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UM NEWS



April 29, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular "Hands on Health" exhibition to Hawthorne Elementary School in Missoula Monday through Friday, May 2-6.

"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.

The exhibition will be free and open for the public to explore from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 5, in Hawthorne's multipurpose room. Hawthorne, located at 2835 S. Third St. W., is celebrating its centennial this year, and "Hands on Health" will be help ring in the celebration.

SpectrUM travels around 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 across 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," said Holly Truit, spectrUM director.

SpectrUM's visit to Hawthorne is sponsored by Missoula County Public Schools, Graduation Matters Missoula, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana and the Western Montana Area Health Education Center.

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 online to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu> or call 406-243-4828.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2011

MISSOULA —

A student fund used to pay for various student-designed campus sustainability projects will be named in honor of its founder during a University of Montana reception.

The public renaming reception to honor Sonny Kless will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place in The Payne Family Native American Center. UM's Revolving Energy Loan Fund, which students have the option to pay into each semester, officially will be named the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund during the event. Kless died in a plane crash June 27, 2010. The UM alum's legacy will now live on, organizers of the renaming ceremony say.

Kless spearheaded one of the nation's first university funds to support student-designed energy efficiency improvements on campus. His determination was evident as he worked tirelessly during the 2008-09 school year to pass UM's fund. "Sonny was a go-getter, a determined environmentalist and activist," said Jessie Davie, former ASUM sustainability coordinator.

Since its 2009 inception, the KRELF has funded various student-designed campus sustainability projects, including motion sensor lighting, energy-efficient washing machines and solar panels for University buildings. The reception will feature past and present projects.

Projects funded by the KRELF must demonstrate quantifiable savings and return on investment. Funded projects reduce annual operating expenses and gas emissions, and lower energy costs in campus buildings.

"We are all grateful to Sonny for his vision and leadership," said environmental studies Associate Professor Robin Saha. "Thanks to Sonny, students are getting valuable experience designing real-world sustainability projects to reduce UM's carbon footprint."

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UM NEWS



April 22, 2011

MISSOULA –

Work crews at The University of Montana University Villages housing complex will apply herbicides to select areas this spring and summer. Residents and the public should look for signs posted along the perimeter of treated areas or call grounds supervisors Rich Erving or Matt Burbank at 406-243-6030 with any questions.

“We will begin spot spraying as daytime temperatures increase,” Erving said. “We post a lot of signs, so people should be on the lookout. It will be obvious that work is happening.”

Glyphosate – commonly known as Roundup, one of its brand names – will be spot sprayed near parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, as well as in some ornamental flowerbeds. Craighead, Sisson, Elliot, Toole, and Lewis and Clark villages are scheduled for treatment this spring. The herbicide Horsepower will be used for treatment of broadleaf weeds in some areas.

Workers will strictly adhere to all procedural regulations and guidelines when applying the herbicide, Erving said.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will participate in Missoula's Bike Walk Bus Week by hosting "Walk N Roll Week" Monday through Friday, May 2-6.

Volunteers will hand out raffle tickets to those who arrive on campus using options besides driving alone. Raffle tickets can also be picked up at the University Center for those who use other means of transportation and don't find a "Walk N Roll Week" volunteer where they enter campus.

Raffle prizes include a cruiser bike, bike trailer, headlights, locks and numerous other donated gifts by Missoula businesses. The raffle drawing will take place at noon on Friday, May 6, on the Mansfield Mall, located near the UC. Along with the raffle, the band Stellarondo will perform.

For more information or to volunteer, call Nancy Wilson, Associated Students of UM Office of Transportation director, at 406-243-4599 or email nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Institute of Medicine and Humanities and the Montana Repertory Theatre will present “Holding On – Letting Go” on Sunday, May 8, at The University of Montana. The event is the last in a trilogy of end-of-life plays by playwright Bryan Harnetiaux.

The performance, directed by Greg Johnson of the Montana Repertory Theatre, begins at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theater of UM's Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center and is free and open to the public. A dessert reception will take place at 6:30 p.m. before the performance.

“Holding On – Letting Go” focuses on how 51-year-old Bobby Alexander and his family navigate through his last days at home under hospice care. The play explores with keen human insight the complicated family dynamics surrounding Bobby’s struggle to live fully while preparing to die.

Following the play, the audience and actors will participate in a facilitated discussion.

“The play is an intimate and compelling production, yet is thoroughly entertaining and laced with humor that allows us all to comfortably explore on a very personal level the issues surrounding end-of-life issues,” said IMH Executive Director Dr. Peggy Schlesinger.

She encourages people to attend with a significant other: a spouse, grandparent, son, daughter or other person who has played a prominent role in their lives, especially on this Mother’s Day.

IMH is a nonprofit organization that encourages and supports a wide range of collaborations between UM and St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center. The organization brings the expertise, insights and approaches of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences to bear on questions, problems and issues in the broad area of human and community health.

“Part of our mission is to explore the myriad issues surrounding death and dying,” Schlesinger said. “Producing this play is a great way to start a conversation focusing on the tension between ‘holding on’ and ‘letting go’ faced by both the person who is dying and those loved ones who must share the experience.”

Local productions of Harnetiaux’s trilogy, which also includes “Vesta” and “Dusk,” are licensed for the purposes of education and discourse by the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life in Durham, N.C.

“Dramatic theatrical presentations stimulate conversations on end-of-life issues,” Schlesinger said. “‘Holding On – Letting Go’ increases our understanding of the complex and difficult dynamics involved in helping a loved one live fully to the end, yet say goodbye.”

For more information call Megan Twohig, IMH program coordinator, at 406-243-4576 or email mtwohig@saintpatrick.org.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2011

MISSOULA —

A well-known and outspoken figure in the evolution-creationism debate will interact with students and faculty and hold a public discussion when she visits Missoula on Monday, May 2, as a guest of science departments at The University of Montana.

Eugenie Scott, director of the National Center for Science Education in Oakland, Calif., and a physical anthropologist by training, is often featured by the media because of her support of evolution. One of her center's purposes is to educate the press and public about scientific and legal aspects of the creationism and evolution controversy.

Scott's day in Missoula will include two talks, one for the UM community and the other for the public.

The first lecture is at 4 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall for UM employees and students. The Department of Geosciences and the Division of Biological Sciences will sponsor the lecture, which is titled "Evolution and Creationism."

Scott also will moderate a Sigma Xi "Science Cafe" at 6:30 p.m. at the Press Box, located at 835 E. Broadway Ave. Free and open to the public, that event is titled "Not in Our Classrooms: Why Intelligent Design is Wrong in Our Schools." Scott co-edited an anthology of the same title that was published in 2006.

Scott is a leading critic of young-earth creationism and intelligent design. A popular spokesperson in the evolution/creation controversy, she's often featured on news programs as a debater against varied creationism and intelligent design advocates.

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UM NEWS



April 29, 2011

MISSOULA—

For the second consecutive year, The University of Montana's increased efforts to make campus greener have caught the attention of a national college ranking and guide service.

UM made the "Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges: Edition 2011," which profiles 308 institutions of higher education in the United States and three in Canada. The profiles demonstrate notable commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

UM's profile opens with the fact that since UM and Missoula are "nearly surrounded by a national forest, it makes sense that conservation would be a way of life here." It notes the Environmental Studies Program and various programs within the College of Forestry and Conservation. It also cites student environmental groups, such as Climate Action Now and Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, which maintains an experiential learning home to demonstrate the practicality of sustainable living.

Other notables include the nationally commended Farm to College Program, which buys food fresh from local suppliers.

UM's full-time sustainability coordinator said that campus shows progress in getting greener each year.

"It is rewarding to know that our sustainability efforts position UM among other leading colleges and universities in North America," said Cherie Peacock. "When completing the Princeton Review's surveys, we are able to report improvements over the year before. There is a lot of work yet to be done, and UM is on the right path to creating a sustainable campus community."

The 220-page book is the only free, comprehensive, annually updated guide to green colleges, and is done in collaboration with the U.S. Green Building Council. The complete guide can be downloaded at <http://www.centerforgreenschools.org/greenguide> or <http://www.princetonreview.com/green-guide.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



April 28, 2011

MISSOULA –

The School of Business Administration at The University of Montana will host the 22nd Annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition on Thursday, May 12, in UM's Gallagher Business Building. The event showcases the entrepreneurial aspirations of students across the state.

Faculty from higher education institutions across Montana will identify 30 teams to be considered for the competition. A distinguished group of judges then will select and invite 15 teams to compete in the semifinal round. This year the teams will compete for thousands of dollars in prize money.

The prestigious panel of judges consists of venture capitalists, angel investors, bankers, successful entrepreneurs and corporate executives. They will offer feedback on the business plans chosen for the semifinal round, which begins at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public. During the round, judges will narrow the field to four finalist teams, and each will present to a larger audience.

The judges are business leaders with a wide spectrum of professional expertise, which makes for an atmosphere charged with the energy of information exchange and enthusiastic discussion. The semifinal round will offer an exciting competition as the audience chooses their favorite competitor for the People's Choice Award. Appetizers and beverages will be served throughout the evening.

The business ideas and educational experience of the competition help make Montana a stronger economic force in the future.

For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu/degreesprograms/MADE.aspx>, call Larae Hackney, UM School of Business Administration special events coordinator, at 406-243-4830 or email larae.hackney@business.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 27, 2011

MISSOULA –

Emily Cross, a University of Montana sophomore from Glendive, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2011 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship.

Cross, who majors in philosophy and pre-law with a minor in music, will serve as a summer intern for U.S. Sen. Max Baucus. At the same time, she will be enrolled in The Washington Center internship program. The Kimmitt internship includes a \$1,500 stipend.

"I am honored to receive the Kimmitt internship," Cross said, "and I appreciate the opportunity to work under Senator Max Baucus this summer. It will be my first foray into the political realm, and I am looking forward to drawing the most from my experience on Capitol Hill."

Cross is a member of UM's Davidson Honors College, the Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She is active with the Associated Students of UM, is a member of the Student Political Action Committee, sings in the University Choir and plays trombone in the UM Concert Band and Jazz Band II. She has been recognized by the Montana Kiwanis for outstanding contributions in community service.

