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MISSOULA--

Quintard Taylor Jr., a nationally recognized authority on African American history in the West, will present the next installment of the 2001-2002 President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Taylor's lecture, "In Search of the Racial Frontier: African Americans in the American West," begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1, in the Montana Theatre, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

In his lecture, Taylor will explore the varied history of blacks in the American West in the 19th and 20th centuries, with particular emphasis on the growth and decline of African American communities in Montana. He will illustrate the differences and similarities of their experience with that of African Americans in the East or South.

Earlier that day, from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Taylor will present a faculty seminar, "The Pacific Northwest: An African-American Research Agenda," in Gallagher Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

Taylor is the Scott and Dorothy Bullitt Professor of American History at the University of Washington in Seattle. After earning a doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota,

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Taylor taught at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and at the University of Oregon, where he was the Knight Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Science. Among his many books and publications are "Above the Rockies of Prejudice: African American Women in the American West, 1598-2000" and "In Search of the Racial Frontier: African Americans in the American West, 1528-1990."

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