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### BEST ARTICLE PRIZE GOES TO UM PROFESSOR

#### MISSOULA -

Dan Flores, A.B. Hammond Professor of Western History at The University of Montana, has won a Vivian Paladin Best Article Prize from Montana: The Magazine of Western History.

His award-winning 2008 article -- "Bringing Home All the Pretty Horses: The Horse Trade in the Early American West, 1785-1825" -- is an essay about the early West of Thomas Jefferson's era.

In the article, Flores argues that trade in wild and Indian horses was one of the earliest economies in the West, funneling western horses to the advancing American frontier east of the Mississippi River.

"On the Southern Plains, horse trading was the counterpart to the fur trade of the Northern Plains, although the trade was in live animals," Flores said. "Indians, Spaniards, Frenchmen and Americans were all players."

The award is given annually by the magazine's editorial board for the best article published in Montana: The Magazine of Western History. It was named in honor of Vivian Paladin, who helped put the magazine on the national history map as editor during the 1960s and '70s.

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