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# UM NEWS



April 04, 2011

The University will hold UM Employee Recognition Day on Wednesday, April 27 -- a day to show appreciation of all employees and to celebrate the impressive contributions they make to the success of the University.

UM Employee Recognition Day will be celebrated throughout campus and will conclude with a reception for all employees from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The reception includes live entertainment featuring The Workers, hors d'oeuvres, faculty and staff awards, prize winners drawn from a pool of all UM employees, and celebration of the Griz family.

To help you acknowledge colleagues and co-workers who have contributed to your success at UM, the Employee Recognition Day Committee has set up a [recognition website](#) that allows you to send a personal message of appreciation. Messages can be posted on the website until 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, and will be delivered to recipients April 27.

For more ideas about ways to recognize the valuable contributions of employees, colleagues and co-workers, call UM Employee Recognition Day Committee co-chairs Sara Drake at 243-5705 or Amy Kinch at 243-5897.

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# UM NEWS



March 31, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Mary Sexton, director of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, will give the final lecture in the spring series of The University of Montana Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum.

Sexton will present "Who's in Charge of Montana's Lands and Water Management?" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the UM School of Law Castles Center. The forum is free and open to the public.

The state of Montana owns the waters of Montana and manages their use through prior appropriation and a permit system. DNRC is tasked with water management for the state, as well as adjudication of state-based water rights.

Whether it's exempt wells, groundwater surface water connectivity or tribal water rights, there is no shortage of contention in the water world, Sexton said. She will discuss the challenges and opportunities presented by management of Montana's lands and water.

For more information about the forum series, call Sarah Bates at 406-207-9071, email [sarah@cnrep.org](mailto:sarah@cnrep.org) or visit <http://www.cnrep.org>.

The forums are convened by the center in cooperation with the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Department of Geography, Environmental Studies Program and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

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# UM NEWS



March 31, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and art critic Mark Stevens will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana on Thursday, April 14.

Stevens will present "The Endless Fifteen Minutes: Fame, Celebrity and Art Today" at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. The event is UM's Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture and will be held in conjunction with the Montana Museum of Art & Culture.

The lecture will include slide presentations on the art of Laurie Fendrich, whose works are currently on view in MMAC's Paxson Gallery, located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The MMAC exhibition, titled "Sense and Sensation: Laurie Fendrich, Paintings and Drawings, 1990-2010," is the first in-depth retrospective of the contemporary New York painter and critic. It will be at the museum through May 21.

Stevens also will give a seminar titled "What Makes Good Political Art?" from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The seminar will feature works of Goya and Picasso, among others.

Both lecture series events are free and open to the public.

Stevens' book "De Kooning: An American Master," which he wrote with co-author Annalyn Swan, was published in 2005. The book won the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, the Los Angeles Times Book Award for Biography and the Ambassador Award from the English Speaking Union. It also was named one of the 10 best books of 2005 by The New York Times.

Stevens received a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and did graduate work in history at King's College, Cambridge, where he earned a master's degree. He worked briefly for The Economist in London, then for Newsweek in New York, where he became the magazine's art critic. After 10 years at Newsweek, Stevens became the art critic for The New Republic and a contributing editor at Vanity Fair.

From 1996 to 2007, he was the art critic for New York Magazine. He left the magazine in 2007 to concentrate on writing books and plays.

Stevens currently is working on the biography of English painter Francis Bacon. Stevens has roots in Montana and has written a piece on the Bear Paw battlefield for The New Yorker. He plans to write more about Montana in the future.

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

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## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, on the third floor of the University Center.

The conference, which is free and open to the public, offers students opportunities for poster and oral research presentations, musical performances and readings from original creative works.

This year more than 130 projects will be presented, including more than 50 research posters that will be on display from 11 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

UM mathematical sciences Professor Bharath Sriraman will give the conference keynote address, "Conceptions of Creativity: How Do Ideas Survive, Mutate and Propagate?" at 12:20 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

A complete schedule of events is on the conference website at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/schedule.cfm>. For more information call the Davidson Honors College at 406-243-2541.

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# UM NEWS



March 31, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Traolach O'Riordain, director of The University of Montana Irish Studies Program, will lead a tour to the south and west of Ireland from May 30 to June 8.

The tour takes in the Burren, the Aran Islands, Connemara, Kylemore, Killary Harbour, Westport, The Quiet Man Village, Ennis, Killarney, Kenmare, west Cork, Blarney and Bunnratty. It is limited to 20 people and a few spaces are still available.

Those who are interested can get more information by calling O'Riordain at 406-544-0311 or emailing [erin@irishmontana.com](mailto:erin@irishmontana.com).

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March 31, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The Supreme Court of the State of Montana will hold a formal session for two cases – Caldwell v. MACo Workers' Compensation Trust and Kalispell Education Association v. Board of Trustees, Kalispell High School District No. 5 – on Friday, April 15, at The University of Montana.

The session begins at 9:30 a.m. in the University Theatre. It is hosted by the UM School of Law and is open to the public.

Harold Caldwell suffered a traumatic brain injury when he fell on ice while he was working as airport manager for Ravalli County. He was 77 at the time and had been receiving Social Security retirement benefits since age 62.

Caldwell asked for rehabilitation benefits under Montana Workers' Compensation law so he could return to the workforce. He was refused rehabilitation benefits by his employer's workers' compensation insurer under a Montana workers' compensation statute that excluded such rehabilitation for a worker receiving Social Security retirement benefits. He challenged the statute as a denial of equal protection under the Montana Constitution.

William Hartford was a tenured teacher with the Kalispell High School District. Montana law provides that to teach in a school district, the teacher must have a teaching certificate issued by the state. Hartford had a teaching certificate when he was first employed, and he maintained that certificate until it expired on July 1, 2008, because he failed to take the necessary steps to renew it.

In October 2008 Hartford was made a noncertified substitute teacher by the school district, and he was discharged in December 2008. Later that month, his teaching certificate was reissued by the state. The issue before the court is whether an arbitrator or a court is to decide if Hartford was lawfully discharged.

For more information, visit the School of Law website at <http://www.umt.edu/law>.

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March 31, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University Center and the Japanese Student Association of The University of Montana will host a fundraiser to aid Japan recovery efforts from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, April 11-22, in the UC Atrium.

Students, faculty and staff can stop by the table in the Atrium and donate \$1 to make a paper crane. All funds raised will go to American Red Cross relief efforts in Japan to help victims of the March 11 earthquake and subsequent tsunami and nuclear crisis. Student and staff volunteers will be on hand to help participants fold cranes.

For more information, call Molly Collins, UC assistant director, at 406-243-5754 or e-mail [molly.collins@mso.umt.edu](mailto:molly.collins@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 30, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Séamus Begley, regarded as the finest accordion players in Ireland today, will perform in the next event of the series “A Springtime of Irish Traditional Music.”

Begley will take the stage of the Montana Tech Library Auditorium in Butte from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 8, and will perform in The University of Montana’s Music Recital Hall in Missoula from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 9.

Tickets for the performances cost \$15. They can be purchased through GrizTix online at <http://www.griztix.com> or at the door. Tickets also are available in Butte at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives, Cavanaugh’s Country Celtic and Granite Mountain Bank. In Missoula they are available at the Adams Center, The Source in the University Center and the UM School of Music on campus or at Southgate Mall and Rockin Rudy’s.

Begley is a member of the famous Begley family, hereditary custodians of the rich music and singing tradition of the Irish-speaking district in West Kerry. His style of playing, described as a “successful marriage of all the wildness of West Kerry with a sublime talent for the feather light touch,” has influenced a whole new generation of accordion players in Ireland.

Begley’s album “Ragairne (Carousing),” released in 2001, was universally recognized as the traditional album of the year.

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## MISSOULA —

A recent Campus Compact survey found that Montana college students averaged 7.5 hours of volunteer service each week — more than twice the national student average — totaling more than 2,470,000 hours in the 2009-2010 academic year.

Montana students and faculty address health care, K-12 education, mentoring and parenting/child issues at higher rates than the national average. The survey also found that 5 percent of faculty in Montana use service-learning as part of their curriculum, compared with 7 percent nationally.

The survey was conducted in fall 2010 by Campus Compact and measured student and faculty involvement in service, service-learning and campus infrastructure for community engagement. The survey also aims to understand faculty roles and rewards, determine alumni engagement and assess satisfaction with Campus Compact programs and services.

Montana Campus Compact is a nonprofit organization that supports civic engagement through community service and volunteering in higher education.

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March 30, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Missoula community members who want to find a deal on outdoor gear or who want to sell their used equipment can check out The University of Montana's Used Outdoor Gear Sale from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the University Center.

The sale is a semiannual fundraiser for the UM Campus Recreation Outdoor Program and is free and open to the public. The program collects 15 percent of each item sold. Those who volunteer to work the sale for at least three hours will get free breakfast and have the opportunity to purchase equipment first, from 11 a.m. to noon.

Those who want to sell equipment can bring it to the UC between 7 and 11 a.m., and unsold gear must be picked up between 5 and 7 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Outdoor Program at 406-243-5172.

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March 30, 2011

## MISSOULA —

University of Montana students enrolled in a management course titled Individual and Corporate Philanthropy invite local nonprofit organizations to apply for their current grant cycle. A total of \$10,000 will be awarded to at least one nonprofit organization in Missoula. Interested organizations must apply by April 15.

The class of 15 students will award the funds to organizations that focus on environmental, health or youth-based programs. A student committee will review the applications to determine which organizations will receive grant money. Awards will be announced on April 28, and an awards ceremony will be held on or before Friday, May 13.

Eligible applicants must be an established 501(c)(3) organization operating in Missoula County. This grant is sponsored by the Learning By Giving program, a component of the Sunshine Lady Foundation.

For more information, visit <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/LearningbyGiving.htm>, call Andrea Vernon at 406-243-5159 or email [andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu](mailto:andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 29, 2011

## MISSOULA –

State educators and community partners were honored at the 2011 Partnership Recognition Reception hosted March 25 by The University of Montana's Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.

The event recognized partners who collaborate with the University and its education college in the preparation of future professionals. About 250 professionals attended the reception, which was held in the University Center Ballroom.

Suzie Cornelisse, a kindergarten teacher at Washington Elementary School in Hamilton, received the 2011 Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was presented by Jean'ne Shreeve, daughter of the award's namesake.

The Maryfrances Shreeve Award was created in 1992 by Jean'ne Shreeve and her brother, William, to honor their mother, a UM graduate who taught with distinction around western Montana. Maryfrances Shreeve was the first award recipient. Since then the award has brought deserved attention to exemplary Montana educators.

Cornelisse has been an educator for more than 21 years. For the past nine years, she has served at Washington Elementary. She received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Texas Tech University and a bachelor's in elementary education from UM. She is described by Hamilton School District administrators, faculty and staff as a dedicated, enthusiastic, committed, energetic teacher, mentor and leader. She was nominated for the award by Washington Elementary School principal Shauna Kientz.

Daniel Zorn, assistant principal of Kalispell Public Schools and a UM graduate, received the Educational Leadership Excellence Award.

