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Montana Committee for the Humanities

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HUMANITIES COMMITTEE CALLS FOR SPEAKERS

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities based at The University of Montana is inviting proposals for new speakers and presentations for its statewide Speakers Bureau, which provides high-quality, low-cost humanities programs to organizations and communities throughout Montana.

This year more than 50 speakers offering more than 70 topics are available, presenting subjects ranging from American Indian histories to Montana in the next millennium. The Speakers Bureau offers discussions on literature, the arts and issues of public policy, as well as programs with first-person portrayals of historical figures.

To be considered applicants must submit a completed application form, provide a one- to two-page narrative description of their presentation and supply the names of two references. Prospective speakers may obtain application forms from the Montana Committee for the Humanities, 311 Brantly Hall, The University of Montana, MT 59812-8214, or they can call (800) 624-6001 or e-mail lastbest@selway.umt.edu.

MCH will evaluate applications on the basis of humanities content, demonstrated speaking ability, public appeal of the topic and relevant humanities expertise of the presenter.

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The committee will consider new proposals at its April 17-18 meeting in Glasgow. MCH must receive all applications materials by March 22.

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