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KENYAN CONSERVATIONIST, STORYTELLER VISITS UM

MISSOULA--

A conservationist and professional storyteller from Kenya will share folktales from his homeland and discuss natural resource management during a visit to Missoula for The University of Montana's International Week, Sunday through Saturday, April 5-11.

Vincent Kituku, now a biology adjunct professor at Boise State University, will give presentations on April 5, 6, 7 and 8, beginning with storytelling in Children's World at UM's International Food and Culture Fair April 5. He'll also present several programs on African culture during the event, scheduled from 1 to 6 p.m. in the University Center.

Many of Kituku's programs incorporate slides, music and African artifacts. Following are his other scheduled appearances in Missoula. All are free and open to the public.

Monday, April 6 -- "African Stories for the Body, Mind and Soul," 7 p.m., Mount Sentinel Room, University Center.

Tuesday, April 7 -- African storytelling, 7:30 p.m., Catalyst Espresso, 111 N. Higgins Ave. This presentation is part of the Jeannette Rankin Peace Resource Center Global Forum.

Wednesday, April 8 -- "Saving African Wildlife," an environmental presentation, 3:30-5 p.m., Gallagher Building L14.

Born and educated in Kenya, Professor Kituku received an undergraduate degree in

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range management from the University of Nairobi and worked for the Kenyan Ministry of Livestock Development. He also holds master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Wyoming, where he focused on wildlife management, nutrition and the use of natural resources for biological, cultural and socioeconomic benefit. Before joining the faculty at BSU, Kitiku taught in Kenya and at UW and worked as a riparian ecologist and training specialist for Idaho Power Co.

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