Zorn was recognized for his ability to build collaborative teams that focus on a common vision, resulting in numerous school reform initiatives throughout the district. The initiatives have contributed to the school district becoming a Montana Title I School of Distinction and a National Blue Ribbon Elementary School.

The Health and Human Performance Partnership Award went to Mary McGonigle McCourt of the Missoula City-County Health Department for her commitment to providing internship opportunities for UM health and human performance majors.

McCourt received a bachelor's degree from UM in social work. During her extensive time at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Missoula, she recognized the incredible role UM students play in the lives of area youth through volunteer opportunities. In her work with the Missoula City-County Health Department, she has supervised a variety of UM interns and practicum students.

Marilyn Thaden of Big Country Education Cooperative in Miles City was the recipient of the Communicative Sciences and Disorders Partnership Award for her commitment to providing clinical experiences for students.

Thaden's remarkable clinical skills and high standard for excellence have created the perfect practicum model. By working with the Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association, the Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology, and the administrator group for special education directors, Thaden helped create a model for distance supervision and clinical practicum experiences in rural Montana.

The 2011 Marlene Bachmann Student Teaching Award went to Elizabeth Degenstein, who exhibited outstanding pedagogical and professional skills that reflect Bachmann's standards and dedication to the field.

Degenstein, who is from Great Falls, completed student teaching at Russell Elementary School in Missoula. She now teaches at Washington Elementary School in Hamilton.

Alanna Vaneps, who worked with Degenstein at Russell Elementary, noted her impressive performance as "a role model in the classroom, building, district and community, representing impeccable teaching excellence."

The Partnership Awards in Curriculum and Instruction went to Big Sky High School, Lewis and Clark Elementary School and Hellgate Middle School in Missoula for their continued commitment to the preparation of future teachers.

The three schools welcomed and supported students during UM's Wintersession 2011 in an intensive two-week practicum that was widely praised by those involved and provided a clear link between curriculum and clinical experiences. The awards were accepted on behalf of the schools by Susan Anderson, Nancy Singleton and Mark Wright.

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March 29, 2011

## MISSOULA –

University Dining Services at The University of Montana will host a groundbreaking ceremony to initiate a sustainable garden project at 8 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at the southeast section of the Lommasson Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Crops in the Lommasson Garden, as it has been tentatively named, will grow in raised wooden beds. Seeds will be heirloom varieties selected for their productivity. Compost from post-consumer waste generated by the Food Zoo will be used to help grow the crops, which then will be served in the Food Zoo, completing the food cycle.

"This will work well on many different levels," said UDS Director Mark LoParco. "It's about sustainability. We are growing our own herbs and vegetables. You can't get more local than this. And we are getting the added benefit of repurposing an unused portion of the property into a food-producing asset."

The garden is an extension of the UM Farm to College Program, which advocates the use of sustainable practices such as purchasing local foods, recycling and reduction of carbon footprints.

For more information about the garden, call Rebecca Shern, UDS registered dietitian, at 406-243-6325.

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March 29, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Skaggs School of Pharmacy and the Native American Center of Excellence at UM will hold two lectures in April that provide health care professionals and the community an opportunity to learn more about the health care needs of diverse populations.

Events in the Native American and Minority Health and Competency Lecture Series will be held April 15 and 28 at UM. The series is free and open to the public.

Walt Hollow of the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority will present “Traditional Indian Medicine: Issues for Modern Day Health Providers” at noon Friday, April 15, in Skaggs Building Room 169.

Hollow, an associate professor of family medicine at the University of Washington School of Medicine, will give a historical perspective on traditional Indian medicine and the changes that have transpired as the U.S. government has interacted with American Indians. He then will discuss how health providers should consider collaborating with current traditional healers as Indian patients seek to combine modern Western medicine with traditional Indian medicine.

Katherine Flores, assistant clinical professor in family medicine at the School of Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, will present “Working with Underserved Populations – It’s Up to Us” at noon Thursday, April 28, in Skaggs Building Room 117.

Flores will focus on the responsibility that health professionals should assume in the care of disadvantaged populations. She will talk about barriers to health care that these populations face and then will discuss how health care professionals can make the difference in providing the quality of care they deserve.

For more information about the series, visit the Native American Center of Excellence website at <http://www.health.umt.edu/nacoe/events.php>.

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# UM NEWS



March 28, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Volunteers and staff at Montana Public Radio are gearing up for Spring Pledge Week 2011. The on-air fundraising event begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 9, and concludes with the wildly popular “Pet Wars” at midnight Sunday, April 17.

Pledge Week aims to raise funds in the wake of the federal funding challenge. With federal support for public broadcasting in question this year, member support is more important than ever. Listener support covers nearly 65 percent of the station’s annual operating budget.

“We so appreciate the generous community of listeners who support us,” said MTPR General Manager William Marcus. “We’ve been able to grow our service for Montana primarily through contributions from those who value MTPR. That makes fundraising week a very important time for us.”

Hundreds of businesses and individuals throughout western Montana donate thousands of items and services that are used as thank-you gifts for listeners’ financial donations. Some of the most popular items are goat poop for compost, a day of sailing on Flathead Lake, homemade cakes and pies, weekend ski trips and gift certificates for dinners, massages, tarot card readings and more.

MTPR is a public service of The University of Montana and receives financial support from its listeners, UM and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

For more information about MTPR and Spring Pledge Week, visit <http://www.mtpr.org>.

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# UM NEWS



March 28, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Suzie Cornelisse, a kindergarten teacher at Washington Elementary School in Hamilton, was presented the 2011 Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence at The University of Montana's 2011 Partnership Recognition Reception on March 25.

The event honored community partners in western Montana who collaborate with the University and the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences in the preparation of future professionals.

Cornelisse has been an educator for more than 21 years. For the past nine years, she has served as kindergarten teacher at Washington Elementary. She received a bachelor's degree in home economics from Texas Tech University and a bachelor's in elementary education from UM.

Cornelisse is described by administrators, faculty and staff of the Hamilton School District as a dedicated, enthusiastic, committed, energetic teacher, mentor and leader. She was nominated for the award by Shauna Kientz, principal of Washington Elementary School.

"I am truly very, very humbled by this award," Cornelisse said. "I know many teachers who could stand up here with me, who do so much for the children and for good."

The Maryfrances Shreeve Award was created in 1992 by Jean'ne Shreeve and her brother, William, to honor their mother, a UM graduate who taught with distinction around western Montana. Maryfrances Shreeve was the first award recipient. Since then the award has brought deserved attention to exemplary Montana educators. The 2011 Maryfrances Shreeve Award was presented to Cornelisse at the UM reception by Jean'ne Shreeve.

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# UM NEWS



March 28, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Students from The University of Montana's Masters of Business Administration and Accountancy programs visited on March 11 with legendary investor Warren Buffett at Berkshire Hathaway in Omaha, Neb., and with Thomas Hoenig, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, Mo.

Students met with Buffett for a 150-minute question-and-answer session, followed by lunch at Buffett's favorite local restaurant, Piccolo Pete's. During the session, Buffett answered 20 questions about his lifelong personal and business experiences. Two questions were asked by UM students. In February the UM students took a course titled Investment Strategy and Warren Buffett taught by UM professors of various backgrounds and community members, but said they felt that no amount of reading or watching videos matched the reality of meeting Buffett in person.

The students participated in the event with business students from Texas A&M; University of California, Davis; University of Missouri; University of Kansas; University of California, Berkeley; University of Maryland; and Purdue University. More than 200 schools apply to be accepted among the 48 schools that meet with Buffett each year.

In Kansas City, UM students visited the Board of Trade and the Federal Reserve Bank. The group met with Hoenig, who offered students insight into the macroeconomic factors managed by the Fed and the Fed's long-term vision for the U.S.

Sen. Max Baucus invited Buffett to be a keynote speaker at the September 2010 Montana Economic Development Summit, held at Montana Tech of UM in Butte. During the summit, Buffett extended the invitation for UM students to visit with him this semester.

"The University of Montana's strong commitment to ethics is so important in this day and age," Buffett said. "While the most important things aren't about money, UM's business plan competition and entrepreneurship programs are preparing these students to be successful and to be competitive. UM really has a first-class business school and MBA program. I look forward to meeting these bright students in person."

The MBA program at UM is internationally accredited and state supported. Many current students continue to work full-time jobs or live outside Missoula, taking classes in the evenings by videoconference or participating in weekend courses in Missoula where they can meet with MBA students on campus. Next year the program will offer online access to core classes.

For more information about the trip, visit <http://umbuffett.blogspot.com>, call Simona Stan, interim director of UM's MBA Program, at 406-243-6027 or email [simona.stan@business.umt.edu](mailto:simona.stan@business.umt.edu). For more information about the University's MBA program, visit <http://www.mba-macct.umt.edu>.

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# UM NEWS



March 28, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University Center invites University of Montana students to submit photos and testimonials for the 2011-12 Student Involvement Guide.

The guide is a comprehensive resource for leadership and co-curricular opportunities at UM and is a collaborative partnership between the UC and Associated Students of UM.

All submissions will be voted on by UM students, staff and faculty. Students with the best photos and testimonials will receive gift certificates to The Bookstore at UM and have their submissions published in the guide.

The deadline to submit photos and testimonials is 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 13. Submission guidelines and more details are online at <http://life.umt.edu/uc/sig.php>.

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# UM NEWS



March 25, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Expressions of Silence, a student performance group from the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind, will present a variety of songs using sign language and dance on Thursday, March 31, at The University of Montana.

Free and open to the public, the performance begins at 2 p.m. in UM's Music Recital Hall.

The students have performed for the Montana Legislature, the Montana Council for Exceptional Children, the Great Falls Symphonic Choir and several service organizations. They have traveled to perform for the National Association for Music Education and with the famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the Oak Ridge Boys.

In an effort to promote a sense of humanity and goodwill to all individuals, regardless of their disability, the song "Love in Any Language" has become the motto of the group.

The Montana School for the Deaf and Blind provides comprehensive educational opportunities for deaf, hard of hearing, blind and visually impaired children, giving them their best chance for independence and success.

Children and youth from preschool through high school can attend the school as residential or day students on the Great Falls campus, where specialized instruction is combined with opportunities to attend classes in the public schools.

For more information about Expressions of Silence, call Jennifer Wasson at 406-771-6143 or Dessica Wilson at 406-771-6034.

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# UM NEWS



March 25, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in April.

The clinics will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, April 11-14, 18-21 and 25-28 in Skaggs Building Room 129. Enjoy a 20-minute massage for \$12 and a 40-minute massage for \$20. Appointments are required.

Proceeds will help UM physical therapy students attend local and national educational and research conferences.

To make an appointment call 406-243-4753.

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# UM NEWS



March 23, 2011

## MISSOULA, Mont. –

The public is invited to enjoy the skills of some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America at the 43rd annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, at The University of Montana's Adams Center.

The theme of this year's celebration of heritage and artistry is "Together as One Nation." It recognizes the strength and perseverance of Native peoples and cultures and the commitment of Native American students who have embarked on the path to embrace education and strengthen their families and communities.

Doors open at 4 p.m. Friday, with a grand entry at 7 p.m. Saturday the doors open at 10 a.m., with grand entries at noon and 7 p.m.

