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LECTURE EXPLORES 'RED WAVE' IN LATIN AMERICA

MISSOULA—

Trends and events that have brought left-wing critics of the United States to the forefront of Latin American politics are the subject of the next presentation of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Kenneth Maxwell, a preeminent expert on Latin America, will present "The Red Wave in Latin America: What the Turn to the Left Means for the United States" at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in the University Center Ballroom.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Maxwell will give a seminar titled "Contemporary Brazil: Continuity and Change" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public and presented in collaboration with UM's Davidson Honors College.

Maxwell is director of the Brazil Studies Program at Harvard University's David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies and a visiting professor in Harvard's Department of History.

From 1993 to 2004, he worked as the Western Hemisphere book reviewer for the journal *Foreign Affairs*, and he is an active writer on Latin American politics and history for such

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publications as The New York Review of Books.

He received both a bachelor's and master's degree from St. John's College of the University of Cambridge and master's and doctoral degrees from Princeton University. He has taught at Yale, Princeton and Columbia universities and the University of Kansas.

Maxwell was director of the Latin America Program at the Council on Foreign Relations from 1989 to 2004, and in 1995 he became the first holder of the Nelson and David Rockefeller Chair in Inter-American Studies.

He has written several books on Latin American history. His latest book is a new edition of the classic "Conflicts and Conspiracies: Brazil and Portugal 1750-1808, widely known in Brazil in translation as "A Devassa da Devassa." His numerous articles have been published in prestigious journals worldwide.

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