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EXPERT ON U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS TO SPEAK AT UM

MISSOULA –

One of the nation's most well-informed and thoughtful observers on China will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Orville Schell, director of the Asia Society's Center on U.S.-China Relations in New York City, will present "The U.S. and China: The Most Important Bilateral Relationship in the World" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28, in the University Center Ballroom.

The lecture will explore both the dangers and the opportunities now at hand in the relationship between the two countries.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Schell will give a seminar titled "The Role of Our Free Press in America: How is it Doing?" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Schell has been a ship-hand, a war correspondent in Indochina, a rancher and a journalist reporting for magazines such as Harper's, the New Yorker and Time. He is the former dean of the Graduate School of Journalism at the University of California, Berkeley, where he earned a master's and doctorate in Chinese history.

He has been a contributor on China for PBS, NBC and CBS, where one of his "60

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Minutes” segments won an Emmy. He served as a correspondent for several PBS “Frontline” documentaries on China and Tibet and has covered the war in Iraq for the New York Review of Books.

He is the author of 15 books, 10 of them about China. They include “Virtual Tibet,” “Mandate of Heaven” and “Discos and Democracy.”

Schell has served on the boards of Human Rights Watch and Current TV and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has received several prestigious awards, most recently the Shorenstein Journalism Award from Stanford and Harvard universities for the best coverage of Asia.

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