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NEWS RELEASE

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**NORWEGIAN EDUCATORS TO JOIN UM FACULTY
IN DISCUSSING WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

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The University of Montana will host a roundtable discussion titled "Indigenous Studies: Intersecting Global Interests" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, in the University Center Theater.

The discussion will feature UM faculty members and visiting scholars from the University of Tromso, Norway, who will explore various topics relating to the world's indigenous people. Among the topics to be discussed will be protecting sacred homelands, indigenous rights, and cultural representation and preservation.

The roundtable, sponsored by the Department of Native American Studies, International Programs and the Office of the Provost, will honor the visiting University of Tromso delegation of Sami studies scholars, who will be on campus Sept. 21-27. The Sami people, one of Europe's largest indigenous ethnic groups, inhabit the northern part of the continent, including Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The delegation also will give a presentation on the University of Tromso's Indigenous Studies Program from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, in James E. Todd Building Room 204. It also is free and open to the public.

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