The Kimmitt intern is selected each year through a competitive application process. The review and ranking of this year's internship applications was carried out by a UM faculty committee convened by Davidson Honors College Dean James McKusick. Finalists then were interviewed by staff in Baucus' office to determine their suitability for an internship in the U.S. Congress.

The internship is a public service opportunity for UM students established to honor J. Stanley Kimmitt, former secretary of the U.S. Senate and aide to Sen. Mike Mansfield. The internship rotates among all three members of the Montana congressional delegation.

The next Kimmitt internship will be awarded in summer 2012. A call for applications will be announced this fall by the Davidson Honors College. For more information call 406-243-2541 or email dhc@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 27, 2011

MISSOULA –

“Score Big for Paul,” a T-shirt fundraiser for a University of Montana student battling stomach cancer, is slated for Tuesday through Friday, May 3-6, in the University Center.

UM student and event organizer Austin Walker, along with the UM Marketing Club, will sell T-shirts for \$12 each in the UC Atrium from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Paul Nonnenmacher, an education and music major and former Grizzly Marching Band drum major, was diagnosed with cancer in 2010. Forced to postpone his last two semesters of college to undergo treatment, Nonnenmacher is now in recovery and plans to return to UM in the fall. All of the money raised will go toward costs affiliated with his medical treatment.

“Paul is an energetic and positive person,” Walker said. “His enthusiasm brings a smile to anyone who is around. He has given a lot to the Missoula community and has asked nothing in return. When you are a friend of Paul’s, you are treated like family.”

The shirts will picture a scoreboard with the word “cancer” on one side and “Paul” on the other. Cancer’s score is zero, and Paul’s score is blank. Marketing Club volunteers will write in Nonnenmacher’s new score with each T-shirt sale.

The fundraiser is sponsored by Sletten Companies, N&D Designs, Missoula’s John Parker and family, and the UM Marketing Club.

For more information call Walker at 406-231-8370 or email austin1.walker@umconnect.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 27, 2011

MISSOULA –

The sounds of cement mixers, jackhammers and work trucks will be mostly absent again this summer, according to the latest issue of Montana Business Quarterly.

After enduring the broadest, deepest recession in 25 years, Montanans can expect to see more growth in the state economy later this year – but not in construction, author Patrick Barkey wrote in the article “Montana Outlook: Stronger Growth Ahead.”

“It will be another two years before we see anything resembling healthy demand for new homes,” said Barkey, director of The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

New construction of single-family homes is down at least 60 percent from prerecession peak values in every major Montana market except Helena and Butte, where declines averaged 20 percent, he said.

“Homebuilding won’t take off until prices stabilize,” Barkey said. “With prices in 2010 averaging 3 percent lower than year-ago levels, that day has not arrived yet.”

Housing remains the weak spot in an otherwise strengthening state economy, Barkey said. Beginning in the second half of 2011 and continuing into 2012, the Montana economy will turn in its best performance since 2006 because of several factors, including:

- Continued and expanded investment in the state’s energy and natural resources infrastructure;
- Strong growth in farm receipts because of improved global market conditions;
- Growth in exports fueled by a weaker dollar;
- Continued strengthening in consumer spending in the national economy.

Other articles in the spring issue of Montana Business Quarterly include national, state and local economic forecasts, a housing market update, and a look at the state’s major industries: travel and recreation, health care, agriculture, manufacturing and forest products.

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UM NEWS



April 26, 2011

MISSOULA --

University of Montana School of Journalism students won 25 awards in the regional Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence competition – more than twice the awards of any school in a region that includes Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

Fourteen UM students won first place awards. Their entries will be judged in the national SPJ competition in May.

In the four-year college category, there were 31 competition areas, including photography, print reporting, online news, radio news, and television reporting and photography. UM winners are:

Breaking News Photography:

- First Place: "A Missoula Firefighter" by Greg Lindstrom.

Feature Photography:

- Third Place: "Lace Lake Fisherman" by Greg Lindstrom.

General News Photography:

- Second Place: "Ranger Challenge" by Sally Finneran.

Sports Photography:

- Third Place: "Three-way Squeeze" by Greg Lindstrom.

Feature Writing:

- First Place: "The War Within" by Justin Franz.
- Second Place: "Not a Drop to Drink" by Kimball Bennion.

General News Reporting:

- First Place: "Missoula Shaken Baby Conviction Relied on Science, Expert" by Jayme Fraser.

Best Independent Online Student Publication:

- First Place: "Living Sicker, Dying Younger" by the Native News team.

Online News Reporting:

- First Place: "Young Lives Lost" by Carmen Irish and Tetona Dunlap.

Radio News Reporting:

- First Place: "Recycling in Missoula" by Annemiek Wilson.

Radio Sports Reporting:

- First Place: "Hellgate Rollergirls" by Emily Creasia.

Television Feature Reporting:

- First Place: "Soldier Care Packages" by Gillette Vaira and Alison Kilts.

Television General News Reporting:

- First Place: "Recycling Overload" by Gillette Vaira.
- Second Place: "Methamphetamine Research" by Brittany Wooley.

Television In-Depth Reporting:

- First Place: "Cannabusiness" by the Student Documentary Unit.
- Second Place: "Patrolling the Big Sky" by the Montana Journal staff.

Television Sports Reporting:

- First Place: "Frontier States Wrestling" by Cody Johnson and Kaelyn

Kelly.

- Second Place: "The Crossfit Culture" by Tyler Velin and Dan LaDue.
- Third Place: "When Griz Fly" by Dan LaDue and Jake Stevenson.

Television Feature Photography:

- First Place: "Mountain Biking in Missoula" by Vince Bagby.
- Second Place: "Filmmakers" by Gillette Vaira.
- Third Place: "Hellgate Rollergirls" by Keith Hensley and Kristina

Matsalak.

Television News Photography:

- First Place: "Hair Fever" by Drew Stanley and Vince Bagby.
- Second Place: "Pine Beetle Mania" by Dan LaDue and Brittany Wooley.

Television Sports Photography:

- First Place: "Frontier States Wrestling" by Cody Johnson and Kaelyn Kelly.

For a full list of all award winners, visit the SPJ website at <http://www.spj.org>.

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UM NEWS



April 26, 2011

MISSOULA –

Rebecca Bendick Kier, a University of Montana geosciences assistant professor, was one of a select number of renowned U.S. scientists invited as delegates to the 2011 bilateral workshop under the Sino-U.S. earthquake studies protocol.

The high-level scientific exchange for earthquake science and engineering, supported by the National Science Foundation and the Chinese Academy of Sciences, took place April 20-25 in Chengdu, China, the capital of Sichuan and the site of the destructive and deadly Wenchuan earthquake in 2008. The workshop is the second in a series aimed to coordinate needed collaboration between U.S. and Chinese scientists to reduce earthquake-related disasters.

Bendick Kier co-chaired a workshop session titled "Tectonics of Continental Deformation" and gave a talk on mechanical heterogeneity in continental deformation. The presentations addressed where and why earthquakes happen on continents. Continental events are especially important from the scientific perspective, Bendick Kier said, because they are harder to forecast and simulate than events on typical tectonic plate boundaries, such as the recent one in Japan.

"In the past decade, more than 600,000 people have been killed in seismic disasters," she said. "This number points out the pressing need for a better understanding of both earthquakes themselves and how to mitigate their effect using both better engineering before events and better emergency response afterward.

"The distribution of fatalities underscores the importance of both strategies," she said. "Many more people die in earthquakes in the developing world than in similar-sized events in developed areas. And more people die in earthquakes in unexpected settings, such as far from known tectonic plate boundaries, than in similar-sized events with well-known seismic risk."

Bendick Kier said earthquake scientists in the U.S. and China have made a specific commitment to share resources and research to make the most rapid possible progress on earthquake science and engineering to advance basic research and save lives.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA --

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana has received a national award to participate in the 2011 Conservation Assessment Program.

CAP is supported through a cooperative agreement between Heritage Preservation, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the cultural heritage of the United States, and the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. Heritage Preservation President Lawrence L. Reger praised MMAC for "making the vital work of caring for collections a priority of their institution, even in these challenging financial times, and helping ensure that they are available to present and future generations."

CAP assists museums by providing funds for professional conservation specialists to identify needs and improvements to permanent collections and historic buildings through a site assessment. Program assessors spend two days surveying the site and then prepare comprehensive reports that identify conservation priorities.

MMAC will host two assessors: a professional conservator and an architect who specializes in historic preservation. They will make recommendations to improve collection and building conditions. Assessors will visit the UM campus this summer.

"I anticipate the CAP findings will make plain our need for a museum building," said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra. "While we adhere to high level professional practices, our staff currently work in seven disparate locations on and off the UM campus, none of which permit public access to the Permanent Collection or easily accommodate art movement. A new facility that allows us to uphold the best possible museum practices and collections care is vital to our future success. Despite ambitious exhibitions and collection programming, MMAC cannot live up to its full potential, hampered as it is by physical realities, and we welcome the CAP recommendations."

By participating in CAP, MMAC expects to strategically assess its Permanent Collection of nearly 11,000 objects. CAP timing also coincides with MMAC's implementation of a new collections database, PastPerfect, funded in part by a Public Value Partnership technology grant through the Montana Arts Council.

The core holdings of MMAC's Permanent Collection include works of art that denote the aesthetic development of the Rocky Mountain West, historic European works, Southeast Asian collections, American Impressionist works, important ceramic works and public art sited across the campus. Permanent Collection holdings also are on loan to other Montana institutions, including the Charles W. Clark Chateau in Butte, the Daly Mansion in Hamilton, the Conrad Mansion in Kalispell and the Federal Reserve Bank in Helena.

The Heritage Preservation program assists museums, libraries, archives, historic institutions and individuals in caring for our endangered heritage. To learn more about the program, visit <http://www.heritagepreservation.org>.

IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. Its mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. To learn more about IMLS, visit <http://www.imls.gov>.

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

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Day of Dialogue committee has issued a call for proposals for the sixth annual Day of Dialogue to be held on Thursday, Oct. 27, in the University Center at The University of Montana.