General admission is \$5 for each session. An all-day pass for Saturday sessions is \$8. Weekend passes are available for \$15. Admission is \$3 for UM students who show a valid Griz Card. Tickets and passes can be purchased at the door. The celebration helps support the mission and goals of the UM Kyi-Yo student organization.

Head dancers this year are Sonny Hawk and Gloria Stone Child. More information about the Kyi-Yo Celebration is online at <http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo>.

The following events will be held in conjunction with this year's celebration:

- **Saturday, April 16, 3-5 p.m.:** Diversity Day 2011, "Who's Your Neighbor?" will kick off with a nonmotorized parade beginning at Circle Square in downtown Missoula. The parade concludes with a rally of speakers, music and celebration outside the Boone and Crockett Club at the south end of the Higgins Street Bridge. For float ideas or more information, call 406-541-6891 or email [erin@ncbimissoula.org](mailto:erin@ncbimissoula.org).
- **Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17:** The 18th Annual Kyi-Yo Basketball Tournament. For more information about the tournament, email Dustin Monroe at [dmonroe406@gmail.com](mailto:dmonroe406@gmail.com) or visit the Kyi-Yo website at <http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo>.

Kyi-Yo is an Associated Students of UM-recognized club that is open to all University students. The club promotes pride and positive identity in Native American culture and supports cultural diversity on campus.

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# UM NEWS



March 22, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Renowned sculptor Judy Pfaff will present a lecture at The University of Montana at 6:10 p.m. Monday, April 11, in Social Science Building Room 356.

The event, sponsored by the UM School of Art and the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Program, is free and open to the public.

With a stellar career spanning more than 30 years, Pfaff is widely regarded as one of the pre-eminent installation artists of our time. She is known for her lyrical and energetic manipulations of surprising materials, taking over gallery and alternative spaces for months at a time.

Pfaff is a professor of art and co-chair of the Department of Art at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. She was born in England and received a Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale in 1973.

She has received numerous awards for her sculpture, installation, prints and drawings, including a United States Artists Fellowship, a Barnett and Annalee Newman Foundation Fellowship, a MacArthur Fellowship and two National Endowment of the Arts Fellowships.

Pfaff said she believes in being a positive and encouraging teacher.

“My first time teaching at Queens College, I thought, ‘I don’t want one or two (good students),’” she said. “I want this whole thing to be an organism that grows together. I’m going to get better, and they’re going to get better.”

Nancy Princenthal of “Art in America” said: “Pfaff’s work has always been exuberant, lush and hospitable to the language of poetry and music. But it is based on a very non-sense approach to making art. Visual effects don’t interest her much; causes are more her style.

“Like any good student of Post-Minimalism, Pfaff is interested in what happens if things are poured, gouged, pulled, punctured, striated; she favors first judgments and immediate results.”

For more information about Pfaff’s UM presentation, call the School of Art at 406-243-4181 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/art>.

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# UM NEWS



March 22, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Students in a University of Montana recreation management class invite the local and campus community to view the movie “Real Dirt on Farmer John” at 7 p.m. Monday, March 28, in the University Center Theater at UM.

The event is a class project to benefit for the Missoula Food Bank. Those who attend are asked to bring three to five nonperishable food items or \$3 to \$5 to support the food bank. The five highest donators of the evening will receive vouchers for a free dinner at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson Center at UM.

The film is the epic tale of a maverick Midwestern farmer. Castigated as a pariah in his community, Farmer John bravely transforms his farm amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors, and arson. He succeeds in creating a bastion of free expression and a revolutionary form of agriculture in rural America.

The Missoula Food Bank recommends canned meats, such as tuna, chicken and salmon, canned and boxed meals, canned or dried beans and peas, pasta, rice, cereal and canned fruits. To ensure food safety, the food bank cannot accept homemade items, noncommercial canned or packaged items, alcoholic beverages or drink mixes, open or used items, or rusty and unlabeled cans.

For more information call Takashi Yamaguchi, event organizer, at 406-370-0613 or e-mail [takashi.yamaguchi@umontana.edu](mailto:takashi.yamaguchi@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 22, 2011

## MISSOULA –

A conference designed to bridge the gap between Native American students and University of Montana faculty members will take place Friday, March 25, in the University Center at The University of Montana.

“Spirit of Diversity: Making Connections in the Classroom” will run from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the UC’s third-floor meeting rooms. No registration is necessary, and the event is free to the campus community.

The conference addresses dialogical disconnects or cultural misunderstandings that can arise between Native students and their faculty. It aims to give faculty members information to help with issues related to Native students.

Information for the conference is derived from the Medicine Wheel Model, which is based on indigenous values of interconnectedness, balance and harmony. Using the perspective offers Native students and their faculty a common ground for dialogue and understanding upon which academic success can be built. The goal is shared responsibility and a working relationship that will help students complete classes and finish degree programs at UM.

The conference is a cooperative effort between the Associated Students of UM social work organization LISTEN and students in the Groups and Community Change course taught by Associate Professor Danielle Wozniak. For more information e-mail Abby Higgins at [abigail.higgins@umontana.edu](mailto:abigail.higgins@umontana.edu) or Krystal Two Bulls at [krystal.twobulls@umontana.edu](mailto:krystal.twobulls@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

Dear Griz Nation,

As another college basketball season comes to an end, I want to thank you for the continued support for our men's and women's basketball teams at The University of Montana.

It was another stellar season for both coach Robin Selvig's and coach Wayne Tinkle's programs. Both advanced into post-season play and provided yet another means of promoting our incredible university.

The student-athletes on both teams made us very proud of their performances, both in the classroom (the Lady Griz currently have a cumulative grade point average of 3.30, while the men are at 2.94) and on the court.

We will miss our seniors – Brian Qvale, Stephanie Stender, Sarah Ena, Jessa Loman Linford and Misty Atkinson – but the future is bright with a talented group of underclassmen returning for 2011-12.

Since assuming the Director of Athletics position on July 1, 2005, I have been fortunate to share in the many successes of our 14 athletic programs.

Over the past six years, our teams have won 13 Big Sky Conference championships – five in football (2005-09, two of which resulted in berths in national championship games), four in women's basketball (2007, 2008, 2009 and 2011), two in men's basketball (2006, which included a win in the NCAA tournament, and 2010, plus a CBI berth this year) and one each in women's golf (2006) and women's cross country (2010).

We have won one Sterling Savings Bank Presidents Cup (2007), which is awarded to the most balanced athletic/academic program in the conference, finished second twice (2009 and 2010), third in 2008 and fourth in 2006. When the results are announced this summer, we expect to be among the leaders once again in large part because the cumulative GPA for our 300 student-athletes is an impressive 3.02.

And Griz teams have been on display to a national audience a total of 14 times, with national television appearances on either ESPN, ESPN2 or CBS.

It is a streak of accomplishments unmatched before in our athletic department's history. It is because of you, our fans and donors, that we are enjoying this unprecedented success. You continue to invest in our programs and give our coaches and student-athletes the tools they need to succeed.

You are always there for us, both home and on the road, and not a day goes by that we take you for granted. You are the BEST – and we look forward to seeing more of you again soon!

GO GRIZ!

Jim O'Day

Director of Athletics

The University of Montana

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Donald Loranger, the Air Force major general responsible for the enforcement of the United Nations no-fly zone over southern Iraq in 1995, will present a lecture titled "Implementation and Sustainment of a No-Fly Zone" from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 24, at The University of Montana.

He will speak about no-fly zones and how they may apply to the current action in Libya in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of the Mansfield Library. The presentation is an event of the Mansfield Center's Spring 2011 Brown Bag Lecture Series and is free and open to the public.

Loranger, who currently serves as director of the Mansfield Center's Defense Critical Language and Culture Program, is a UM alumnus and was commissioned through the University's Air Force ROTC program.

Before becoming director of the Mansfield Center program, Loranger served as vice commander of Air Combat Command's 8th Air Force, with headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

He previously commanded the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and the 435th Airlift Wing, Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, where he directed the Provide Promise humanitarian airlift.

For more information about the Mansfield Center, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield> or call 406-243-2988.

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

## MISSOULA –

University of Montana Assistant Professor Tobin Miller Shearer will read from and sign copies of his new book, “Daily Demonstrators: The Civil Rights Movement in Mennonite Homes and Sanctuaries,” from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 1, at Fact & Fiction, located at 220 N. Higgins Ave. in Missoula. The event is free and open to the public.

“Daily Demonstrators,” based on oral history interviews, photographs, letters, minutes, diaries and journals of white and African-American Mennonites, is the first book to bring together Mennonite religious history and civil rights movement history.

The Mennonites, with their long tradition of peaceful protest and commitment to equality, were castigated by Martin Luther King Jr. for not showing up on the streets to support the civil rights movement, said Shearer, who coordinates UM’s African-American Studies Program.

In the book he shows how the civil rights movement played out in Mennonite homes and churches from the 1940s through the 1960s. He explores whether the Mennonites, within their own church, were truly as committed to racial tolerance and equality as they might like to believe and shows the surprising role of children in overcoming the racial stereotypes of white adults.

For more information about the book and the reading, call Fact & Fiction at 406-721-2881.

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will host the first annual Beyond Boundaries National Conference Oct. 20-22. The three-day conference, titled "Beyond the Breadbowl: Hunger, Excess and the American Appetite," will aim to increase dialogue about equality issues and encourage local and national action.

Mark Winne, author of "Closing the Food Gap" and "Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart-Cookin' Mamas," will begin the conference with a lecture.

The conference is student-facilitated, and undergraduate students are encouraged to participate. The application deadline is June 15, and 75 students will be selected and notified by July 15. Attendees will be responsible for a \$75 registration fee and any costs associated with travel and lodging.

Applications for the conference can be found at <http://cas.umt.edu/aas/registration.cfm>. For more information, e-mail Tobin Miller Shearer, UM assistant professor of history, at [tobin.shearer@umontana.edu](mailto:tobin.shearer@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

## MISSOULA —

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will host its annual spring party, Fools Night Out, at 9 p.m. Friday, April 1, at the Badlander and Palace Lounge in downtown Missoula. Admission to the show is \$8 for those 21 and older and \$10 for those under 21. The event is open to ages 18 and up.

The concert will feature six touring bands and one band from Missoula. Fools Night Out comprises bands from Austin, Texas; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Philadelphia; Nashville, Tenn.; Missoula and Japan.

Acid Mothers Temple is a Japanese neo-hippie tribe led by guitarist Malato Kawabata, who is known for works recorded during the 1970s.

The Strange Boys are a rock 'n' roll band from Austin who incorporate elements of garage rock, punk, R&B and country into their music.

O'Death is a folk-rock band from Brooklyn. The band is unique in their combination of folk, bluegrass, punk, metal and Americana music.

Shilpa Ray and Her Happy Hookers also are from Brooklyn. The band plays grinding blues, sleazy jazz and bracing rock with punk immediacy.

Natural Child from Nashville creates an eclectic world with their music where punk rock and country music stand toe-to-toe.

Ryat is from Philadelphia and blends guitars, beat patterns and processed vocals to create a unique sound.

