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AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR TO SPEAK AT UM

MISSOULA—

American Indian writer and lecturer Janet Campbell Hale will speak at The University of Montana Wednesday, March 21.

“An Evening with Janet Campbell Hale” begins at 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Hale’s book of essays, “Bloodlines: Odyssey of a Native Daughter,” won the 1994 American Book Award in Creative Non-fiction.

She also is the author of the novels “The Owl’s Song” and “The Jailing of Cecilia Capture” and a collection of short fiction, “Women on the Run.”

The youngest of four daughters of a full-blooded Coeur d’Alene Indian father and Kootenay/Cree/Irish mother, Hale grew up on the Yakima Indian Reservation in central Washington and the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation in northern Idaho.

After receiving a bachelor’s degree in rhetoric in 1974 from the University of California, Berkeley, Hale studied law for two years. She earned a master’s degree in English at the University of California, Davis, in 1984.

Hale has held faculty positions at colleges and universities across the country.

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She taught at Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Wash., and was writer-in-residence at the University of Oregon, Eugene, and visiting distinguished writer at the University of Washington in Seattle, Eastern Washington University in Cheney, the Institute of American Indian Arts in Sante Fe, N.M., and the University of Idaho in Moscow.

Hale also was the Thornton Writer at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va., and most recently served as Visiting Professor of Native American Literature at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

She now lives in Desmet, Idaho, on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

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