The aim of the Day of Dialogue is to encourage conversations about diversity-related topics, including race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class social hierarchy and privilege. UM students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to submit a proposal online at <http://www.umt.edu/dod>.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 23.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

Corwin "Corky" Clairmont, an internationally known artist and current art director at Salish Kootenai College, will speak at The University of Montana on Monday, April 25.

Clairmont will present "Contemporary Native American Art" at 4 p.m. in Payne Family Native American Center Room 105. The event, sponsored by the Native American Studies Stott Speaker Fund at UM, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Clairmont brings a wealth of experience to bear on his own work and on his perspectives of the work of other Native American artists. The Montana Council of Arts describes Clairmont as a celebrated contemporary artist who combines his experience as a Native person and tribal member with a postmodernist view of the realities of life as indigenous people struggle to retain their identities and sovereignty into the 21st century.

Clairmont received a bachelor's degree from Montana State University, completed a graduate fellowship at San Fernando State University and earned his Master of Fine Arts from California State University, Los Angeles. A member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, he has been the art director at Salish Kootenai College since 1984. Before that he was an instructor and head of the printmaking department at Otis/Parsons Art Institute in Los Angeles.

For more information call UM Native American studies Professor Kate Shanley at 406-243-5832 or email kathryn.shanley@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement and Campus Corps, an AmeriCorps program offered through OCE, have teamed up with Donate Life Today to encourage individuals to register online as eye, organ and tissue donors.

UM will once again join Montana State University-Bozeman in a friendly competition to see who can register the most donors. Campus Corps members will staff a registration table from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 25-26 in the University Center Atrium. Donors may also register online and designate the UM campus at <http://www.donatelifetoday.com/campus>.

More than 1,600 people in the Northwest are in need of life-saving organ transplants. In 2010, 19 Montana organ donors saved 52 lives, and 210 Montanans are currently waiting for organ transplants. One donor can save or enhance the lives of more than 50 people.

For more information about organ donation visit <http://www.donatelifetoday.com>. For more information about Donate Life Month or donation registration, visit the OCE in Davidson Honors College Room 015, call Katie Koga at 406-243-5531 or email katie.koga@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA—

U.S. Attorney for Montana Mike Cotter and several federal and local agency representatives will be on hand to answer questions from University of Montana international students to help make sure they understand their rights while in the country.

The question-and-answer session will be held from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the Castles Center at the UM School of Law. All international students are encouraged to attend, and all UM students are welcome.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has initiated a community engagement outreach program at several campuses across the country and in Montana this past year after civil rights issues were encountered by students of differing national origins, including the Arab and Muslim communities.

Through this initiative Cotter has emphasized the importance of keeping open lines of communication to help understand the rights and obligations of international students in the United States.

The question-and-answer session will include remarks by Cotter and a presentation by the civil rights coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office. Other presenters will include a visa and immigration expert from the Denver headquarters of the Department of Homeland Security; a representative from the Transportation and Security Administration, who will discuss travel and airport issues; and a local prosecutor, who will explain basic criminal procedure and a defendant's legal rights in the judicial process.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA —

Professor Juan José Delaney, a member of Argentina's large Irish community, will visit Butte and Missoula next week to share with and learn from The University of Montana's Irish Studies Program.

Delaney, a literature professor at Universidad del Salvador in Buenos Aires, also is a renowned writer and historian working on a history of the Irish in Argentina. His project overlaps "The Gathering," an oral history project the UM Irish Studies Program is conducting in Montana.

During a full schedule in Montana, Delaney will give free public lectures in Butte and Missoula titled "The Meeting of Two Cultures: The Story of the Irish of Argentina." Both events are sponsored by Humanities Montana and the Friends of Irish Studies.

The first lecture will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives.

Delaney then will present a lecture in Missoula from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, in UM Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

While at UM, he also will give a reading of his work to students in Latin American studies, visit Irish history and literature classes, and engage in talks to build a relationship between UM and Universidad del Salvador. In addition, Delaney is working to develop an Irish studies program on his campus.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

A nationally renowned speaker will offer insights on ethics for lawyers practicing in today's changing world of social media and other electronic technology during a lecture this month at The University of Montana.

Roberta Cooper Ramo, the first woman elected president of the American Bar Association, will present this year's James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law. The event is hosted by the Montana Law Review.

Her lecture, "Ethics for American Lawyers in the Age of Twitter and the Cloud," will be held at noon, Thursday, April 28, in the Castles Center in the UM School of Law building. One free ethics Continuing Legal Education credit will be offered.

With Twitter, Facebook and online storage such as the Cloud, lawyers are entering a new era in law-practice management and attorney-client interaction. These technologies raise a host of ethical issues not previously encountered by practitioners, such as how attorney/client privilege is affected by Facebook and Twitter.

Ramo was president of the ABA in 1995-96. She also was the first woman president of the American Law Institute, a position she currently holds. She is a member of the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20, which is charged with recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Responsibility, especially those necessitated by emerging electronic and computer issues.

The Browning Lecture honors Judge Browning, who graduated from the UM law school in 1941. In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and he remains a sitting judge. The building that houses the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco was named in his honor. While at UM he was editor-in-chief of the Montana Law Review. Ramo will continue the Law Review's tradition of inviting the greatest legal minds to Montana to present this lecture.

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UM NEWS



April 20, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art and Culture at The University of Montana will present “A Conversation with Barry Hood” at 3 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the Montana Theatre of UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is in conjunction with an MMAC exhibition of Hood’s sculptural glass titled “Barry Hood: Flow” on display in the museum’s Meloy Gallery through May 21.

A First Friday reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center lobby will follow Hood’s talk. Music will be provided by Montana favorite Tom Catmull.

Hood creates cast bas-relief and blown sculptural glass. His characteristic work, with its convoluted, undulating surface, forms as molten glass burns within a wooden mold. The glass begins to consume the wood before cooling into solid cores. Hood’s bas-reliefs, on the other hand, use the process of shallow sand casting. He finishes his pieces by generously incorporating a range of evocative materials – wrought iron, natural found objects and raw pigments – to comment on ecology and humanity’s relationship with the environment.

“Every day we are surrounded by glass: perfect windows and flawless stemware,” he said. “In a culture that continues to move farther and farther away from the natural world and is so focused on the glamorous, shiny surface of life, I find that I am far more interested in the beauty of imperfection.”

Hood has strong Montana ties that stretch back four generations. His great-grandfather, George McCone, rode a Pony Express route between Bismarck, N.D., and Miles City from 1878 to 1882, brought the first cattle to Glendive, served as a state senator and had a county in eastern Montana named for him.

Because of that history, Hood settled in Montana. A UM alumnus, Hood began his studies in 1966 and received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1973, working with noted ceramist Rudy Autio. He moved away from ceramics in the mid-1970s to create stained glass and architectural glass commissions for large public spaces and private homes. Hood turned to sculpture after attending Pilchuck Glass School outside of Seattle in the summer of 1997.

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

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UM NEWS



April 20, 2011

MISSOULA –

Bitterroot Valley residents interested in entering a health care career can start with training next month, as The University of Montana College of Technology will provide Certified Nursing Assistant training in Stevensville.

The application deadline is Monday, April 25, and applicants must provide immunization records and initiate an online criminal background check. Those interested should visit <http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach> or call 406-243-7812.

No more than 12 students will be accepted into the program, which runs May 19-June 4. If accepted, the program costs \$800, which includes a textbook, CPR/first-aid supplies and the fee for the state certification exam.

The program is a total of 92 hours, with 60 in the classroom and 32 clinical (16 lab clinical and 16 client clinical). Classes will be held at the Bitterroot Valley Living Center, 63 Main St., in Stevensville.

The first week classes will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, May 19-21. The following weeks will be from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 23-27 and May 30-June 3. Training also includes three Saturday classes from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 21, May 28 and June 4.

Lois Johnson, COT instructor and a state-certified CNA, will teach students basic skills, ranging from providing or assisting in client care to using equipment and documenting and reporting the general well-being of the client under the scope of the CNA practice.

Job prospects for a CNA are excellent in Montana and nationwide. A CNA certificate is valuable to students who want to continue their education in the health care field to perhaps become a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, paramedic or physician assistant.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2011

HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, in the Human Resource Council Building Meeting Room, located at 316 N. Third St. in **Hamilton**. The BCP steering committee welcomes members of the public to observe and participate in its meetings.

Agenda topics will include the release for review of the BCP five-year Strategic Plan Draft, as well as discussion of current operational and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda will be available Friday, April 22, 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 emailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group 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



April 19, 2011

MISSOULA –

Séan Tyrell, a ballad and folk singer, will be the final artist in the series “A Springtime of Irish Traditional Music” this month. Tyrell, who has won a large following in Montana, will perform in **Butte** and Missoula.

He will take the stage from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium in Butte. His Missoula performance will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday, April 24, in The University of Montana’s Music Recital Hall.

Performances cost \$15 for those who do not hold series tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <http://www.griztix.com>. They also are available in Butte at Granite Mountain Bank and Cavanaugh’s County Celtic and in Missoula at Rockin Rudy’s.

Tyrell began his public life as a singer in New York and San Francisco, where he worked for many years. In the late 1970s he returned to Ireland and relocated to the Burren in County Clare, where the tradition infused him with a renewed energy to write, record and perform.

He teamed up with some of the greats of Irish music and recorded “Cry of the Dreamer,” voted best album of 1994. He also released “The Orchard” in 1999 to further critical acclaim.

In recent years Tyrell has focused on taking some of the great works of Gaelic literature and setting them to music.

For more information about the performances, call Terry O’Riordain of UM’s Irish Studies Program at 406-544-0311.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2011

MISSOULA –

In honor of Earth Day on Friday, April 22, University of Montana climate-change scientists will display a dataset featuring 10 years of global terrestrial plant production in a giant globe on campus.

The 5-foot-diameter OmniGlobe is located in the main floor lobby of the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center. Internal projectors allow it to display everything from Earth weather systems to other planets and even a UM research lab. It is the first OmniGlobe installed at a U.S. university.

The dataset produces imagery showing daily photosynthesis of the entire Earth biosphere from 2000 to 2010. Biospheric photosynthesis was calculated using the Moderate Resolution Imaging Radiometer (MODIS) on board NASA's Terra environmental satellite. UM's Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group, directed by Steve Running, wrote software for MODIS.

