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LECTURE REVEALS TRUTH ABOUT DRUG COMPANIES

MISSOULA—

Americans spend more than \$200 billion a year on prescription drugs. What are they getting for their money?

Dr. Marcia Angell, senior lecturer of Harvard Medical School's Department of Social Medicine and former editor-in-chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, will answer that question and more at the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Angell will present "The Truth About the Drug Companies" at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the University Theatre.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., she will present a seminar titled "Health Reform: Realistic and Unrealistic" in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 of St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, located at 500 W. Broadway in Missoula.

A distinguished medical expert, Angell was named one of the 25 most influential Americans by *Time* magazine in 1997.

Her latest book, "The Truth About the Drug Companies: How They Deceive Us and What to Do About It," has been called "a painstakingly researched book on the wiles and ways of what has come to be called 'big pharma'" and "a clear exposé of the American drug industry."

Angell joined the New England Journal of Medicine in 1979 as a board-certified pathologist. A decade later she was named executive editor, and in 1999 she became the first woman to serve as editor-in-chief.

She completed her undergraduate studies in chemistry and mathematics at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., and spent a year as a Fulbright Scholar studying microbiology in Frankfurt, Germany. She received her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine and completed residencies in both internal medicine and anatomic pathology.

Angell is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American College of Physicians.

More information about the President's Lecture Series at UM is online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures>.

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