURE

MISSOULA --

A leading author and theorist in contemporary feminist philosophy will give the Third Annual Maxine Van de Wetering Women Making History Lecture at The University of Montana—Missoula Thursday, March 28.

Alison Jaggar, philosophy professor and director of Women's Studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder, will present "Affirmative Action as Meritocratic Justice," a free public lecture at 7 p.m. in Journalism Building, Room 304. Jaggar will discuss "Sex in the Original Position: A Critique of Rawlsian Contractarianism" in an afternoon Philosophy Forum at 3:40 p.m. in Room 204 of the law school. The public is welcome to attend.

Jaggar has taught and written about feminist philosophy since 1974. Her 1983 book, "Feminist Politics and Human Nature," was a ground-breaking feminist analysis of liberalism, traditional Marxism, radical feminism and socialist feminism. The book is still widely read and frequently cited in academic literature.

Her four edited collections of feminist social and political theory and feminist theory of knowledge are standard textbooks in introductory women's studies, feminist philosophy and political theory courses.

Jaggar's honors include a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, a Rockefeller Fellowship and a Fellowship with the Institute for Advanced Studies at the University

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of Edinburgh. She was named the 1995 Distinguished Woman in Philosophy by the Society for Women in Philosophy.

Her campus visit is sponsored by the UM Women's Studies Program, a Faculty Development Award and the Department of Philosophy in honor of Van de Wetering, who was a historian with an appointment in philosophy at UM. Van de Wetering, a founder of UM's Women's Studies Program, worked on women's issues as a scholar and activist for 25 years. Past speakers in the lecture series were Carroll Smith-Rosenberg and Gloria Steinem.

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