Running said every vegetated kilometer of the planet is imaged each day. This is combined with surface weather information on solar radiation, temperature and water stress to compute photosynthesis, then summed and reported every eight days.

"I think the summertime greening and autumn sequence of the northern hemisphere is the most striking," Running said, "as well as the periodic droughts occurring in many regions."

He said the seasonal cycle of land photosynthesis corresponds strongly with the annual oscillation of atmospheric carbon dioxide, as the biosphere absorbs carbon dioxide strongly during the summer and then the gas is released as respiration and decomposition in the winter.

The unique and ongoing view of the Earth was produced by Running, fellow NTSG researcher Maosheng Zhao and former NTSG researcher Ramakrishna Nemani. The images were compiled by Horace Mitchell of the NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center.

Running said their dataset already is a featured exhibit on an OmniGlobe at Biosphere II in Arizona.

For more information on NTSG, visit <http://www.ntsg.umt.edu>.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Culinary Arts program at The University of Montana's College of Technology offers an enticing menu of summer classes for teachers and those interested in a career in the food-service industry.

Course topics include flavors of the world and wine pairing, as well as basic introduction to food service. The cost of some classes does not include credit, but credit may be obtained for an additional cost. Space is limited and early registration is advised.

All classes are taught by COT's award-winning culinary instructors. Culinary Arts is one of COT's most popular programs.

Summer classes are:

- **Food and Wine Pairing** – 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, May 24-27. COT chef Aimee Ault will present a hands-on exploration of different wine regions and the history of their cuisine while also discovering the fundamentals of flavor and how our palates taste and perceive the elements of texture. Participants must be at least 21. Cost is \$400 for noncredit and an additional \$135 for one UM COT credit.
- **Tips for Teachers: World Flavors-Cooking Principles** – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 13-17. Tom Siegel, 2008 Chef of the Year and well-known Missoula chef, will take participants around the globe, studying Old World, Mediterranean, Asian and Latin American cooking. Cost is \$400 for non-credit and an additional \$135 for two UM COT credits.
- **Food Service Sanitation** – 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays June 20-July 25. Introduction to fundamentals in safe and sanitary food handling practices. Emphasis on development of well-designed food safety program centered on Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point. Two credits. See tuition and fee chart on Cyberbear at <http://www.umt.edu>.
- **Intro to Food Service Industry** – 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, June 21-July 27. Introduction to fundamentals in handling food, cooking methods, tool and equipment skills, safety and sanitation, and much more. Five credits. See tuition and fee chart on Cyberbear at <http://www.umt.edu>. For more information on the Tips for Teachers or the Food and Wine Pairing classes call the COT Outreach Office at 406-243-7812, email mary.opitz@umontana.edu or visit the website at <http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach>, where a registration form also is available.

For more information on how to register for the introduction to food service courses, call Culinary Program Director Chef Thomas Campbell at 406-243-7831 or email Thomas.Campbell@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Riding the wave of pledges for cats, dogs, horses, sheep and other pets (including one sourdough starter) in the “Pet Wars” finale April 17, Montana Public Radio raised a record \$591,000 during its spring on-air fund drive, exceeding the goal of \$550,000.

“We know that there is a lot of support for our service, but the week exceeded all our expectations in a big way,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR development director. “We are very thankful, very humbled and very tired.”

Supporters made more than 5,700 pledges during the week, which featured on-air celebrations for every thousand dollars raised and unique thank-you gifts offered by listeners and businesses. The “premiums” included chocolate cakes, tofu pies and live goats.

“The program hosts got a big boost from the listener feedback that comes with all those pledges,” said program director Michael Marsolek, praising the on-air staff for keeping the message positive and upbeat. “We tried to keep the week listenable, conversational and fun. Listeners seemed to love it.”

The spring fund drive represents about 50 percent of the total amount the station must raise from listeners and business underwriters in the coming year. Station manager William Marcus says the pledges are a vote of confidence that is especially appreciated during a time when federal funding for public broadcasting is in doubt.

“People notice when you have such an outpouring of love and support for a community service like MTPR,” Marcus said. “We are proud to be the local source for NPR programming, and proud of the many local news and music programs that we produce, too.”

MTPR is a public service of The University of Montana and broadcasts from studios in Missoula and through transmitters in Missoula, Kalispell, Helena, Butte, Hamilton and Great Falls.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority took home University of Montana Greek Chapter of the Year honors during the annual Greek Life Awards Banquet held April 17 in the University Center North Ballroom.

Distinguished guests at the banquet included UM President Royce Engstrom, Vice President for Student Affairs Teresa Branch and Director of Alumni Relations Bill Johnston. Pat Hossle, a staff member in UM's Center for Environmental Health Sciences and a Sigma Chi alumnus, gave the keynote address.

Other chapter and individual awards announced at the banquet are listed below.

Chapter awards:

- **Outstanding Scholastic and Academic Programming:** Kappa Alpha Theta
- **Outstanding New Member Programming:** Kappa Alpha Theta
- **Hal Fraser Philanthropy and Community Service Award:** Alpha Phi
- **Outstanding Public Relations Programming:** Alpha Phi
- **Outstanding Risk Management and House Operations:** Kappa Alpha Theta
- **Outstanding Alumni Relations and Chapter Development:** Alpha Phi

Individual awards:

- **Outstanding New Members:** Christopher Selph (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Jessica Mounts (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
- **Outstanding Seniors:** Colin McLean (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Kristen Graham (Alpha Phi)
- **Outstanding Chapter Presidents:** Drew Hossle (Sigma Chi), Erika Blough (Kappa Alpha Theta)
- **Outstanding Community Outreach:** Christopher Selph (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
- **Outstanding Campus Involvement:** Martina Allen (Delta Gamma)
- **Greek Man/Woman of the Year:** Colin McLean (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Alyissa Canady (Kappa Kappa Gamma)
- **Outstanding Alumni:** Brint Wahlberg (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Allison Squires (Alpha Phi)

Greek Life at UM was established in 1905 with the founding of the Gamma Phi chapter of Sigma Nu. Fraternities and sororities offer UM students a unique opportunity to lead a balanced college life with a focus on academics, brotherhood/sisterhood, community service and philanthropy, leadership and responsible social interaction. Greek Life allows students to make meaningful and lasting friendships with individuals who share similar ideals and common purposes.

For more information call UM Greek Life adviser Tyson McLean at 406-243-2005, email tyson.mclean@mso.umt.edu or go online to <http://life.umt.edu/greeklife/>.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Stephen Prickett, who has written extensively about the Romantic period and the Bible, will present the final installment of the 2010-11 President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

Prickett will deliver a lecture titled "The King James Bible after Four Hundred Years" at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, in the University Center Ballroom.

Earlier that day from 3:40 to 5 p.m., he will give a seminar titled "How Many Tongues Did Romanticism Have? A New Multi-Lingual Anthology of European Romanticism" in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Presented in conjunction with UM's Davidson Honors College, both events are free and open to the public. The seminar also is presented in collaboration with UM's Philosophy Forum.

Prickett is Regius Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Glasgow and an honorary professor of the University of Kent at Canterbury. His latest book, "Modernity and the Reinvention of Tradition: Backing into the Future," was published by Cambridge University Press in 2009.

He is general editor of the new "European Romanticism: A Reader," a multilingual project involving 18 universities in 15 countries that was published by Continuum last year. The book won the 2010 Jean-Pierre Barricelli Prize for the best book published in Romantic studies.

During 2003-08 Prickett was director of the Armstrong Browning Library at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. He also has taught in Nigeria and at the University of Sussex and was chair of English at the Australian National University in Canberra.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities, former chair of the U.K. Higher Education Foundation, former president of the European Society for the Study of Literature and Theology, president of the George MacDonald Society and a Fellow of the English Association.

Prickett earned bachelor's and doctoral degrees at Cambridge and a Diploma of Education from Oxford and has been awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Artois in France. His publications include one novel, nine monographs, seven edited volumes and more than 90 articles on Romanticism, Victorian studies and related topics.

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

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Glenn S. Johnson, president of Horizon Air since June 2010, will be at The University of Montana on Thursday, April 28, to deliver the Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Executive Lecture.

Johnson will present “Navigating through Change: Alaska Air Group 2000-2010 and Beyond” from 6 to 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The event is free and open to the public.

Johnson has more than 28 years of experience at Alaska Air Group, including oversight of customer services, finance, strategy, project management, maintenance, engineering, information technology and corporate real estate.

He is leading the current business transformation of Horizon Air, where the company is standardizing to an all-Bombardier Q400 aircraft fleet, engaging in a 100 percent “Capacity Purchase Agreement” business model with Alaska Airlines and externally rebranding the carrier with the better known Alaska Airlines motif.

Johnson joined Alaska Airlines in 1982 as a staff auditor and was promoted to director of revenue accounting. In 1991 he joined Horizon as vice president of finance and treasurer. He was then promoted to senior vice president of customer services.

In 2003 he returned to Alaska to serve as vice president of finance and treasurer for Alaska Air Group and Alaska Airlines and was subsequently promoted to executive vice president and CFO.

A graduate of the University of Washington, Johnson worked in public accounting, where he achieved his certified public accountant designation before entering the airline business.

The UM lecture series was established by Harold and Priscilla Gilkey in 2004 to provide resources for the University’s School of Business Administration to host the nation’s top business leaders to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with students, faculty members and the community.

For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu/seminar>, call Jodi Mammenga at 406-243-6723 or email jodi.mammenga@business.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Freelance journalist and University of Montana graduate Karen Coates will be the Fall 2011 T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professor at the UM School of Journalism.

Coates has spent much of the last 12 years writing from Southeast Asia and will teach a seminar titled “The Savvy Journalist: A 21st Century Survival Guide.” The class will help students understand how to find funding to pursue stories as well as a variety of outlets for their publication. It also will focus on how to negotiate the business aspects of freelance journalism. In addition to teaching, she’ll serve as a mentor for the staff of the Montana Kaimin student newspaper.

