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PANEL GIVES UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES OF ‘THE CONFESSIONS OF MAX TIVOLI’

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will hold a panel discussion Wednesday, Oct. 28, that will introduce readers of “The Confessions of Max Tivoli” to the novel’s themes in a new and engaging way.

Written by UM alumnus Andrew Sean Greer, the novel is the University’s 2009 First-Year Reading Experience Program book selection.

The panel discussion, “Max Tivoli: A Perspective from the Biomedical and Social Sciences,” will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. in James E. Todd Building Rooms 203-204. The event is free and open to the public.

The panel includes a medical doctor, scientists and social scientists steeped in knowledge about how humans age and develop throughout life. They will bring their unique perspectives to Max Tivoli’s unusual problem of aging backward.

Panel members are:

- Missoula pediatrician Dr. Leslie Scott of Community Physician Group.
- Professor Cindy Garthwait, director of the Gerontology Fellows Program in UM’s School of Social Work and an expert on sociological aspects of aging.
- Associate Professor Kim Wallace of UM’s Department of Psychology, whose interest in gerontology focuses on the psychological and environmental factors that contribute to successful outcomes in later life.
- Associate Professor Fernando Cardozo of UM’s Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, a biochemist who studies the relationship between DNA damage and aging.

Eric Reimer, assistant professor in UM's Department of English, will moderate.

For more information about UM's First-Year Reading Experience Program and "The Confessions of Max Tivoli," visit <http://www.lib.umt.edu/firstyear/readingexperience.htm>.

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