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**ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORIAN DISCUSSES NATURALISTS' ROLE**

**MISSOULA—**

Environmental historian Steven Allison-Bunnell, Discovery Channel Online's nature editor for the past two years, will discuss the cultural importance of naturalists' observations Thursday, May 8, at The University of Montana.

His talk, "Constructing Nature at the Denver Museum of Natural History," will begin at 4 p.m. in Room 307 of the Botany Building.

Allison-Bunnell will compare the roles played by environmental historians and naturalists as they seek to develop community understanding of place. His discussion will include a 1930s case study about the work of two naturalists at the Denver Museum of Natural History in rebuilding the museum's golden eagle diorama.

Allison-Bunnell holds a doctorate in science and technology studies from Cornell University. His talk is sponsored by UM's Center for the Rocky Mountain West.

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