Victory Smokes is a local favorite from Missoula who play a fusion of rock and indie music.

All proceeds from the event go to support the student-run, educational, nonprofit college radio station.

For more information visit the KBGA website at <http://www.kbga.org>.

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# UM NEWS



March 21, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Become a voice for the students of The University of Montana by running for Associated Students of UM Senate. Student senators have an opportunity to make a difference, improve and reshape current programs, meet new people and gain meaningful experience.

To be eligible to run for a Senate seat, candidates must be an enrolled UM student with a GPA of at least 2.0 and must be taking at least seven credits or have paid the student activity fee. Candidate petitions are available in the ASUM Office, located in University Center Room 105. Petitions must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 23.

There are 20 ASUM Senate seats open, as well as one business manager position and the positions of president and vice president. Elections will be held April 27-28<sup>on</sup> CyberBear.

ASUM will host an open house for those interested in learning more about running for Senate from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, in UC Room 105. Current senators will be available to answer questions, and pizza and soda will be served.

For more information visit the ASUM elections website at <http://www.umt.edu/asum/elections>, call Lucas Berry, ASUM elections chair, at 406-208-2903 or e-mail [lucas.berry@umontana.edu](mailto:lucas.berry@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 18, 2011

## MISSOULA –

According to The University of Montana's most recent National College Health Assessment survey, 10 percent of UM students stated that they "seriously considered suicide" during their past academic year. In an effort to raise awareness of this statistic and of depression and suicide in college students in general, Curry Health Center will sponsor Blues Fest on Wednesday, March 23, at UM.

The event will feature staff and student musicians playing the blues in six venues on campus: The Payne Family Native American Center, Gallagher Business Building, Law School Building, Phyllis J. Washington Education Center, Cascade Country Store and the University Center will all host sets of live music in between classes and will have accompanying mental health resources available.

A dozen musicians will lend their musical talents to reduce stigma and increase awareness of college depression and suicide. Health Enhancement student employees and representatives from the student groups Peers Reaching Out and Active Minds will be on hand at each venue to talk about the difference between "the blues" and depression, provide access to campus resources such as Counseling and Psychological Services that treat depression and suicidal tendencies, dispense educational resources, and offer students opportunities to get involved in promoting positive mental health on campus in long-term ways.

Curry's Health Enhancement program focuses on student health and well-being and offers students healthy lifestyle advice, quit-smoking kits and more. For more information, call Ryan Norton at 406-243-2809 or e-mail [ryan.norton@umontana.edu](mailto:ryan.norton@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 18, 2011

## MISSOULA –

William Shutkin, a global leader in sustainability and social entrepreneurship, will give the second event of the spring series of The University of Montana Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum.

Shutkin, who is executive director of the Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute, will present “Collapse, Collective Action, Conundrum: Pursuing Sustainable Communities in the Age of Ideology” at noon Thursday, March 31, in the UM School of Law Castles Center. The forum is free and open to the public.

For most, creating sustainable communities is about green building standards, caps on greenhouse gas emissions, open-space conservation and incentives for solar energy, among other strategies. But that’s the easy part, Shutkin said.

The politics of sustainability and the ideas and mental models that shape it are where things get tough, he said, and no community is immune from the eclipsing effect of ideology and people’s infatuation with their own ideas. He will talk about that tension between ideology and sustainability and how it can be resolved.

Shutkin is a lecturer at the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law and a visiting scholar at the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He is a founding partner of Urban Sustainability Associates and the author of the award-winning book “The Land That Could Be: Environmentalism and Democracy in the Twenty-First Century.”

The final event in forum’s spring series will take place April 14 at UM. A forum schedule is on the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy upcoming events webpage at <http://www.cnrep.org>. For more information, call Sarah Bates at 406-207-9071 or e-mail [sarah@cnrep.org](mailto:sarah@cnrep.org).

The forums are convened by the center in cooperation with the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Department of Geography, Environmental Studies Program and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

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# UM NEWS



March 18, 2011

## MISSOULA –

An award-winning performance troupe from the Academy of Music of Northeast Normal University will present a “Chinese Dance & Music Recital” on Monday, March 21, at The University of Montana.

Hosted by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM and the University’s Confucius Institute, the event begins at 6:30 p.m. in the University Theatre. It is free and open to the public.

The recital also will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in Butte at the Maroon Activity Center.

The troupe has won many national, provincial and municipal competitions across China. The program will include a traditional Chinese music ensemble, Yangko and ethnic dances, tai chi and martial arts, and a Chinese calligraphy and painting demo.

The recital is part of the Confucius Institute’s efforts to promote greater appreciation of Chinese culture in Montana.

More information about the Confucius Institute at UM is online at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/ci>.

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# UM NEWS



March 17, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host inauguration ceremonies for its 17th president, Royce C. Engstrom, on Monday, May 2. The theme is “Building a University for a Global Century.”

The Installation Ceremony will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the University Theatre. The event will include a processional, music, brief addresses by visiting delegates and members of the campus community, and remarks by Engstrom.

“This inauguration is an opportunity to celebrate the promise of a new era for The University of Montana. It is a time for all of our UM campuses to think about the paths to excellence in the coming years and decades,” said Engstrom, who became UM president in October.

A luncheon will be held at noon outdoors on the Oval or inside the Adams Center in case of inclement weather. It will be followed by forums addressing the inauguration theme. A student forum will take place at 1:45 p.m. in the University Center Theater, followed by a visiting delegate and faculty forum at 3:30 p.m. in the same venue. Meanwhile, student exhibits and performances will be featured in the UC Atrium.

Inauguration events will not be funded by tuition or general fund dollars.

Before becoming president, Engstrom served as UM provost and vice president for academic affairs for three years. He came to Missoula in 2007 from the University of South Dakota, where he was a chemistry professor, chair of the chemistry department, vice president for research, Graduate School dean, and provost and vice president for academic affairs. As a faculty member, he taught analytical, environmental and general chemistry. He also conducted an active research program in electrochemistry and analytical chemistry.

Born in Michigan, Engstrom grew up in Nebraska and received a chemistry undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His wife, Mary, also is an educator and has worked at both the K-12 level and the university level. The Engstroms have two grown children, Tyler and Carey. In his spare time, Engstrom enjoys building traditional wooden boats and canoeing.

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# UM NEWS



March 16, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Renowned expert on morality Amelie Oksenberg Rorty will give the next installment of the President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana on Monday, March 28.

Rorty will present "The Use and Abuse of Morality" at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. The event is UM's Henry Bugbee Annual Lecture in Philosophy.

Earlier that day from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m., Rorty will give a seminar titled "On the Other Hand: The Ethics of Ambivalence" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

Rorty is a lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard University and a visiting professor in the philosophy department of Boston University. She is the author of "Mind in Action" and has edited numerous books on philosophy and ethics. She received master's degrees at Yale and Princeton and a doctorate from Yale and has a Certificate in Professional Mediation from Metropolitan Mediation Services.

A longtime philosophy professor at Rutgers University before becoming affiliated with Harvard, Rorty has an international reputation for her work on the great traditions of Western philosophy. She has edited or co-edited 14 books – contributing essays to them all – and served as general editor of "Modern Studies in Philosophy," 38 volumes (Doubleday-Anchor), and "Major Thinkers," 33 volumes (University of California Press).

"A lifetime of thinking, teaching and writing about Aristotle, Descartes, Kant and other masters has prepared her to offer a powerful lecture on the use and abuse of morality, a theme with some claim on the attention of an age that is unlikely to go down in history for its moral attainments," said UM history Professor Richard Drake, lecture series organizer.

For more information about the President's Lecture Series at UM, visit <http://www.umt.edu/president/lectures>.

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# UM NEWS



March 16, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular "Hands on Health" exhibition to Hamilton next week.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade in the Hamilton School District will participate in guided field trips of the exhibition Monday through Friday, March 21-25, at Westview School. The exhibition will be free and open for the public to explore from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 24.

"Hands on Health" features interactive science exhibits and activities exploring health professions and sciences, including a giant runny nose and broken bones that students can diagnose, guided cow eyeball and heart dissections, and a life-size medical teaching torso for simulated surgery activities.

Hamilton is the first of spectrUM's two stops in the Bitterroot Valley. "Hands on Health" also will travel to the Victor School District on March 28 for four days of outreach.

"This project will provide unforgettable hands-on science learning to more than 2,000 Ravalli County schoolchildren," said spectrUM Director Holly Truitt.

SpectrUM travels the state with a mobile science center featuring various interactive science exhibitions, including "Hands on Health" and "The Brain: A World Inside Your Head." Since 2007 spectrUM has visited dozens of counties and reservations cross the state, including some of Montana's most remote communities.

"We travel hands-on science around the state, transforming gymnasiums and cafeterias into powerful science learning centers that help inspire Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries," Truitt said.

SpectrUM's visit to Hamilton is sponsored by the Greater Ravalli Foundation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana, the Western Montana Area Health Education Center, Hamilton School District, and the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience.

SpectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It's open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost \$3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu> or call 406-243-4828.

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The popular rock band Foo Fighters will perform live in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 26, in the Adams Events Center at The University of Montana.

General admission tickets are \$49.50, plus applicable fees, and will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, March 18, at all GrizTix outlets, including the Adams Center Box Office, The Source in the University Center, Worden's Market and Southgate Mall, as well as online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Led by frontman Dave Grohl, the Foo Fighters have released six studio albums over the past decade and will release their seventh later this year. They've produced several hit singles, including "Big Me," "Learn to Fly," "All My Life" and "Monkey Wrench." The band is known for fusing melodic elements with harder sounds and solid songwriting, much of which is inspired by the music of Grohl's former bandmate, Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain.

British heavy metal band Motorhead and Scottish rock trio Biffy Clyro will open for the band. The Foo Fighters concert is a production of Knitting Factory Presents.

For more information, call 888-MONTANA or go online to <http://www.griztix.com>

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's Penetrailia Chapter of Mortar Board is accepting nominations of UM seniors to be honored at the 2011 Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony in May. Nominations are due by Friday, March 25.

The President's Outstanding Senior Recognition Awards, sponsored by the UM Mortar Board chapter, are presented to outstanding graduating seniors in academic areas and University-recognized organizations. Students are chosen on the basis of academic performance and devotion to the excellence of their departments and UM.

One senior from each department and each organization will be honored with an engraved medallion and award certificate at the ceremony, which traditionally is held on the Friday before Commencement. The 2011 ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the University Theatre.

To qualify for the awards, students must graduate within the 2010-11 academic year, have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate a commitment to his or her academic discipline or student organization through professional development, leadership and service.

Nominations can be submitted online at <http://www.umt.edu/mortarboard/EventsMenu/SeniorRecognitionAward.aspx>.

The Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony, currently going into its 24th year, recently received the Project Excellence Award by the national Mortar Board association. UM's chapter is the only one in the country that holds the event.

For more information about the awards or the nominating process, call Molly Collins, UM Mortar Board chapter adviser, at 406-243-5754 or e-mail [molly.collins@mso.umt.edu](mailto:molly.collins@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The winter 2011 issue of the Crown of the Continent e-magazine has been released and can be found online at <http://issuu.com/crownofthecontinent/docs/winter2011>.

