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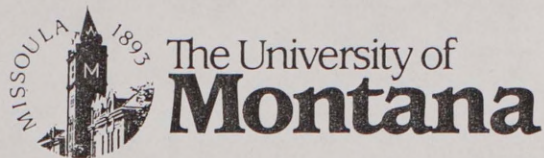
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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **AMERICAN INDIAN POET TO SPEAK AT UM FEB. 14**

#### **MISSOULA —**

Noted poet Simon Ortiz will share his poems and stories regarding culture, community and land Monday, Feb. 14, at The University of Montana.

Ortiz, an Acoma Pueblo Indian from New Mexico, will give a talk titled "More Than Language: Linking Land, Culture and Community" at 3:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Much of the lecture will be derived from his latest book, "Somewhere Out There," and a book-signing and reception will follow his lecture in the same room.

Ortiz is the author of several books of poetry -- including "Naked in the Wind" (1971) and "Woven Stone" (1992) -- as well as books of fiction, short stories and numerous other literary contributions.

His UM appearance is sponsored by the Calvin B. Scott Visiting Elders and Speakers Fund and the Montana Committee for the Humanities, with additional support from the Provost's Office and the Dean of the College of Arts and Science.

For more information, call the UM Native American Studies Department at (406) 243-5831.

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