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UM PROFESSOR NAMED 2009 USA FELLOW

MISSOULA –

When United States Artists announced the recipients of its prestigious 2009 Fellowships recently, Professor Beth Lo of The University of Montana's School of Art was named a USA Hoi Fellow.

A renowned artist who works in ceramics and mixed media collage, Lo was one of 50 chosen from across the visual, literary and performing arts to receive a USA Fellowship. The fellowships, presented annually, include unrestricted grants of \$50,000.

Lo was born in Lafayette, Ind., to parents who had recently immigrated from China, and her work revolves primarily around issues of family and her Asian-American background. Key elements in her works, which have been exhibited nationally, are cultural marginality and blending, tradition and Westernization, and language and translation.

Lo received a master of fine arts degree from UM in 1974. In 1994 she received a fellowship for visual art from the National Endowment for the Arts. She also is a past recipient of a Montana Arts Council Individual Artist Award.

United States Artists is an independent nonprofit philanthropic organization based in Los Angeles. It is dedicated to supporting the work of living American artists. The organization was

founded in 2005 with funding from the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Prudential Foundation and the Rasmuson Foundation.

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