The region called the Crown of the Continent encompasses Glacier National Park and spans the Continental Divide from the Elk River headwaters and Crowsnest Pass in Canada to Rogers Pass and the Blackfoot River drainage in Montana.

The University of Montana launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National park. The initiative continues to grow and now includes many groups, organizations, agencies and institutions beyond the park in Montana, Alberta and British Columbia.

The initiative publishes three color-filled e-magazines each year, allowing people to get up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the Crown. The magazines cover everything from the physical and historical geography of the Crown to interesting scientific research on the region's wildlife, climate, rivers, glaciers and more.

To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, e-mail [umcrown@umontana.edu](mailto:umcrown@umontana.edu). The Crown of the Continent website is at <http://crown.umt.edu>. Current and past issues of the e-magazine are available in PDF format on the website under "publications."

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Events to celebrate International Week at The University of Montana begin with the International Culture & Food Festival from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in the University Center.

The festival marks its 20th anniversary this year with “A 20-Year Milestone: A Journey Connecting Us All.” Participants will have the opportunity to connect with students and friends to enjoy international food, entertainment, children’s games and more. An anniversary party will follow the festival. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12.

International Week kicks off at noon Monday, March 28, in the University Center Atrium. Speakers are UM Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia; Foreign Student and Scholar Services Director Effie Koehn; and International Student Association President Alina Calianu. Unity Dance and Drum and members of the UM African dance class will perform.

All International Week events, with the exception of Sunday’s International Culture & Food Festival, are free and open to the public. Following is the event schedule:

### Monday, March 28

- **4 p.m.:** Study Abroad Panel Discussion. Learn about study abroad opportunities for UM students. UC Room 330.

### Tuesday, March 29

- **Noon:** “The United States Institute of Peace: An Insider’s Perspective.” Presenter: Mansfield Center Associate Director Otto Koester. Mansfield Center Conference Room, fourth floor of the Mansfield Library.
- **3:30 p.m.:** Work Abroad Workshop, “The World is Your Job Site.” Explore options for working abroad. Lommasson Center Room 154.
- **7 p.m.:** “The Drain on Our World.” Werner Fornos, founder of Global Population Education, discusses some of the reasons the world’s fresh water supply is shrinking and actions to take at home and abroad to reverse the trend. UC Ballroom.

### Wednesday, March 30

- **Noon:** “My Fulbright Experience in Uruguay: From Cattle to Computers.” Presenter: UM Regents Professor Jakki Mohr. Old Journalism Building Room 303.
- **3 p.m.:** “Race, Ethnicity and the Fear of Others.” A faculty-student roundtable discussion with multiple presenters. UC Room 332.
- **7 p.m.:** “Is the Language of Politics the Language of the People? Brazil, Lula and the Controversies Around His Discourse.” Presenter: Monica Zoppi, a linguist from Brazil and specialist in political discourse. UC Room 332.

### Thursday, March 31

- **Noon:** “Change Your World: Intern Abroad.” Discover opportunities that provide students with international professional development experiences through independent internships and the IE3 Global Internship program. Presenter: Kevin Hood, UM Internship Services. UC Room 330.
- **3 p.m.:** “Cross-Cultural Chat.” Share stories, pictures and experiences and ask questions about cross-cultural communications. Jus Chill’n in the UC.
- **4 p.m.:** “Make a Difference Overseas: Peace Corps Information Session.” Presenter: UM Peace Corps representative Tenly Snow. UC Room 327.
- **7 p.m.:** “Heart and Minds.” The classic documentary about the Vietnam War recounts the history and attitudes of the opposing sides. Includes archival news footage and interviews. An event of the Peace & Justice Film Series at UM. UC Theater.

### Friday, April 1

- **Noon:** “Iraq: Rich Civilization and Diverse Population.” Presenter: UM graduate student Mushtaq Al Rashidany. UC Room 330.

For more information about International Week events, call UM International Programs at 406-243-2288 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/ip>.

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Registration is now open for "MOLLI Summer Adventures in Science: Connecting the Circle," a summer camp for children ages 6 through 12 and their grandparents hosted by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana.

The science day camp will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, July 18-19. Participants will learn from one another in scientific exploration through classroom and field experiences, starting with the "Mr. G Science Show" with Glenn Govertsen, who has taught physics at Missoula's Sentinel High School for more than 30 years and is a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching.

The following summer camp courses are designed for children 6 to 9 years old:

- **Incredible Edible Bugs** with Annika Johns, UM graduate and recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence.
- **Explosive Chemistry** with a team led by Amanda Lockwood, spectrUM Discovery Area educator.
- **Farm to Table** with Jason Mandala, Garden City Harvest community education director.

The following courses are available for children 9 to 12 years old:

- **Bones & Stones** with Garry Kerr, UM Department of Anthropology lecturer.
- **Buzz about Bees** with UM Professor Jerry Bromenshenk and Bee Alert field technician Scott Debnam.
- **Robotics Sensory Garden** with spectrUM Discovery Area operational manager Jessie Herbert and software engineer and guest spectrUM educator Will Bain.

The summer camp costs \$100 per adult and child pair. A \$20 MOLLI membership also is required for adults who wish to participate. The membership allows registration for lifelong learning courses offered through the institute each spring and autumn at UM. Those who purchase a membership for this year's summer camp will be eligible to register for all MOLLI courses offered through June 30, 2012.

Full summer camp course descriptions, information about instructors and registration forms are online at <http://www.umt.edu/molli>. For more information, call Dannette Fadness of UM's School of Extended Studies and Lifelong Learning at 406-243-2905 or e-mail [dannette.fadness@umontana.edu](mailto:dannette.fadness@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 15, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the Human Resource Council Building Meeting Room located at 316 N. Third St. in Hamilton.

The BCP steering committee is a public board and welcomes members of the public to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, March 18, on the BCP website at <http://www.umt.edu/bcp> (click on "Meetings" under "Steering Committee"), by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or e-mailing [victoria.clark@umontana.edu](mailto:victoria.clark@umontana.edu).

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group composed of Ravalli County stakeholders, UM officials and state higher education representatives. The committee is charged with planning an entity to provide responsive and sustainable adult and higher education opportunities to Ravalli County residents. It currently offers 21 UM College of Technology courses in the Hamilton area.

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# UM NEWS



March 14, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana, in cooperation with the Missoula Businesswomen's Network and Missoula County Public Schools, will host the Queen of Anything Student Symposium from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, in the University Center.

The symposium will give more than 250 Missoula high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to network with nearly 30 professional, successful businesswomen from around Western Montana, with the ultimate goal of empowering and educating young women in the Missoula area.

The symposium's luncheon will feature keynote speakers Lois McElravy, owner of Lessons from Lois, and Kelley Durbin, CEO of Mismo Gymnastics.

For more information, call MBN President Christine Johnson at 406-543-5355, ext. 241.

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# UM NEWS



March 14, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will host “Hands and/or Feet (Part One Hat/Gun/Bird)” by artist John Baldessari in UM’s Main Hall President’s Office lobby through June 10.

The artwork can be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except University holidays.

A wonderfully representative work by Baldessari, this large-scale three-dimensional print is on loan to MMAC from an anonymous lender. The museum brings artwork by internationally known artists to campus annually as part of its Visiting Artworks program.

Baldessari is an enormously influential American artist whose art and teaching career at The California Institute of Arts and the University of California, Los Angeles, have profoundly affected a generation of artists.

Initially a painter, Baldessari began to incorporate texts and photography into his canvases in the mid-1960s, as a means of questioning the status and nature of painting. He rejected the medium entirely in 1970, burning most of his previous works on canvas in what he termed his “Cremation Project.” Since then he has worked with photography, text, video, collage and installation to explore fundamental questions about art.

Baldessari has received honorary doctorates from the National University of Ireland and Burren College of Art. He has participated in important exhibitions, including Documenta, the Venice Biennale, and seven Whitney Biennials. He has been included in “Art in the Twenty-first Century,” the PBS documentary series about contemporary visual art in the United States, and his work has been shown in more than 120 solo exhibitions and 300 group exhibitions.

Baldessari is currently the subject of a major retrospective traveling to the Tate Modern, London; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; and Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Complementing the Baldessari print at UM are two works from MMAC’s Permanent Collection by David Salle and R.B. Kitaj. All three artists are American Pop/Appropriation artists that use pre-existing imagery from popular visual culture as a way to construct images.

For more information visit the MMAC website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum> or call 406-243-2019.

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# UM NEWS



March 11, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will host “Sense and Sensation: Laurie Fendrich, Paintings and Drawings 1990-2010,” the first in-depth retrospective of the abstract painter, critic and professor, from March 24 to May 21.

Organized by Scripps College in Claremont, Calif., the traveling exhibition will be featured in the museum’s Paxson Gallery, located in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

Fendrich will present a lecture on balancing her multiple roles as artist, critic and educator at 3 p.m. Friday, April 1, in the Masquer Theatre of the PAR/TV Center, followed by a First Friday reception for the artist from 4 to 6 p.m. in the center’s lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

In a recent review of the exhibition, “Art in America” critic Leah Ollman states: “Fendrich has become more playful – rambunctious, even. As the exhibition title indicates through its allusion to Jane Austen (one of the artist’s touchstones), Fendrich seeks a balance between presumed opposites: intellect and emotion, freedom and limitation, harmonic stasis and frisky dynamism. Her work hums with friction.”

Fendrich, an abstract painter for more than 30 years, received a bachelor’s degree in political science from Mount Holyoke College and a Master of Fine Arts in painting from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She has taught art for more than 25 years and is currently professor of fine arts at Hofstra University.

She writes regularly on art, society and education for *Brainstorm*, The Chronicle of Higher Education’s blog on ideas, culture and the arts. Her work is widely exhibited and has been featured in 10 solo exhibitions since 1982. She currently is represented by the Gary Snyder Project Space in New York City.

The exhibition features the saturated, offbeat hues of her colorful paintings and the matte, velvety black-and-white scheme of her drawings. Grace Glueck of The New York Times described the exhibition as “a salute to Russian constructivism, a nod to art deco, a bow to ’30’s American modernism, more than a dash of loony cartoony pop culture. But the combos actually work, forming crisp compositions whose bright toy-like colors, suave matings of geometric with biomorphic forms, and skilled painting give the work a decorous pizzazz.”

Mark Stevens, Pulitzer Prize-winning co-author of “De Kooning: An American Master,” wrote the essay for the Fendrich catalog. He will present “The Endless Fifteen Minutes: Fame, Celebrity and Art Today” as part of the President’s Lecture Series at UM at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the University Theatre.

Stevens also will speak during a seminar from 3:40 to 5 p.m. April 14 in the Montana Theatre of the PAR/TV Center. All series events are free and open to the public.

Concurrent with the Fendrich exhibition, MMAC will present “Barry Hood: Flow” in the museum’s Meloy Gallery. Hood, who creates sculptural glass and bas reliefs, is a UM alumnus who worked with noted ceramist Rudy Autio.

A conversation with Barry Hood will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the Montana Theatre of the PAR/TV Center, followed by a First Friday reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the center’s lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

MMAC gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information visit the MMAC website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum> or call 406-243-2019.

