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AUTHORS TO TALK ABOUT MEMORABLE MONTANAN PIONEER

MISSOULA -

Two authors and history professors from Arkansas State University will present a lecture about the life and exploits of a memorable Montana pioneer at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, in The University of Montana's North Underground Lecture Hall.

Clyde Milner and Carol O'Connor will talk about the man at the center of their new book, "As Big as the West: The Pioneer Life of Granville Stuart."

Stuart (1834-1918) experienced the mining camps of Gold Rush California and drove cattle across Montana Territory. He also led a vigilante force called "Stuart's Stranglers" that was responsible for several hangings in 1884, acted as the head of the Butte Public Library and served as the U.S. Minister to Paraguay and Uruguay. Stuart's famed memoir is titled "Forty Years on the Frontier."

Missoula author William Kittredge has called Milner and O'Connor's book "a terrific saga ... told masterfully and eloquently." The book will be available for purchase and signing at the lecture.

Milner and O'Connor are co-editors of "The Oxford History of the American West" and both are Distinguished Lecturers for the Organization of American Historians. From 1984 to 2002, Milner edited the Western Historical Quarterly.

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