Coates is a 1993 UM School of Journalism graduate. She is the author of five books, two of which - “Eternal Harvest: The Legacy of American Bombs in Laos” and “The Way More Better” - will be published later this year. “Eternal Harvest” looks at Laotian life amid unexplored ordnance, and “The Way More Better” is a collection of essays compiled over 10 years of traveling along Asia’s back roads. Both books were done in partnership with her husband, photographer Jerry Redfern.

Her reporting has appeared in dozens of magazines and newspapers worldwide, and she was the Asia correspondent for Gourmet magazine until its closure in 2009. She currently is a Ted Scripps Fellow in Environmental Journalism at the University of Colorado where she’s studying the environment, climate and food security. She has won numerous awards for her work, including being named a finalist in international reporting for the Livingston Award, which recognizes the best journalists in America under age 35.

The Pollner professorship brings journalists with national reputations to UM for a semester. Coates will be the 11th Pollner professor. The professorship was created by the friends and family of T. Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism school graduate who died in 2001.

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2011

MISSOULA –

A nationally renowned speaker will offer insights on ethics for lawyers practicing in today's changing world of social media and other electronic technology during a lecture this month at The University of Montana.

Roberta Cooper Ramo, the first woman elected president of the American Bar Association, will present this year's James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law. The event is hosted by the Montana Law Review.

Her lecture, "Ethics for American Lawyers in the Age of Twitter and the Cloud," will be held at noon, Thursday, April 28, in the Castles Center in the UM School of Law building. One free ethics Continuing Legal Education credit will be offered.

With Twitter, Facebook and online storage such as the Cloud, lawyers are entering a new era in law-practice management and attorney-client interaction. These technologies raise a host of ethical issues not previously encountered by practitioners, such as how attorney/client privilege is affected by Facebook and Twitter.

Ramo was president of the ABA in 1995-96. She also was the first woman president of the American Law Institute, a position she currently holds. She is a member of the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20, which is charged with recommending changes to the Rules of Professional Responsibility, especially those necessitated by emerging electronic and computer issues.

The Browning Lecture honors Judge Browning, who graduated from the UM law school in 1941. In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed him to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and he remains a sitting judge. The building that houses the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco was named in his honor. While at UM he was editor-in-chief of the Montana Law Review. Ramo will continue the Law Review's tradition of inviting the greatest legal minds to Montana to present this lecture.

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2011

MISSOULA –

How do epidemics spread, birds flock and stock markets operate? Believe it or not, the answers fall within the realm of mathematics.

April is Mathematics Awareness Month, and this year's theme is "Unraveling Complex Systems." The University of Montana's Department of Mathematical Sciences will celebrate the month with a special colloquium presented by Gregory J. Hakim from the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Washington.

Hakim's talk is titled "Estimation and Prediction of Complex Systems: Progress in Weather and Climate." The colloquium will begin at 3:10 p.m. Monday, April 25, with a reception following the presentation. Events will be in Math Building Room 103.

During the colloquium Hakim will discuss the use of observations and models to predict the future state of a system, in this case the Earth's atmosphere, to illustrate techniques that deal with complexity.

Complex systems are everywhere – from natural entities such as living cells, insect colonies and whole ecosystems to manmade inventions such as power grids, transportation networks and the World Wide Web. Deciphering the mathematics behind such systems can unravel well-structured networks and discernible patterns in natural and artificial structures.

Understanding these complex systems can not only help us manage and improve the reliability of such critical infrastructures of everyday life, but also can allow us to interpret, enhance and better interact with natural systems. Mathematical models can delineate interactions among components of these systems, analyze their spontaneous and emergent behaviors, and help prevent undesirable developments while enhancing desirable traits during their adaptation and evolution.

The Joint Policy Board of Mathematics chose this year's theme in an effort to improve the public's understanding of such systems.

The 2011 Mathematics Awareness website has articles and other resources to help explain the math behind such diverse systems as the dynamic response to HIV infections to production links that determine product trade between countries.

Mathematics Awareness Month was created to increase public understanding of and appreciation for mathematics. JPBM is a collaborative effort of the American Mathematical Society, the American Statistical Association, the Mathematical Association of America, and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

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UM NEWS



April 15, 2011

MISSOULA –

Thirteen students from The University of Montana currently are earning their master's degrees while serving in the Peace Corps, making UM one of the top-ranked colleges in the nation with such a high enrollment in the special program.

UM claims the No. 9 spot as a Peace Corps Master's International school in the 2011 rankings of Peace Corps Master's International programs. The University became a PCMI partner in 1989, with programs in the College of Forestry and Conservation and the Intercultural Youth and Family Development Program in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.

This isn't the first Peace Corps list on which the University received high ranking. Earlier this year, the Peace Corps announced its top-college rankings for undergraduate alumni serving in the organization and places UM No. 14 among medium-sized universities. The University has long been a prolific Peace Corps contributor, maintaining a top ranking for at least the last decade.

UM President Royce Engstrom said the rankings reflect the quality of students the University produces.

"We are proud of the faculty members at UM who provide the programs and mentoring that encourage so many students to enter the Peace Corps," Engstrom said. "This recognition speaks to the commitment of our students to put their education to work improving conditions for people around the world."

During the past 50 years, 765 UM alumni have served in the Peace Corps, including 33 alumni currently serving.

On the most recent ranking for the master's program, Michigan Technological University tops the list with 32 students, followed by No. 2 Tulane University with 28. The only schools located in the West and ranked besides UM are No. 3 University of Washington and the University of Denver, which is tied with three others at No. 5 with 15 students. UM outranked universities such as Johns Hopkins, Texas A&M and Michigan State.

UM is among more than 80 colleges and universities nationwide that partner with the Peace Corps to enable students to earn a master's degree while serving in the organization. Students begin their studies on campus, serve overseas with the Peace Corps for two years, then return to their school to finish their graduate work. As part of a Peace Corps volunteer's service, participants work on projects related to their master's studies.

The program began at Rutgers University-Camden in 1987, and since then more than 1,000 Peace Corps volunteers have completed it.

The UM Peace Corps representative is housed in the Office of Career Services. For more information call 406-243-2839, email peacecorps@umontana.edu or visit <http://www.peacecorps.gov/masters>.

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UM NEWS



April 14, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana American Cancer Society Relay For Life will take place on the Oval from 6 p.m. Friday, April 15, through 6 a.m. Saturday, April 16. Students, faculty and staff can join or form a team now to participate in the event.

Teams of up to 15 people can register by visiting <http://www.umrelayforlife.com>. Individuals also can register online for \$10. Each relay participant is encouraged to raise \$100. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer.

To form or join a team or to learn more about the UM Relay For Life, visit <http://www.umrelayforlife.com>, call Wendy Wanner at 406-240-0296 or email wendyann19@yahoo.com.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Global Grizzlies, a student-run nonprofit group at The University of Montana, will host a banquet and silent auction Friday, April 15, to raise money for a humanitarian trip to Mongolia.

The event starts at 7 p.m. in the Missoula Children's Theatre. It will feature the Cold Hard Cash Show, a Johnny Cash cover band that has appeared on the "Late Show With David Letterman" and "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno." Food and beverages will be available.

Tickets cost \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. They are available at The Source in the University Center and online at <http://www.globalgrizzlies.com>.

The Global Grizzlies is out to make a difference in the world. The group provides aid to developing countries as humanitarian ambassadors from UM. The group does everything from health and hygiene education to helping patients in hospitals, medical clinics and dental offices. All members of the 10-person club are embarking on careers in health care.

The Global Grizzlies will travel to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, with New Choice, a nonprofit organization that provides aid to the largely nomadic and water-deprived population. Members will work in mobile clinics that travel from village to village, as well as in the capital's family medical center.

For more information about the fundraising event or to donate, call Melissa Jenkins at 406-531-6815 or email melissa.jenkins@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

Area youngsters on the hunt for Easter treats need look no further than the lawns of The University of Montana Oval when the 11th annual Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza returns to campus Saturday, April 23.

Children ages 9 and under are invited to bring their baskets and search for thousands of eggs packed with Easter treats during western Montana's largest egg hunt, which gets under way when the Main Hall bell tolls 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

There will be separate sections for 0-2, 3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 age groups. One lucky child in each age group who finds an egg with a special coupon will win a brand-new bicycle. Kids also will find coupons for fun treats from local businesses, such as free cookies from Bernice's Bakery and free admission to Mismo Gymnastics and the Families First Children's Museum. There also will be a parents' raffle for two free six-month memberships to LifeStyle Fitness.

KPAX news anchor Jill Valley and 102.5 Mountain FM radio morning personality Rick Sanders will emcee the event. The Easter Bunny, as well as UM mascot Monte and Missoula Federal Credit Union mascot Sammy the Frog, will be on hand for the fun. Wonderbrush Face Painting and Body Art also will set up shop at noon near the Oval, and kids can have their faces painted for \$5 to \$7.

The Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza is organized by UM's University Relations with generous sponsorship from local businesses. Student volunteers from several campus organizations will help spread candy and eggs across four acres of lawn the morning of the hunt, and high school students in the Missoula Flagship Program helped fill eggs leading up to the event.

Missoula Federal Credit Union is the major monetary sponsor of this year's Eggstravaganza, and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Missoula donated a bicycle. University Relations also received in-kind donations from more than a dozen local businesses and organizations. Mismo Gymnastics, Families First Children's Museum, LifeStyle Fitness, Coldstone Creamery, Bernice's Bakery, A Carousel for Missoula, Pizza Hut, spectrUM Discovery Area, Westside Lanes, Baskin Robbins, Taco John's, the UC Market, Dairy Queen, Party America, Grizzly Athletics, Big Sky Bouncers and Carmike Cinemas all generously donated coupons for free items or admission.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

Award-winning television journalist Judy Woodruff has covered politics and other news for more than three decades at CNN, NBC and PBS. She will bring that insight to The University of Montana this month as the speaker for the UM School of Journalism's 2011 Dean Stone Lecture.

Woodruff, who now co-anchors the PBS "NewsHour," will present "Surveying 2012: Politics, Media and the Millennials" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in the University Center Theater. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Woodruff will examine the early stages of the 2012 presidential election, as well as the state of the nation's politics. She also will share her insights on the political cultural climate in this country, with a special focus on how the young voters who helped drive the 2008 election of President Barack Obama are feeling as the re-election season nears.

