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NEWS RELEASE

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2009 GOVERNOR'S HUMANITIES AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

MISSOULA —

Humanities Montana has announced the 2009 Montana Governor's Humanities Award winners.

Established by Gov. Marc Racicot in 1995 and presented by Humanities Montana, the awards honor achievement in humanities scholarship and service and enhancement of public understanding and appreciation of the humanities.

The 2009 recipients will be honored during a ceremony with Gov. Brian Schweitzer at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 4, at the Capitol Rotunda in **Helena**. The 2009 award recipients are:

■ **George Dennison of Missoula.** President of The University of Montana since 1990 (UM's longest serving president) and a UM graduate who grew up in Montana, Dennison also has chaired the Montana Commission on Community Service since 1991. In 1993, he created the Montana Campus Compact, which has become the largest higher-education consortium in the state. He continues to chair MTCC, which is a presence at 19 campuses across the state. A historian by training, Dennison serves on many state and national boards, including the International Student Exchange Program, the National Security Education Board, the International Heart Institute of Montana, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, the Montana Neuroscience Institute Foundation and the World Innovation Foundation. He sat on the board of directors of Humanities Montana in the mid-1990s. Throughout his long career,

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"Fallout Northeast Asia: Consequences of the Global Economic Crisis and Nuclear Stalemate on the Korean Peninsula" – 3-5 p.m., University Center Theater. Presenters: Thomas Byrne, vice president/senior credit officer of Moody's Financial Institutions and Sovereign Risk Group; Gordon Flake, executive director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation; Nicole Finneemann, director of Research and Academic Affairs, Korea Economic Institute. Free and open to the public. Information: Christopher Marlow, UM Mansfield Center, 406-243-2988, christopher.marlow@mso.umt.edu.

Career Fair Workshops – 4-8:30 p.m., University Center Rooms 330-333. Employer-led workshops to help students prepare for the Big Sky Career Fair, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, in the University Center Ballroom. Information: UM Office of Career Services, 406-243-6150, daphne.felker@umontana.edu.

Wilderness Expeditions: Journeys in Conservation – 7-8:30 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The Wilderness Issues Lecture Series. Free and open to the public. This evening's lecture: "The Razor's Edge: Climate Change, Subsistence Agriculture and

Threatened Cultures in Ladakh India." Presenter: Cynthia Hunt, mountaineer and founder of Health Inc. Information: <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/lecture.html>, 406-243-5361, wi@cfc.umt.edu.

Community Lecture Series – 7-8:30 p.m., University Center Theater. Second lecture in UM's 2009 Community Lecture Series, "Hidden Montana: Dispelling Myths." This evening's lecture: "Journalism's Brave New World" by Peggy Kuhr, dean of UM's School of Journalism. Tickets for the series: \$20 general public; \$15 UM Alumni Association members; \$10 students. Available at the UM Office of Alumni Relations, Brantly Hall Room 115, or by calling 406-243-5211 or 800-862-5867. Information: <http://www.grizalum.com>; Kelsey Crawford, 406-243-6439, kelsey.crawford@umontana.edu.

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20th Annual Big Sky Career Fair – 9 a.m.-3 p.m., University Center Ballroom. A great opportunity to find full-time professional positions, summer positions or internships that could lead to a great career. Free to all UM students and alumni. Information: UM Career Services, 406-243-2022, careerfairs@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/career/fairs.htm>.

Ecology Seminar Series – 4:10-5 p.m., University Center Theater. "Predicting the combined impacts of climate and land cover change on ecosystems of the Western United States – Lessons from remote sensing process modeling in the Greater Yellowstone Area." Presenter: Christopher Potter, NASA Ames Research Center. Free and open to the public. Information: Jeanne Franz, 406-243-5292, jeanne.franz@umontana.edu.

"Surviving Severe Wildfires" – 7 p.m., Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St., Missoula. Presenter: UM Professor Dick Hutto. Suggested donation: \$4. Information: 406-327-0405, <http://www.montanaturalist.org>.

Thursday, Feb. 26

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Basketball: UM at Northern Colorado – Greeley, Colo. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

"Audits and the Audit Process" – 8:30 a.m.-noon, James E. Todd Building Room 204. National Council of University Research video. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the UM Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Information: Joni Waldrup, 406-243-6671, joni.waldrup@umontana.edu, <http://www.umt.edu/research/ORSP>.