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# UM NEWS



March 11, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Dr. Joycelyn Dorscher, director of the Center of American Indian and Minority Health and assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School, will present "Establishing Effective Communication Between Native American Elders and Health Care Providers" from 1:10 to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17, in Skaggs Building Room 117 at The University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by UM's Institute for Gerontology Education, with additional funding provided by the University's Faculty Professional Enhancement Program, the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, and St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center.

In addition to her academic positions, Dorscher also practices at the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Outpatient Clinic in East Lake, Minn., and has a wealth of knowledge on caring for American Indian elders. She will share her expertise in communicating with elders and provide some insights and techniques to build effective communication and health care programs.

Dorscher's research focuses on building diversity in health and medical fields. Her primary research interests include researching strategies of successful minority faculty development programs and creating opportunities for students from disadvantaged backgrounds to develop the skills needed to successfully compete, enter and graduate from health professions schools.

Dorscher developed programs to attract and retain minorities in the University of Minnesota's Medical School. Because of her leadership and dedication, the school now has the second-largest contingent of American Indian medical school graduates in the nation. She is recognized nationally for her accomplishments and is considered an expert in physician workforce diversity.

For more information call Gayle Hudgins, chair of the UM Institute for Gerontology Education, at 406-243-6495 or e-mail [gayle.hudgins@umontana.edu](mailto:gayle.hudgins@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 10, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Marcus Brauchli, executive editor of The Washington Post, will give a lecture titled “Journalism and Its Discontents” at 7 p.m. Friday, March 18, in the Music Recital Hall at The University of Montana.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is the third installment of the School of Journalism’s annual Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series. The series honors Cole, a Butte native who graduated from the School of Journalism in 1980. He was aeronautics editor at The Wall Street Journal when he was killed in a plane crash while on assignment in January 2001.

Brauchli has been the Post’s executive editor since September 2008 and oversees the newspaper’s print and digital operations. The Post’s news operation is known for its innovative work producing news and features on different platforms. In 2010, the newspaper won four Pulitzer Prizes for international reporting, feature writing, commentary and criticism — the highest number of any newspaper.

Brauchli previously served as managing editor of The Wall Street Journal, overseeing its news operations in the U.S. and internationally. He spent much of his career working as a foreign correspondent for the paper in Asia and Europe. He was based in Hong Kong, Stockholm, Tokyo and Shanghai. He was named national editor of the Journal in 1999, later becoming global news editor, deputy managing editor and then managing editor.

The Jeff Cole Distinguished Lecture Series is supported by the Jeff Cole Legacy Fund, which also offers an annual scholarship and a spring dinner for students who work at the Montana Kaimin, UM’s independent student newspaper.

“Thanks to Maria Cole and many supporters of the Legacy Fund, Jeff Cole is still very much a part of the life of the journalism school,” said Dean Peggy Kuhr.

“I’m completely stoked about having Marcus here to present this lecture,” said Maria Cole, the widow of Jeff. “He is so knowledgeable and charismatic. Having him here is very significant; he is bringing world-class journalism experience to UM.”

Brauchli, who worked with Cole at The Wall Street Journal, is a native of Boulder, Colo., and a graduate of Columbia University. He was a 1991-92 Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. He is on the board of the International Center for Journalists, and is an adviser to the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship program at Columbia. He also is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the New York Economic Club.

For more information, call journalism school Dean Peggy Kuhr at 406-243-4001 or e-mail [peggy.kuhr@umontana.edu](mailto:peggy.kuhr@umontana.edu).

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March 10, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Elouise Cobell, lead plaintiff in the Cobell v. Salazar lawsuit, and Julie Cajune, executive director of the Center for American Indian Policy and Applied Research at Salish Kootenai College, will give the final two presentations of the “Lessons of Our Land” speaker series at The University of Montana.

Cobell will speak at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 23. The series wraps up with a presentation by Cajune at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 30. Both events will take place in Payne Family Native American Center Room 105. A reception will follow each presentation at 5:30 p.m. in the center's Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place. All events are free and open to the public.

Cobell, executive director of the Native American Community Development Corp., will talk about her 15-year journey, which started in 1996 with a class-action lawsuit filed against the U.S. Department of Interior. Her David and Goliath chronicle is rooted in a claim for justice on behalf of 500,000 American Indian landowners across the country.

Through dozens of courtroom victories, as well as legislative setbacks, Cobell and a team of determined attorneys prevailed. Last December, federal lawmakers approved the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. It was signed into law in January by President Barack Obama.

As part of the legislation, Congress approved a \$3.4 billion settlement, the largest class-action award in U.S. history, as well as the largest Indian land claim in U.S. history. The settlement resolves claims that the federal government violated its trust duties to individual Indian trust beneficiaries.

Historical Accounting Claims state that the federal government violated its trust duties by not providing a proper historical accounting relating to Individual Indian Money accounts and other trust assets. Trust Administration Claims that include fund and land administration claims state that the federal government violated its trust duties, mismanaged individual Indian trust funds and violated its trust responsibilities for management of land, oil, natural gas, mineral, timber, grazing and other resources.

The Cobell legal team has been traveling across the country to meet with Indian landowners. They are answering questions about \$1.4 billion that will be paid directly to Native people determined to be a part of the historical and trust administration claims. The team also is answering questions about the nearly \$2 billion award for land consolidation included in the Claims Resolution Act. More information about the settlement is online at <http://www.indiantrust.com>.

Cajune, who was profiled in Utne magazine in 2009 as one of 50 visionaries who are changing the world, will talk about a statewide Indian land curriculum she developed that aligns with Montana state education standards. The lesson plans were created as specific matches to Montana tribes and can be used with the existing Indian Land Tenure Foundation's land tenure curriculum titled “Lessons of Our Land.”

Cajune has worked in education for nearly two decades. She earned a master's degree in bilingual education and served as the curriculum specialist for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes before returning to public education and administration. She has developed culturally responsive material for the National Science Foundation, NASA, the Montana Historical Society and numerous other entities. In addition, she completed a three-year tribal history project funded by the Montana Legislature.

Cajune received the Milken National Educator Award in 2002. As a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, she worked at Nkwusm, the Salish Language Revitalization Institute, as director of development and teacher supervisor. She was awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to continue work on the development and publication of tribal history materials. The grant is based at Salish Kootenai College.

The speaker series is sponsored by the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, a community-based, nonprofit organization focused on the recovery, management and control of American Indian lands by Indian people. For more information, visit <http://iltf.org>, call Jodi Rave at 406-396-8537 or e-mail [jodi.rave@umontana.edu](mailto:jodi.rave@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 10, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Olivia Purba, a Southeast Asian student leader who attended the institute on global environmental issues held at The University of Montana last summer, may now be the best advocate for UM and Montana in her homeland.

Purba recently published a two-page, full-color photo essay on the touristic aspects of her Montana experience in CosmoGirl Indonesia.

"The first time I arrived at The University of Montana in Missoula, I felt like I was at an historic castle," Purba writes. "The campus was built in 1893 with classical architecture incorporating beautiful aspects of nature. And on a high peak, behind campus, there's a big letter M, the symbol of The University of Montana."

The Institute for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues, hosted by UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, brought 19 student leaders from Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia to Montana to take part in the U.S. Department of State initiative designed to promote a better understanding of the United States abroad and to help develop future world leaders. Institute leaders are UM environmental studies Professors Len Broberg and Robin Saha.

In addition to learning about U.S. history, government and society with a particular focus on global environmental issues, the visiting students also had the opportunity to experience hospitality and recreational opportunities in western Montana.

In the CosmoGirl Indonesia article, Purba describes concerts and festivities at Caras Park, watching the kayakers at Brennan's Wave, attending Osprey games and various other outdoor activities. Her host family took her to the river and camping, and she "had s'mores."

Purba also writes about attending a Kootenai powwow, visiting Helena to learn about the state's political system, time spent in Glacier National Park and a trip to the Teddy Roosevelt Ranch, where she said she "felt like she was in an old Western film."

"The program is a tremendous two-way exchange, bringing cultural benefits to the visiting students, as well as to the western Montana community," said Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center project manager. "Bringing these students to Montana gives us the opportunity to showcase our state, our people and our ideas – likely creating a lasting impression for young visitors for whom this is a life-changing experience."

With nearly 240 million people, Indonesia is the world's fourth most populous nation and the country with the largest Muslim population.

"Indonesia and Montana share a number of interests, including water, forestry and tourism management," Mansour said, "and the country is a tremendous potential market for U.S. educational institutions. The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta has a goal to double the current number of Indonesian students studying at U.S. educational institutions by 2014 to 15,000."

Over three years, the Institute for Student Leaders on Global Environmental Issues at UM will mean \$750,000 spent at the University and western Montana businesses. For more information call Mansour at 406-243-2988 or e-mail [deena.mansour@mso.umt.edu](mailto:deena.mansour@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 09, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The popular International Culture and Food Festival at The University of Montana marks its 20th anniversary this year with “A 20-Year Milestone: A Journey Connecting Us All” from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 27, in the University Center.

Festival participants will have the opportunity to connect with students and friends to enjoy international food, entertainment, children's games and more. An anniversary party will follow the festival. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for children ages 3 to 12.

Events kick off at noon with a parade of flags, followed by the opening of the food bazaar, display pavilions, International Cultural Show and Children's World.

Booths in the food bazaar will feature authentic recipes from around the world. Dishes cost from 50 cents to \$4. The food goes fast, so hungry guests are advised to show up early.

Food choices will include Russian pirozhki; Japanese udon noodles; Thai panang curry; Greek spanakopita and souvlaki; Middle Eastern dolma, humus and baklava; African kupsa with plantain; Swedish meatballs; Filipino banana rolls; Korean kimchi and kimbob; Native American frybread and Indian tacos; Chinese spring rolls; Ethiopian injera and wat; French crepes; and Tajik osh and sambuso. Beverages available include ginger hibiscus tea, Arabic coffee and pearl milk tea.

The International Cultural Show, which will take place on the third floor of the UC, offers nearly two dozen traditional and contemporary performances continuously throughout the festival. Performances include Polynesian and Tajik dances; an African dress show; a traditional Japanese dance; belly dancing; traditional Chinese musical instruments; Flamenco; Chinese ballet by the Rocky Mountain Ballet Company; and songs by the Lewis and Clark Peace Choir.

Children's World, located on the second floor of the UC, will offer hands-on events and activities designed especially for kids, such as origami and calligraphy, a chopsticks game, storytelling, hair braiding, painting and a chance to create decorated flags and maps. Children will be issued passports and will be encouraged to visit festival activities to earn prizes. Look for special appearances by UM mascot Monte and a Chinese parade dragon.

The cultural display pavilion will present literature, videos, artifacts and items for purchase from individual countries or local groups with an international emphasis, making the festival a perfect place for those who are planning a trip abroad or who want to connect internationally in the community.

A silent auction of international arts, crafts and dinners will be held on the third floor of the UC. Proceeds will benefit the Missoula International Friendship Program so that Missoula can continue to be a welcoming place for UM international students.

The festival also will partner again this year with the Missoula Food Bank to accept contributions of nonperishable food and cash donations.