For 12 years Woodruff served as anchor and senior correspondent for CNN, anchoring the weekday political program "Inside Politics." She returned to PBS in 2007, bringing to television and the Web an extensive documentary project on the views of young Americans titled "Generation Next: Speak Up. Be Heard."

Woodruff's work has won numerous accolades throughout the years. She has received the CINE Lifetime Achievement Award, a Duke Distinguished Alumni Award and the Edward R. Murrow Lifetime Achievement Award in Broadcast Journalism/Television, among others.

For more information about the annual Dean Stone Lecture, call the UM School of Journalism at 406-243-4001.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

Andy Mangan, co-founder and executive director of the U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development, will present “Thoughts on Developing a Sustainable Community” at The University of Montana on Wednesday, April 27.

He will talk about sustainability and the links between efficient economic development, preservation of the environment and quality of life for future generations. The presentation will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106 and is free and open to the public.

The U.S. Business Council for Sustainable Development is a nonprofit association of businesses launched in 2002 to create and deliver value-driven sustainable development projects in the United States.

Mangan holds a master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He has served as deputy commissioner of the Texas General Land Office and as congressional correspondent for the Associated Press.

His presentation at UM is co-sponsored by the University's School of Business Administration, Axiom IT Solutions Inc., D.A. Davidson & Co., Cherry Creek Radio and the Sustainable Business Council of Montana.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2011

MISSOULA —

The Associated Students of The University of Montana Office of Transportation has added a new transit bus to its current fleet.

The 35-foot El Dorado EZ-Rider II will provide quiet, clean transportation to UM. Students, faculty, staff and visitors are all encouraged to use the free University bus system. Buses run from South Campus, the College of Technology and the East Broadway Park 'n' Ride lots. The bus service is expected to give more than 400,000 rides this academic year.

The bus was funded through help from U.S. Sen. Max Baucus, the Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee, the Montana Department of Transportation, the Office of Administration and Finance at UM and the ASUM transportation fee that UM students pay each semester.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will honor the winners of UM's 2011 Diversity Advisory Council Student Achievement Awards at a ceremony on Monday, April 18.

The campus community is invited to attend the ceremony, which will take place from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

DAC Student Achievement Awards recognize students who encourage, advocate and facilitate communication, education and relations among persons of various races, physical conditions, religions, national origins, citizenship, genders, ages, socio-economic backgrounds and sexual orientation at UM.

The following students will receive awards at the ceremony:

- **Murtadha Al Qatan**, who has been active in the Muslim Student Association and several other campus diversity organizations.
- **Abdullah Alhammad**, a leader among students who want to learn more about Arabic language and culture and vice president of the Saudi Student Association.
- **Brian Becker**, Anton Johnson, Yvonne Olson, Justin Raap and Thomas Stevenson, who led efforts to hold events and create programs on campus for student veterans attending UM.
- **Iuliana Belaia**, organizer of the Former Soviet Union Student Association who has been involved in several student-led diversity activities.
- **Jinann Bitar**, UM's Day of Dialogue coordinator.
- **Tina Brown**, who coordinated UM's annual Day of Dialogue last year and helped plan the 40th anniversary of UM's African-American Studies Program, as well as several other diversity events on campus.
- **Alina Calianu**, president of UM's International Student Association.
- **Devin Carpenter**, a Diversity Program student coordinator for UC Student Involvement who has participated in many diversity programs on campus.
- **Valerie Coulter**, a student organizer of the successful "Beyond Boundaries: Pursing New Equalities" workshop held autumn semester 2010 at UM.
- **Guedem Dara**, president of the African Student Association and a manager of UM's International House.
- **Margarita Dorzhiyeva**, vice president of the International Student Association.
- **Sarah Ena**, a Lady Griz basketball star who has led the student group Athletes in Action and has shared her experience as a student-athlete and her cultural background with kids and adults in the Missoula community.
- **Myron Gardipee**, president of Beta Eta Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and group facilitator for the Native American Men's Discussion Group, which is sponsored by American Indian Student Services and the Student Assault Resource Center.
- **Leah Grantham**, who has been active in the Alliance for Disability and Students of UM
- **Jody Ground**, who led a one-credit seminar aimed at Native American first-year students to help them integrate into the campus community.

- **Samantha Guethner**, student director of the University Center Gallery.
- **Robert Hall**, a key presenter at the Giving the Gift of Language workshop and symposium who has spoken to several classes at UM on language and cultural issues.
- **Turki Ismail**, president of the Muslim Student Association who has been involved in multiple campus diversity events.
- **Sean Jeffrey**, a Diversity Program student coordinator for UC Student Involvement who has participated in several diversity events on campus.
- **Dora LaCasse**, a tutor for students with disabilities through UM's TRIO Student Support Services.
- **Arielle Scott**, who has led the Black Student Union and has been active in several diversity programs on campus.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana has partnered with the United States Peace Corps to offer the first Peace Corps Preparatory Program at any public university in the country.

Starting with the current semester, any UM student can earn a Peace Corps certificate through participation in the international development studies minor in UM's College of Arts and Sciences. Preparatory coursework will help increase volunteer effectiveness and better equip students interested in serving low-income countries through the Peace Corps.

"We are deeply honored that the Peace Corps has recognized the instructional expertise and efforts of IDS faculty members by designating UM as its first public university to offer Peace Corps Prep certification," said Peter Koehn, IDS program director. "Given the amazing degree of interest in service in low-income countries that exists on this campus and the doors that open upon completion of a PC assignment, I expect that many more UM students will elect to complete the IDS minor and one of the new Peace Corps Prep options."

The special designation grew out of UM's long-standing relationship with the Peace Corps and the popularity of its interdisciplinary international development studies minor. Historically, UM has produced 765 Peace Corps volunteers, and currently there are 33 active volunteers among its graduates. Additionally, per capita, Missoula ranks first in the nation for metropolitan areas in producing Peace Corps volunteers, making UM a natural choice for the preparatory program.

"Peace Corps is excited to welcome The University of Montana to the Peace Corps Prep Program," said B.J. Whetstine, Peace Corps national outreach specialist. "This new initiative only serves to strengthen an already thriving partnership. UM currently offers two Peace Corps Master's International Programs. Peace Corps Prep will extend new opportunities to undergraduate students."

The existing international development studies minor provides a strong framework for the general Peace Corps certificate program. In cooperation with Tenly Snow, the Peace Corps strategic representative on campus, IDS is developing opportunities for students to complete additional coursework to prepare for service in the Peace Corps' special assignment areas: environment, health and HIV/AIDS, youth and community development, business and information communication technology, agriculture/forestry, education, and civic engagement.

Peace Corps recently reactivated its preparatory program to give students an advantage in its highly competitive application process. Currently only one out of every three applicants is accepted to become a volunteer. Considering this challenge, a Peace Corps Prep certificate will give UM students a distinct advantage when seeking an assignment. Two private schools, Knox College and Wittenburg University, began their programs in 2007 and 2010, respectively.

Since 1961, more than 187,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have helped promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of the 139 countries where volunteers have served. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years old. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2011

MISSOULA —

University Dining Services at The University of Montana recently named Patrick Browne as its new executive chef. Browne graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York and has 20 years of experience in the culinary industry.

"The campus will be well served as Patrick brings new life and excitement to the most critical culinary position in UDS," said Mark Lo Parco, director of University Dining Services.

Browne also is a graduate of Washington State University in Pullman, Wash., where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

"I feel privileged and excited to be the next executive chef at The University of Montana," Browne said. "We have a great team in a beautiful setting and I look forward to cooking delicious food for many years to come."

"My fine dining experience is seasonally market driven using classical French techniques. I would say I love cooking with what's fresh and in season whenever possible," Browne added.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2011

MISSOULA —

Two University of Montana seniors in the School of Journalism placed in the top 10 in the profile writing competition of the Hearst Journalism Awards. Their wins put the UM School of Journalism in eighth place nationally in the print division of the yearlong competition.

Justin Franz of Augusta, Maine, won fourth place and \$1,000 for his article, "The War Within," about a female veteran's struggle to transition to civilian and university life after a tour in Iraq. The woman, a UM student, has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. The story ran in the Montana Kaimin student newspaper on Nov. 10.

Steve Miller, who is from Missoula, won seventh place for his profile of a man who spent his family's savings on a prototype for a go-cart fashioned after the Batmobile in the film "The Dark Knight." He sells plans for the go-kart online. Miller's story was published in the Montana Kaimin on Oct. 29.

The Hearst competition is open to students at all accredited journalism programs in the country. In profile writing, which is the fifth of six competitions, 111 students entered stories. Journalism programs can enter only two students' work in each monthly competition.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2011

MISSOULA –

To help improve the trail to the M on Mount Sentinel, members of The University of Montana student group Society for Ecological Restoration will host "2011 Earth Day on the M" on Saturday, April 23.

The public is invited to attend the event, which includes a variety of projects such as building a new stair structure, closing some user trails, planting native plants, pulling weeds and cleaning litter.

Participants should meet at 10 a.m. at the M trailhead near University Parking Lot U. Bring work gloves and water.

For more information call event coordinator Matthew Biesecker at 701-527-2824 or email matthew.biesecker@umconnect.umt.edu.

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April 11, 2011

MISSOULA –

Many Montana communities saw increases in population between the 2000 and 2010 census, but in some cases these shifts were because of changes in geographic boundaries, as well as population growth, according to a University of Montana researcher.

Jim Sylvester, an economist at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said that while Montana cities such as Bozeman and Kalispell experienced population gains mainly due to new residents moving in, exaggerated increases in numbers in other communities like Lakeside and Bigfork largely reflect changes in boundaries established by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as new residents.

"Recent news stories about the 2010 census highlight large population changes for several Montana places," Sylvester said. "Some of the population growth in these places is actual growth, but a large proportion can be attributed to boundary changes between 2000 and 2010."

Boundary changes affected the growth of several Flathead County areas, particularly those along Flathead Lake. Bigfork, a Census Designated Place (CDP), posted a whopping 200 percent change in population, growing from 1,421 in 2000 to 4,270 in 2010 – a difference of 2,849 people. Maps of census boundaries for the two years show the changes in geographic area covered by Bigfork are double those of 2000.

