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ACCOUNTING STANDARDS TOPIC OF UM LECTURE

MISSOULA—

James Leisenring, an expert in international accounting standards, will speak at The University of Montana on Tuesday, April 10.

He will present “Convergence of Accounting Standards” from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture is free and open to the public, and Continuing Professional Education credits will be available for certified public accounts who attend.

Leisenring is a member of the International Accounting Standards Board and is UM’s 2007 Byrnes Distinguished Speaker. He was appointed to the IASB in 2001. Before accepting that position, he was the first director of international activities at the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board.

He joined the FASB in 1982 as director of research and technical activities and was appointed a member of the board in 1987. He became the board’s vice chair in 1988.

Leisenring received a master’s degree in business administration from Western Michigan University and taught at the university from 1964 to 1969. He was a partner

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and director of accounting and auditing for Bristol, Leisenring, Herkner & Co. of Battle Creek, Mich., a firm that now is part of Plante & Moran.

He also chaired the Auditing Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

In 2003 he was elected to the Accounting Hall of Fame, an award established in 1950 at Ohio State University's Fisher College of Business.

The UM School of Business Administration's Byrnes Distinguished Speaker series is made possible through the Donald and Carol Jean Byrnes Professorship created by Carol Jean Byrnes in memory of her husband, UM alumnus Donald Byrnes.

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