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NEWS RELEASE

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**ANTHROPOLOGIST'S LECTURE CLOSSES OUT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT UM
MISSOULA --**

An anthropologist who specializes in family and women's issues will deliver the fourth annual Maxine Van de Wetering "American Women Making History" Lecture Thursday, March 27, as the finale in The University of Montana's celebration of Women's History Month.

Carol Delaney, associate professor of anthropology at Stanford University, will discuss "The Presence and Absence of Fathers in the Welfare Debate" in a free, public lecture at 7 p.m. in the UM's Urey Lecture Hall.

UM's Women's Studies Program presents the annual lecture as a tribute to Van de Wetering, one of its founders. Van de Wetering, a UM philosophy professor, worked on women's issues as a scholar and activist for 25 years before retiring in 1994. Past speakers in the lecture series were Gloria Steinem, Carroll Smith-Rosenberg and Alison Jaggar.

Delaney has taught courses in anthropology, religion, gender, social theory, culture, feminism, family and welfare policy at Stanford, Boston University and the Divinity School of Harvard University. She holds degrees from Simmons College, Boston University, Harvard and the University of Chicago, where she won the Marc Perry Galler Prize for the most distinguished dissertation in the Division of Social Sciences for her study titled "Seed and Soil: Symbols of Procreation-Creation of a World (An Example from Turkey)."

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She has worked extensively in the Middle East and Europe on fellowships and exchanges, including several prestigious Fulbright awards for research. Delaney is currently on sabbatical, and has a fellowship at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford.

Delaney's UM visit is sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, the Department of History and the Davidson Honors College.

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