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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **AUTHOR WRITES ABOUT DISSENT DURING WAR**

#### **MISSOULA—**

Professor Clemens P. Work will read from his book “Darkest Before Dawn: Sedition and Free Speech in the American West” at the The Bookstore at The University of Montana from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

“Darkest Before Dawn” explores the assault on civil rights during times of war when dissent is perceived as unpatriotic.

In the book, Work tells the little-known story of how Americans were punished for what they said during World War I. His book takes to task Montana’s 1918 sedition law that shut down freedom of speech in the state. The Montana law became a model for the federal sedition act passed that year.

The reading is part of the Faculty Author Series at UM. Work is the director of graduate studies at the University’s School of Journalism.

A book signing for “Darkest Before Dawn” also will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, at Barnes and Noble on Reserve Street in Missoula.

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