"Bark Beetle-Fungus Symbioses: What is the real reason bark beetles partner with fungi?" – noon-1 p.m., Clapp Building Room 304. Presenter: UM forestry Professor Diana Six. Free and open to the public. An event of the Rudbach Lectures sponsored by UM's Sigma Xi. Information: Colleen Hoffman, 406-243-6670, colleen.hoffman@umontana.edu.

Interactive Chiliquiles – 5-7:30 p.m. Food Zoo, Lommasson Center.

Peace & Justice Film Series: "Brave New West" – University Center Theater. Showings at 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. A discussion will follow each showing. Information: <http://www.peaceandjusticefilms.org>, info@peaceandjusticefilms.org.

Basketball: Lady Griz vs. Northern Colorado – 7 p.m., Dahlberg Arena. Information: <http://www.montanagrizzlies.com>.

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Launch Party: "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" – 6 p.m.-midnight, The Broadway, Missoula. "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is a men's march to spread awareness about sexual assault, rape and gender violence. It is sponsored by UM's Student Assault Resource Center. Final opportunity to register for shoes. Information: Erin Scott, 406-243-6429, erin.scott@mso.umt.edu.

World Rhythms Percussion Concert – 7:30 p.m., University Theatre. \$10 general public; \$5 students and seniors. Performances include traditional Sabar dances from Senegal, Mexican marimba music and a medley of grooves from the Mozambique to the Cuban Comparsa. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Saturday, Feb. 28

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Student Leadership Conference: "Finding the Leader Within" – 8 a.m.-5 p.m., University Center, third floor. An event to provide UM students an opportunity to assess and build upon their leadership skills. Hands-on workshops explore topics ranging from effective communication and ethical leadership to civic engagement and diversity issues. Cost: \$10. Registration: The Source in the University Center. Information: <http://life.umt.edu/uc/name/LeadershipConferen>; Michael Paine, program adviser, Student Involvement and Leadership Development, 406-243-5527, michael.paine@mso.umt.edu.

Book Signing: Craig Lesley – 2:30-4 p.m., Fact & Fiction, 220 N. Higgins, Missoula. Information: 406-721-2881, factandfiction@montanabookstore.com, <http://www.factandfictionbooks.com>.

Lauren Gibson, flute – 7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. Student recital. Free and open to the public. Information: UM Department of Music, 406-243-6880, griz.music@umontana.edu.

Brian Regan Live in Concert – 8 p.m., University Theatre. A Comedy Central Live Event. Winner of the 1996 American Comedy Award for Best Comedian and in 1997 released the CD "Brian Regan Live." Regan starred in his own comedy specials for Showtime and Comedy Central. Cost: \$36.50. Tickets: all GrizTix outlets, at 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA or online at <http://www.griztix.com>. Information: UM Productions, 406-243-4179, marketing@umproductions.org.

Sunday, March 1

Dr. Seuss Day – 2 p.m., Missoula Public Library. A day of celebration for the life and work of Dr. Seuss. Arts and craft activities, games and Dr. Seuss stories for local children. Free and open to the public. Facilitated by volunteers from UM's Office for Civic Engagement. Information: 406-243-4442, <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/>.

Application Deadline: Matthew Hansen Endowment Grants – UM's Wilderness Institute deadline for proposals for Matthew Hansen Endowment grants that support historical research, creative writing and wilderness studies projects that explore Montana's land and

people. Awards will be announced in April. More information: 406-243-5361, wi@cfc.umt.edu, <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/mhe.html>.

String Orchestra of the Rockies -7:30 p.m., Music Recital Hall. "The Spanish Guitar" with guest artist Pablo Sáinz Villegas. Ticket information: <http://www.sor-montana.org>, 406-728-8203, finemusic@sormt.org.

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UM's Inaugural Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture - 8 p.m., University Center Theater. "Finding the New Jeff Coles: Journalism's Future in the Internet Era." Presenter: Former Wall Street Journal managing editor Paul Steiger, now editor of ProPublica, an independent investigative news organization. Free and open to the public. Information: Kathleen Whetzel, administrative assistant to the dean, UM School of Journalism, 406-243-4370, kathleen.whetzel@mso.umt.edu.

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