Lakeside CDP experienced 59 percent growth accompanied by large boundary change. Lakeside's population increased from 1,679 in 2000 to 2,669 in 2010.

Kalispell grew 40 percent in the past decade, from 14,223 to 19,927 people. Sylvester said a sizable part of Kalispell's growth was because of annexation of newly developed areas.

Boundary changes also affected Billings and the suburb of Lockwood in Yellowstone County, although on a smaller scale. Billings saw its population increase from 89,847 to 104,170 between 2000 and 2010, a difference of 14,323 people or 16 percent. According to Sylvester, maps comparing census boundaries for Billings from 2000 to 2010 show some of this growth can be attributed to the city covering a larger geographic area.

The Lockwood CDP had 58 percent population growth over the decade, from 4,306 in 2000 to 6,797 in 2010. The census maps for Lockwood show the boundaries for the community nearly doubled the area from 2000 to 2010.

Changes to census boundaries also accounted for some Montana communities losing population between 2000 and 2010, Sylvester said. In Ravalli County, the population of Florence CDP declined from 901 in 2000 to 765 in 2010, a decrease of 15 percent. Victor CDP lost 13 percent of its population in the census, declining from 859 people to 745.

"Looking only at changes in population can be misleading as communities grow and decline over time," he said. "When areas such as Florence and Victor in Ravalli County show declines between 2000 and 2010 one needs to ask why. The answer is they covered a smaller area in 2010 than 2000."

CDPs are statistical geographic entities representing closely settled, unincorporated communities that are locally recognized and identified by name. They are the statistical equivalents of incorporated places, with the primary differences being the lack of both a legally defined boundary and an active, functioning governmental structure, chartered by the state and administered by elected officials.

For more information contact UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research at [406-243-5113](tel:406-243-5113) or the U.S. Census Bureau at <http://www.census.gov>.

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UM NEWS



April 08, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Ninth Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at The University of Montana offers events Wednesday through Friday, April 20-22, that are free and open to the public.

All conference events will be held in the University Center Theater. The following keynote sessions will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. each day:

- **Wednesday, April 20:** "Law, Order and Judicial Reform in Russia and Former Republics of Soviet Union." Presenter: Karen Aguilar, professor of international relations, U.S. Army War College, and U.S. Department of State foreign service officer.
- **Thursday, April 21:** "Iran and Russia: Implications of Alliance on Middle East and Central Asia." Presenter: John Fox, professor of international relations, U.S. Army War College and U.S. Department of State foreign service officer.
- **Friday, April 22:** "Impact of Recent Uprisings in the Arab World on Russia and Central Asia." Chair and discussant: Mehrdad Kia, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Program director and associate provost for International Programs. Presenters: Aguilar; Fox; Robert Givens, professor of history, Cornell College; and Stephen Norris, associate professor of history, Miami University in Ohio.

Other conference events are:

Thursday, April 21

- **11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.:** "The Crisis of the Post Soviet Space."
- **12:40-2 p.m.:** "The Centrality of Central Asia and the Middle East: Why Do I Major in Central and Southwest Asian Studies?"
- **3:30-5 p.m.:** "Arabic Language Instruction: A K-16 Collaborative Effort."

Friday, April 22

- **10 a.m.-noon:** "Women and Ethno-Religious Conflict in Afghanistan."
- **noon-1 p.m.:** "The Egyptian Uprising and the American University of Cairo: A History in the Making."
- **1-3 p.m.:** "Religion, State and Popular Culture in Russia."
- **3:30-5 p.m.:** "Corruption in Russian Higher Education: Past, Origins and Present Remedies."

The conference is sponsored by UM International Programs, the University's Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, and the World Affairs Council of Montana.

A complete schedule with information about presenters is on the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center website at <http://www.umt.edu/csua>. For more information call the center at 406-243-2299.

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UM NEWS



April 08, 2011

MISSOULA –

Jeffrey Whitney, the winner of the 2011 Merriam-Frontier Award presented by The University of Montana Department of English, and Keema Waterfield, who received an honorable mention in the award competition this year, will read from their winning submissions Friday, April 22, at UM.

The reading, which is free and open to the public, begins at 3 p.m. in the Poetry Corner of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, located in the northwest corner of the library's fifth floor.

The Merriam-Frontier Award was established by H.G. Merriam, professor of English and creative writing at UM from 1919 to 1954, to recognize distinguished achievement in writing.

Whitney is a UM first-year Master of Fine Arts student from Rocklin, Calif. He will receive \$500, and the University's Creative Writing Program will sponsor the publication of his manuscript submission, "De Rerum Natura."

His work was selected by a panel of judges consisting of Ginny Merriam, Lois Welch and Chris Dombrowski, who said they were impressed with the polish and spontaneity of the poems in his submission. They noted that Whitney's "distinctive voice speaks of a unique world, one which we recognize as contemporary and western, a stance entirely in keeping with the founding vision of H.G. Merriam."

Waterfield is a second-year UM Master of Fine Arts student from Anchorage, Alaska. She received an honorable mention for her creative nonfiction manuscript about Alaska, where she develops themes of love and sadness in a family context.

More information about the Merriam-Frontier Award is on the UM Creative Writing Program website at http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing under "Scholarships."

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UM NEWS



April 07, 2011

MISSOULA –

Legendary jazz musician Buddy DeFranco will return to The University of Montana for the UM School of Music's 31st annual jazz festival Friday and Saturday, April 29-30.

For the past 11 years, the event has been called the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival to honor the celebrated jazz clarinetist. Each year DeFranco comes to Missoula to collaborate with the UM jazz program and world-class jazz artists during the two-day festival. The festival's clinics provide educational opportunities for hundreds of aspiring jazz musicians, and the concerts inspire thousands of audience members.

This year's featured artists are Robin Eubanks on trombone and Arturo Sandoval on trumpet. All festival events will take place in the University Theatre.

On Friday, April 29, Eubanks will give a clinic for UM students at 1 p.m. and will perform in concert with DeFranco at 7:30 p.m. Sandoval will present a clinic for UM students at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and will perform with DeFranco at 7:30 p.m. that day.

The afternoon clinics are free and open to the public. Evening concerts cost \$25 each for the public and \$20 each for students and seniors. A special two-night price of \$45 for the public and \$35 for students and seniors also is available.

Tickets can be purchased at all GrizTix locations, by phone at 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, or online at <http://www.griztix.com>.

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UM NEWS



April 07, 2011

MISSOULA –

The 2011 Student Housing Fair at The University of Montana will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in the University Center.

The fair provides a venue for property management companies, storage rental businesses, cleaning services, nonprofit organizations and campus resources to distribute information.

Tables are still available for businesses and nonprofits. Tables cost \$20 for businesses and are free for nonprofit organizations. Around 10,000 individuals visit the University Center every day, making this a great event for organizations to showcase how they can assist off-campus students.

For more information call Beki Hartmann, director of the Associated Students of UM Off-Campus Renter Center, at 406-243-2017 or email beki.hartmann@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 07, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana submitted an air quality permit application Wednesday, April 6, to the Missoula City-County Health Department for a campus biomass heating addition.

The proposed project would install a wood-fired biomass boiler onto UM's existing heating plant. The boiler would burn about 20,000 tons of wood per year instead of using natural gas. The addition will reduce the University's natural gas usage by up to 70 percent and reduce the campus carbon footprint by a quarter.

"This application is the first step toward making the bioenergy plant a reality," said Bob Duringer, UM vice president for administration and finance. "We anticipate having a draft permit in hand by early May if all goes well."

Duringer hopes to present the biomass project to the state Board of Regents for approval during its May 19-20 meeting at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

"We will now focus our efforts on doing the environmental analysis as required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act," he said. "If we get approval from the regents, final designing will commence. We anticipate a construction start date on or about April 2012."

The air permit application may be reviewed at the Missoula City-County Health Department offices at 301 W. Alder St. Public comments regarding the application and draft air quality permit will be accepted by the health department.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites the public to participate in annual Earth Week activities April 16-23 on campus and around the community.

Events kick off Saturday, April 16, with Earth Service Day. Service opportunities include Clark Fork River cleanup, Rattlesnake Creek restoration, sorting recyclables on campus and working at UM's PEAS Farm.

Those who'd like to help at several events are encouraged to take part in the Ecopentathlon, in which they participate in at least four activities and ride a bike to and from each one. Participants who complete the challenge will be eligible for prizes.

Other Earth Week events on campus and around Missoula are listed below. For complete event details, go online to <http://www.umt.edu/earthday>.

- **Saturday, April 16** Earth Service Day Dance, 7:30-11:30 p.m., Union Hall, 208 E. Main St. Event will feature old-time fiddle music and fun folk dances taught by members of the Missoula Folklore Society. Cost is \$8 for the public and \$6 for Earth Service Day workers.
- **Sunday, April 17** Earth Celebration Day, noon-7 p.m., Caras Park. A free celebration featuring local food and drink, art, kids' activities, displays of sustainable community groups and businesses, and live music by Amy Martin and the Coyote Choir. The Missoula Urban Demonstration Project, which organizes the event, encourages attendees to bring their own eating utensils to reduce waste.
- **Monday, April 18** "Climate Justice and U.S. Energy Policy," 3 p.m., School of Law Pope Room. The UM Environmental Studies Program, Department of Philosophy and the Center for Ethics will sponsor a lecture by Jim Martin-Schramm, author of "Climate Justice" and "Christian Environmental Ethics." Martin-Schramm also will present "Nuclear Waste on Tribal Land" at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Free and open to the public.
- **Wednesday, April 20** UM Sustainability Summit, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., University Center and Todd Building. Summit organizers invite the campus community to participate in panel discussions on the University's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint. The summit also will feature film screenings and the Trash Bash Recycled Fashion Show. A complete schedule of the summit is online at <http://www.umt.edu/greeningum/earthweek>.