For more information call UM Foreign Student and Scholar Services at 406-243-2226.

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Gideon Lustig, Israel's deputy consul general, will present "Dilemmas in a Shifting Middle East: Threats and Opportunities" from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 14, in the University Center North Ballroom at The University of Montana.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will examine the implications of the current situation in the Middle East and North Africa and how it pertains to Israeli security concerns, Israeli-Palestinian relations, potential political and economic fallout, and its impact on other Middle Eastern countries.

The event is sponsored by UM's Central and Southwest Asia Studies Center and the Montana World Affairs Council. For more information, call UM International Programs' Brian Lofink at 406-243-2299 or e-mail [brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu](mailto:brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Montana has stories galore: cows and cowboys, Indian tribes inhabiting the mountains and plains for centuries, politicians good and bad, writers and poets, railroad builders and mining magnates, individuals famous and infamous; all have contributed to making the "Last Best Place" our special homeland.

Lifelong learners in the Bitterroot Valley can hear these stories and more about Montana's colorful history through the course "In Our Backyard: My Montana Tales." Taught by Hal Stearns, it will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Wednesday March 30-April 20 at the Hamilton Performing Arts Center, located at 327 Fairgrounds Road.

Course registration costs \$45 before March 25 and \$50 afterward, and it is open to learners of all ages. It's co-sponsored by the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning and the Bitterroot College Program of UM.

Stearns, a Harlowton native with generations of ranchers, homesteaders and newsmen in his family, earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and master's and doctorate degrees from UM. He taught for 34 years, with stints in Germany, at Missoula's Sentinel High School and UM. He received Montana Teacher of the Year and Outstanding U.S. History Teacher honors.

For more information or to register, call Dannette Fadness, program coordinator for the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning, at 406-243-2905 or e-mail [dannette.fadness@umontana.edu](mailto:dannette.fadness@umontana.edu).

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Whenever Leo Kottke steps up to the stage, one thing is certain: It'll be a good night for the guitar.

The legendary musician will take the stage of The University of Montana's University Theatre at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, in "An Evening with Leo Kottke."

Tickets cost \$23 in advance and \$25 the day of the show. They are available online at <http://www.GrizTix.com>, at all GrizTix outlets, or by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA. All seating is reserved.

"My music is maybe hard to categorize," Kottke said. "It doesn't fit conveniently into the bins at record stores. That works for me though...I don't rise and fall with trends."

More information about his music is online at <http://www.leokottke.com>. Kottke's UM performance is an event of University Theatre Productions. For more information call 406-243-2853.

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA --

Registration is now open for spring courses offered through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at The University of Montana (MOLLI).

Members of the community 50 and older can explore topics ranging from literature, art and music to history, politics and current events through the courses, which are taught by dynamic UM and community instructors. Spring courses will take place during April and May.

An annual MOLLI membership fee of \$20 is required to enroll. Individual course registration costs \$60 plus fees, when applicable. MOLLI offers gift cards to cover the \$20 membership fee or \$60 course fee. They are available at the institute's office on the second floor of UM's James E. Todd Building.

Spring courses and instructors are:

### Fine Arts

- Ethnomusicology & World Music, Megan McNamer.
- South Pacific: Why the Landmark Broadway Musical Still Matters, Greg Patent.
- Appreciating Music, Don Simmons.
- Defining Dance: Looking for Meaning in Motion, Joy French.
- From Image to Abstraction, MaryAnn Bonjorni. This special course is held in April conjunction with the President's Lecture Series at UM and meets three times in the evening.

### Humanities

- Shakespeare's Macbeth: Page, Stage & Screen, Casey Charles.
- The Art of Glacier Park, Rafael Chacón.
- The History & Legacy of the Holocaust, Gerald Fetz.
- Creativity & the Natural World, Lee Heuermann.
- The Whale & the World: Reading "Moby Dick," Katie Kane.
- Evolution & Religion in America, John Lund.
- Bringing Your Stories to Life, Dorothy Patent.
- Creative Writing: Poetic Traditions, Hannah Soukup.
- Classic Problems in Philosophy: God, Freedom & Morality, Burke Townsend.

### Current and Political Affairs

- Taking Some of the Mystery Out of Estates, Trusts & Related Taxes, Edwin Eck.
- Politics of Mexico & U.S.-Mexican Relations, Paul Haber.
- Islam, Terrorism & Challenges to U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East & South Asia, Mehrdad Kia.
- Whither America's Democracy, Ron Perrin.
- History & Insurgency in Afghanistan, Owen Sirrs.
- International Law in Our Time, Sally Cummins and Anna Conley.

### Natural and Social Sciences

- Tibetan Buddhism & the History of the Dalai Lamas, David Curtis.

- The Dead Do Tell Tales, Garry Kerr.

Complete course descriptions, locations, times, instructor information and registration can be found on MOLLI's website at <http://www.umt.edu/molli>.

For more information, call Dannette Fadness at 406-243-2905 or e-mail [dannette.fadness@umontana.edu](mailto:dannette.fadness@umontana.edu) .

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Women's and Gender Studies Program will sponsor two free events during March in honor of Women's History Month.

UM music Professors Maxine Ramey (clarinet) and Margaret Baldrige (violin) will present "Women in the Arts: Persian Gulf and Palestine" at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the Music Recital Hall. The musicians will perform, as well as present a slide show and a talk.

A screening of the film "Brutal Beauty: Tales of the Rose City Roller Girls" will take place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, in University Center Room 330. The Hellgate Roller Girls will be available for a question-and-answer session after the film screening.

For more information call the Women's and Gender Studies Program at 406-243-2584.

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA –

University advancement professionals from around the Northwest and western Canada recognized Ric Thomas, vice president for development at The University of Montana Foundation, with the CASE VIII Distinguished Service Award at a conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, on Feb. 24.

The award is given annually to a leader by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for outstanding service to each district. District VIII includes Montana, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Alaska and all of western Canada.

“Service comes in many ways, and this award honors Ric’s selfless dedication to serve the best interest of education and our advancement profession,” said Brad Hestbak, past chair of CASE VIII, who presented Thomas with the award.

Thomas has worked in higher education development since 1991, starting his career at his alma mater, Washington State University. Before coming to the UM Foundation in 2005, Thomas also held positions at Eastern Washington University and the University of Idaho. Thomas led the UM Foundation fundraising team the final two years of the “Invest In Discovery” campaign, the two best fundraising years in the 59-year history of the UM Foundation.

Thomas has been an active volunteer in CASE. He served on the CASE District VIII board of directors for 10 years and chaired the board from 2005 to 2007. He also has chaired the annual conference and spoken at numerous workshops.

“This is such a prestigious award, and I am excited to have someone from our team receive it,” said Laura Brehm, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. “This well-deserved recognition by CASE shows Ric’s dedication to the profession and his contribution to the outstanding education The University of Montana provides.”

The Distinguished Service Award recipient is selected by the Executive Committee of the board and is given to a current District VIII member or someone who has been a district member within the past two years. CASE is a professional association serving international educational institutions and the advancement professionals who work on their behalf in alumni relations, communications, development, marketing and allied areas.

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# UM NEWS



March 08, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The Friends of Irish Studies will hold a feast of Irish music, dance, food and revelry Saturday, March 12, at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park in Missoula.

The event is a fundraiser for the Irish Studies Program at The University of Montana and features an auction of gifts to warm the cockles of Grandma's heart.

The celebration will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. To RSVP, e-mail [erin@irishmontana.com](mailto:erin@irishmontana.com).

Music will be provided by Malarkey, and the Missoula Irish Dancers will perform. Those who attend will enjoy a menu of Guinness-braised short ribs, mini pasties, soda bread and assorted toppings, and Irish whiskey meatballs.

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# UM NEWS



March 07, 2011

## MISSOULA –

University of Montana students have been selected to receive two of only four scholarships awarded for summer 2011 by IE3 Global Internships.

IE3 Global Internships provide students opportunities for education, experience and employment. Students earn academic credit on their home campus while gaining professional experience abroad through the internships, which are available in a variety of private-sector companies, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions around the world.

Matthew Coomer, a UM senior from Gulfport, Miss., will head to the Elephant Nature Foundation in Thailand, where he will produce multimedia work to help promote the foundation's conservation work through the Internet. Coomer majors in photojournalism and environmental studies at UM.

Katharine Werner, a UM graduate student in social work, will intern with Chaitanya, a nonprofit organization serving rural Maharashtra, India. She will promote social justice and equal opportunity for the socioeconomic development of women and children by providing trainings on legal literacy, health and other issues that address the needs and rights of women. Werner, who is from Germany, now resides in Missoula.

The three- to six-month internships offered through IE3 can range from a Peace Corps-like development internship in Africa, Latin America or India to working at the European headquarters of a global business. More than 130 internships are available each term in more than 40 countries, yielding opportunities for students from almost all majors.

Information about IE3 Global Internships is available online at <http://ie3global.ous.edu> or by calling Kevin Hood, UM's IE3 campus coordinator, at 406-243-4613.

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# UM NEWS



March 07, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The public is invited to a rally Tuesday, March 8, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

"Our History is Our Strength: A Century of Montana Women's Contributions" will take place from noon to 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Missoula County Courthouse.

The event celebrates women who have made significant contributions to the state's history, such as Ella Knowles, Jeannette Rankin, Maggie Smith Hathaway, Dolly Akers, Juliet Gregory, Sister Providencia, Judy Smith, Christine Kaufman, Denise Juneau and Marlene Beltrano.

The rally is co-sponsored by The University of Montana's Women's and Gender Studies Program, the Women's Resource Center at UM, WORD, Montana Women Vote, Women's Voices for the Earth, Missoula Women for Peace/WILPF, CAJA3 Vive, the YMCA and the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center.

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# UM NEWS



March 03, 2011

## MISSOULA –

James Park Taylor, an international legal expert from Montana, has received a prestigious grant award from the Council of International Exchange of Scholars and the U.S. Department of State under the Fulbright Specialist Program.

In his first specialist assignment, the Hungarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange has invited Taylor to spend three weeks this month as a visiting scholar in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pecs, Hungary's oldest university.

At the university, he will deliver lectures to undergraduate students on terrorism and counterterrorism, legal protections for minorities and comparative constitutional law. He also will present lectures to doctoral students on contemporary legal issues in China.

In addition, Taylor will discuss issues of American public law and curriculum development with faculty colleagues. His visit will build on a strong working relationship that has developed over the past three years under a Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Pecs and The University of Montana.

Taylor also will be eligible to accept additional short-term assignments at other international sites over the next five years as a Fulbright Specialist.

Named director of the International Legal Reform Initiative at UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center in 2007, Taylor has been involved in a variety of legal trainings throughout Asia.

In 2008 he headed the center's partnership project with the nongovernmental International Bridges to Justice to train Legal Aid lawyers from provinces throughout India in modern advocacy skills, the first nationwide interactive training for India's Legal Aid lawyers. During 2008-10, Taylor also oversaw a clinical legal education project for law professors in 16 universities, served for a time as IBJ's interim director for all China programs and conducted trainings for lawyers, prosecutors, judges and police officers throughout the region.

In 2009 Taylor participated in the first clinical law training for law and Shari'a faculty from Herat, Mazar-e-Sharif, Jalalabad and Kabul, Afghanistan. Last year he conducted a clinical education workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia, and in January this year he assisted with training for lawyers in the Ministry of Agriculture of the Afghan government.

Before joining the Mansfield Center, Taylor practiced law in Montana and served as president of the Montana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and chairman of the state's Public Defender Commission.

The Fulbright Specialist Program is an important element of the U.S. government's bilateral relationships with countries around the world. Its purpose is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries, and to offer American scholars and other professionals the opportunity to teach, develop curriculum, exchange ideas and find solutions to shared international concerns.

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# UM NEWS



March 03, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area will host NanoDays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 12, as part of the Kids Fair at Southgate Mall.

NanoDays, an exciting educational exhibit developed by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network and sponsored by the National Science Foundation, will offer families a hands-on opportunity to explore the ways people experience itsy-bitsy technologies in their everyday lives.

Every child who measures at least 500 million nanometers tall (that's everyone!) can experience more than a dozen activities at NanoDays, including experiments with thermo materials, static electricity, nano-sand, gecko fabrics, DNA extraction from strawberries, memory games, building a super carbon structure with balloons and eating liquid nitrogen ice cream.

In addition, UM Professor Garon Smith, also known as "G. Wiz," will perform his magic science show.

NanoDays is one of many ways families can participate in the 14th annual Kids Fair, organized by Mountain FM. Sheila Callahan, Mountain FM station manager, said the Kids Fair has become one of the mall's premier springtime events.

SpectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It's open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost \$3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu> or call 406-243-4828.

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# UM NEWS



March 03, 2011

## MISSOULA –

Five students who will receive doctoral degrees in clinical psychology this semester from The University of Montana's Department of Psychology have been matched with internships in sites for which they applied.

The students all received internships in the first phase of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers' matching process and will begin work with their chosen sites this year.

"The application process to the nationwide association is an arduous process that takes a lot of faculty and student time and effort," said Professor Nabil Haddad, chair of the University's psychology department. "This is a very competitive process wherein 30 percent of applicants nationwide do not get a match the first time around. For us to manage to bat 100 percent success rate is testament to the excellence of our graduate program in clinical psychology and the amazing job my colleagues do."

The five students and their postdoctoral internship sites are:

- Geniel Hernandez Armstrong, University of Utah, Salt Lake City.
- Annesa M. Flentje, University of California, San Francisco.
- Mallory Casey McBride, Youth Opportunity Center, Muncie, Ind.
- Casey N. Ruggiero, Hennipen County Medical Center, Minneapolis.
- William H. Shunkamolah, Indian Health Care Resource Center, Vanita, Okla.

More information about UM's Department of Psychology is available online at <http://psychweb.psy.umt.edu/>.

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# UM NEWS



March 03, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will send a group of UM students to work in Moab, Utah, and a group to work in Lame Deer as part of the University's Alternative Breaks Program.

The Alternative Spring Break trips offer optional credit for students who participate. Students will depart Saturday, April 2, and return Saturday, April 9. Cost of an Alternative Spring Break trip is less than \$500. Applications will be accepted through Monday, March 14, at the Office for Civic Engagement, located in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

Students headed to Moab will work with Plateau Restoration Inc., which provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within Arches National Park. Participants will learn about conservation biology, soil erosion and land-use management practices while staying in the park.

Those going to Lame Deer will work with children at the local Boys and Girls Club and will help with community service projects for the elderly.

Each winter and spring break, the Alternative Breaks Program at UM places teams of students in community service and experiential learning positions. Students perform short-term projects for community agencies and learn about issues such as literacy, poverty, racism, hunger, homelessness and the environment.

The objective of the program is to involve students in community-based service projects and to give them opportunities to learn about the problems facing members of communities with whom they otherwise may have little or no direct contact.

For more information about the Alternative Breaks Program at UM, call Jes Stugelmayer at 406-243-5531 or e-mail [jessica.stugelmayer@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.stugelmayer@gmail.com).

Information about UM's Office for Civic Engagement is online at <http://www.umt.edu/oce>. The office, a department of UM's Davidson Honors College, serves as the University's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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# UM NEWS



March 03, 2011

## MISSOULA —

Chi chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority at The University of Montana received the Most Improved Chapter Award during the organization's Pacific Northwest Regional Conference held Feb. 25-27 in San Jose, Calif.

The awards committee honored chapter members' improvement in recruitment, retention, commitment to their chapter house and dedication to keeping their finances current. The committee also praised Chi for building its alumnae advisory board and for holding its first Red Dress Gala fundraiser in October, which raised more than \$1,500 for the Alpha Phi Foundation to support women's cardiac care research.

"We're really proud of this award," said UM chapter President Maria Grady. "Our entire chapter has worked hard to improve our commitment to Alpha Phi's values of promoting sisterhood, cultivating leadership, encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service, and we're excited to build on this momentum."

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women and now has more than 150 collegiate chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Chi chapter of Alpha Phi was established at UM in 1918 and is one of 20 chapters that make up the Pacific Northwest Region.

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# UM NEWS



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## MISSOULA —

The final report by University of Montana researchers assessing what multiple DUI offenders say would keep them from drunken driving is now available online.

The study is titled "To Drink is to Drive" and is available at <http://www.cor.mt.gov/content/Issues/ToDrinkisToDrive.pdf>.

Faculty and students in UM's School of Social Work, led by Associate Professor Timothy Conley, conducted the pro-bono research effort by surveying incarcerated felony DUI offenders to determine what they think would deter Montanans from drinking and driving. The preliminary report was provided to the Interim Law and Justice Committee of the Montana Legislature in February 2010. The original work was a collaborative effort by the Department of Corrections, the WATCH programs and UM.

By analyzing 229 pages of transcribed dialogue, the researchers were able to distill the opinions of multiple-felony offenders into 12 dominant themes. The top three were education, external control mechanisms and stiffer penalties.

Offenders' endorsement of external controls was a new finding. The conclusion section of the report states that "short-term physical control efforts such as bracelets and breathalyzers are endorsed by offenders as a necessary first step to buying them enough abstinence time for treatment of the alcohol dependence disorder to take hold."

"This study should offer a fresh perspective to the lawmakers," Conley said. "This gives them the collective voices of more than 80 people that have been convicted of two or more felony DUIs."

Conley said undergraduate Kim Spurzem took the lead in finishing the report and is invited to present the work at the 15th annual Council on Undergraduate Research in April on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

For more information on the study, call Conley at 406-243-5557 or e-mail [timothy.conley@mso.umt.edu](mailto:timothy.conley@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM NEWS



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## MISSOULA -

There are just a few more days to take advantage of the unprecedented opportunity to view selected artworks by some of the most notable artists from the late 18th to the early 20th century at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana.

"Renoir, Magritte, Gauguin and other Masterpieces from a Private Collection" and the concurrent "Three Centuries of European Prints from the MMAC Permanent Collection" will end their highly successful four-month run in the museum's Meloy and Paxson galleries on Saturday, March 12.

The galleries are located in UM's Performing Arts and Radio-Television Center. Extended gallery hours are offered from noon to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. By popular demand, visiting hours also will be extended to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, the last day of the exhibitions.

Two events that are free and open to the public will be held in conjunction with the exhibitions this month:

- **4-6 p.m. Friday, March 4:** First Friday Celebration in the lobby of the PAR/TV Center.
- **7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9:** "The Life of a Masterpiece," a lecture by Brandon Reintjes, MMAC curator of art, in the Masquer Theatre of the PAR/TV Center. Reintjes will focus on art masterpieces as unique cultural objects as they pass from continent to continent over the span of decades or centuries. The lecture is part of the course "Questions of Connoisseurship," which Reintjes teaches through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM.

For more information visit the MMAC website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum> or call 406-243-2019.

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**NOTE TO MEDIA:** Digital images of select items included in the exhibitions are available by calling 406-243-2019.

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# UM NEWS



March 01, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University Center, in collaboration with various campus departments and student groups, will host the interactive "Tunnel of Oppression" exhibition from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, March 21-23, in the UC Ballroom at The University of Montana.

"Tunnel of Oppression" aims to highlight contemporary issues of oppression, including those faced by the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered community; victims of physical and sexual assault; and the Missoula homeless population. Tour leaders will guide participants through a series of scenes that aims to educate and challenge them to think more deeply about issues of oppression, privilege and power. Tours will run every half hour, and groups can reserve a time by calling 406-243-5622.

For more information, call Devin Carpenter, student coordinator, at 406-243-5622, e-mail [ucmulticultural@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ucmulticultural@mso.umt.edu) or visit <http://life.umt.edu/uc/ucsi/tunnelofoppression/default.php>.

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# UM NEWS



March 01, 2011

## MISSOULA –

On the same day that Egypt ousted its autocratic ruler, Iran observed the 32nd anniversary of its own revolution.

Former Ambassador Mark Johnson, who served as a diplomat throughout the Middle East, will offer perspectives on events in the two countries and their significance for the Middle East and the United States on Tuesday, March 8, at a free event in Helena.

Johnson, a fourth-generation Montanan, is founder of the World Affairs Council of Montana and an adjunct professor at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana.

The presentation, hosted by The University of Montana Office of Alumni Relations, will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the UM-Helena College of Technology, located at 1115 N. Roberts St. Because seating is limited, RSVPs are requested.

To RSVP or for more information, call Jodi Moreau at 877-862-5867 or e-mail [jodi.moreau@umontana.edu](mailto:jodi.moreau@umontana.edu) by Friday, March 4.

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# UM NEWS



March 01, 2011

## MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites alumni and friends to a gathering at the Indian Wells Country Club in Indian Wells, Cali., on Monday, March 14.

The event will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the country club, located at 46000 Club Drive in Indian Wells. Cost is \$65 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Those who would like to attend should register by Thursday, March 10, online at <http://www.grizalum.com> (click on "Events") or by calling 877-862-5867.

The gathering is an opportunity to meet UM's 17th president, Royce Engstrom, who began his duties in that position in October 2010.

Bonnie Allen, dean of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at UM, will be the featured speaker.

Others from the University who will attend are Laura Brehm, president and CEO of the UM Foundation; Larry Gianchetta, dean of the UM School of Business Administration; and Bill Johnston, director of the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

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# UM NEWS



March 01, 2011

## MISSOULA —

The University of Montana Environmental Studies Program will host a lecture titled "Food and Thought: Our School at Blair Grocery, A School and Farm in the Lower 9th Ward of Post-Katrina New Orleans" by Nat Turner at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition and Garden City Harvest and is free and open to the public.

Turner founded Our School at Blair Grocery in November 2008 as an independent alternative school in New Orleans' Lower Ninth Ward for youth who have not been successful in more traditional school settings. The school's mission is to create a resource-rich, safe space for youth empowerment and sustainable community development.

The school's urban farming ambassadors are engaged in all aspects of the green jobs pyramid. Through cross-sector partnerships, students work and learn at the forefront of the good food revolution, creating local solutions to global challenges while bringing food security to their communities.

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