Screening of "Green Fire," 6 p.m., Wilma Theater, 131 S. Higgins Ave. "Green Fire" tells the story of the life and legacy of legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. Sponsored by the Northern Region of the U.S. Forest Service, the screening is free and open to the public. The event also will feature an art show and discussion panel.
- **Thursday, April 21** UM Sustainability Summit, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Todd Building. UM's Sustainability Summit continues, culminating with the free screening of the Alberta oil sands documentary "H2Oil" at 6:30 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall. A panel discussion will follow.
- **Friday, April 22** Earth Day celebration, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., UM Oval. Celebration will feature information on student groups, a speech and Greening UM awards presentation by UM President Royce Engstrom, and more. Student groups interested in tabling at the event should email asum.sustain@umontana.edu for more information.
- **Saturday, April 23** Second Earth Service Day and Ecopentathlon, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., various locations. Service day activities include prairie restoration on Mount Sentinel, Missoula parks cleanup and repair, and preparing the UC garden for planting.

For more information on Earth Week, call ASUM sustainability coordinator Jennifer Hill-Hart at 406-243-4856, email asum.sustain@umontana.edu, call UM environmental studies professor Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or email vicki.watson@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

Holly Mckinney, a radiologic science student at The University of Montana College of Technology, has been selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic Technologists 2011 Student Initiative Program.

Mckinney will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to the ASRT Educational Symposium and Annual Governance and House of Delegates meeting, to be held June 16-19 in Albuquerque, N.M. She also will attend a program designed specifically for students and will be assigned a professional mentor.

Mckinney was one of 62 students chosen from more than 180 essay contest entries submitted by radiologic science students from around the country.

The ASRT represents more than 139,000 members who perform medical imaging procedures or plan and deliver radiation therapy treatments. The society also provides radiologic science students with the tools, services and support they need to prepare for careers in medical imaging and radiation therapy.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

At a time when more tumultuous events elsewhere on the globe have grabbed the headlines, The University of Montana's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will mark its 26th anniversary by bringing high-level experts to the University to look at the impact of a quieter revolution: the emergence of a dynamic and Western-looking Vietnam.

The public portion of the program, titled "Vietnam and the Regional Architecture in Southeast Asia," will run from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, in the Dell Brown Room of UM's Turner Hall. It is free and open to the public.

The event will feature a keynote speech on U.S.-Vietnamese relations by Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Kurt Campbell. An informal discussion panel will follow that includes Raymond Burghardt, former U.S. ambassador to Vietnam; Nguyen Duc Hung, a senior adviser for strategic studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam; Fred Brown from the School of Advanced International Strategic Studies at Johns Hopkins University; and Tom Byrne, a senior vice president for Moody's in Singapore.

Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner said the Mansfield conference will highlight and synthesize closed-door discussions that will be held in Bigfork earlier in the week.

"We have an astonishing group of good people attending, ranging from senior and former State Department and Vietnam Foreign Ministry personnel to top academics and representatives of a bright 'new generation' of Hanoi officials, all of whom will have been engaged in very candid discussion while here in Montana," Weidner said. "The public conference will offer the most up-to-date and authoritative summary possible on current conditions in Vietnam and our bilateral political and economic relations."

Weidner noted that speakers' comments also will almost certainly touch on strategic relations in the region, particularly on regional perceptions of China. Vietnam has recently announced it will join the Philippines in sharply increasing its defense budget, presumably in response to Chinese actions in the South China Sea, he said.

The Mansfield Conference is co-sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Foundation, based in Washington, D.C.

Organizers said the focus on Vietnam for this year's Mansfield Conference seemed logical in light of the fact that 2010 marked the 15th anniversary of the normalization of relations between the U.S. and Vietnam; the objective importance of Vietnam's emergence in Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, which currently attracts almost three times the U.S. investment as China; and UM's burgeoning relations in the nation.

UM has played a role in a U.S. State Department Task Force on Vietnamese Education and has developed partnerships with two of Vietnam's most prestigious universities: Vietnam National University in Hanoi and Cantho University in the Mekong Delta.

The Mansfield Center also has created a special Vietnam-based study program on climate change and is in the midst of a three-year environmental training program, funded by the State Department, for outstanding Vietnamese and other Southeast Asian undergraduates.

For more information visit the Mansfield Center website at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>, call Weidner at 406-243-2281 or Deena Mansour at 406-243-2988, or email terry.weidner@umontana.edu or deena.mansour@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

University of Montana student Zachary Brown won a \$5,000 Udall Scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year.

Brown, from Bozeman, is a sophomore in environmental studies with a minor in biology. He plans to practice environmental law with an emphasis on watershed ecology before engaging in politics to advocate for renewable energy policy and other environmental progress.

Matthew Dunkle, a UM junior in wildland restoration and environmental studies from Blair, Neb., received an Honorable Mention from the Udall Foundation.

Dunkle is dedicated to restoration ecology and land stewardship, which he hopes to accomplish through community-based projects that employ adaptive research, management and environmental education.

The students were selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy; leadership potential; and academic achievement. The independent review committee awarded 80 Scholars and 50 Honorable Mentions.

The 80 national Udall Scholars were selected from among 510 candidates nominated by 231 colleges and universities. Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for one year. Honorable Mentions will receive a \$350 award.

Including this new scholarship, UM students have received a total of 34 Udall awards since 1997.

The Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation was authorized by Congress in 1992 to honor congressman Udall's legacy of public service. It was renamed last year as the Morris K. and Stewart L. Udall Scholarship because the award now also honors Stewart Udall, Morris' brother, who served as a congressman and the secretary of interior under Presidents Kennedy and Johnson.

The 2011 Udall Scholars will assemble Aug. 3-7 in Tucson, Ariz., to receive their awards and meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

Visit <http://www.udall.gov> for a listing of the 2011 Udall Scholars and Honorable Mentions and more information on the foundation and related programs.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Neuro Networking Club at The University of Montana will host the third annual Spring Hullabaloo autism awareness event from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the University Center Ballroom.

The event is free and open to the public and will feature fun activities for all ages, including a life-size Candy Land game, carnival activities, spectrUM Discovery Area exhibitions and an appearance by PLUK the chicken. Several local organizations, including PLAY (Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters), AWARE Inc., PLUK (Parents Let's Unite for Kids) and the Child Development Center, will provide information and resources on autism.

Spring Hullabaloo also will feature an art auction to raise money for the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium.

The Neuro Networking Club is a UM social group for adults with autism/Asperger's syndrome and their friends.

For more information, call event organizer Treva Bittinger at 406-543-0003 or e-mail treva.bittinger@umconnect.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

Daniel Knudsen, a University of Montana student majoring in accounting, has been selected as one of 12 students from 12 tribes and nine universities to serve as a Udall Foundation 2011 Native American Congressional Intern this summer.

The highly regarded internship program provides American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The 2011 interns will complete an intensive, 10-week program that will provide opportunities to meet with the nation's key decisionmakers. Knudsen will intern in Washington, D.C., for U.S. Sen. Mark Udall (D-Colo.).

Knudsen, a Kootenai, currently lives in Missoula and is seeking degrees in accounting from UM and public communication from Montana State University-Billings. His future plans are to study law with the goal of becoming an attorney specializing in tax law.

Knudsen has been involved with the Missoula Indian Center and has participated in the Hope Conference, held annually to address issues of child sexual trauma in Indian Country. He also is dedicated to the preservation of the natural environment and public trust lands for future generations through his work with the U.S. Forest Service Northern Region's Public and Governmental Relations Department.

The Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency established by Congress in 1992, honors the legacy of Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall. The foundation awards about a dozen congressional internships each summer on the basis of merit to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are college junior or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to tribal public policy.

Since its inception in 1996, 174 American Indian/Alaska Native students from 88 tribes have participated in the program. For more information about the internship program, visit <http://www.udall.gov>.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana will acknowledge the valuable contributions student employees make at UM and the benefits they derive from employment during National Student Employment Week, April 10-16.

The Office of Career Services, in partnership with University Dining Services and the Residence Life Office, will host a reception Tuesday, April 12, to honor UM's Student Employee of the Year and all award nominees.

Studies show students who work on campus part time tend to achieve higher grades, faster degree completion, greater satisfaction with school and lower dropout rates than their nonworking counterparts. A recent survey attributed these findings to students more frequently interacting with their campus environment, fellow students, faculty and administrators, indicating that students who work on campus possess a greater sense of belonging to the University community.

At UM student employees who work for departments such as University Dining Services and the Residence Life Office also can receive academic financial assistance. Residence Life awards scholarships to several of their student employees. Career Services will award a \$500 scholarship to UM's Student Employee of the Year to be announced at the April 12 reception.

For more information about National Student Employment Week, call Janay Whisman, UM Office of Career Services student employment coordinator, at 406-243-2239 or email janay.whisman@umontana.edu. General information on student employment at UM can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

A one-day symposium at The University of Montana on Saturday, April 30, will explore adaptation strategies to climate change through a blend of indigenous ecological knowledge and the most current voices in climate change research.

“Climate Change, Indigenous Peoples and Adaptation” will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The symposium is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Those who plan to attend should register online at <http://www.indigenousideas.org>.

The event, held in conjunction with the American Indian Alaska Native Climate Change Working Group on April 28-29 at Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, will introduce and discuss the issues of climate change and the impacts, both potential and real, affecting indigenous peoples in the northern hemisphere, including the U.S., Canada and Norway.

The UM symposium is hosted by the Numerical Terradynamic Simulation Group of the University’s College of Forestry and Conservation. For more information call UM graduate student Michael Price at 406-544-9391 or email migizee@yahoo.com. Information about NTSG is online at <http://www.ntsug.umt.edu>.

For more information about the event at Salish Kootenai College, visit <http://aianclimatechange.com/index.html>.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA —

University of Montana alumni celebrating their 50th, 60th or 70th class anniversaries are invited to attend reunions this spring for three days of activities, including participation in UM's 2011 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14.

This year's spring reunions will recognize alumni from the classes of 1941, 1951 and 1961. Any alumnus or alumna who graduated 50 years ago or earlier also is invited to join in reunion activities. Family members and friends are welcome to attend.

Register online by April 29 at <http://www.GrizAlum.com>. For more information, contact Jay Kettering at 406-243-6439, toll-free at 877-892-5867 or jay.kettering@umontana.edu.

Here is the reunion schedule of events:

Thursday, May 12

9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Reunion registration, Brantly Hall Presidents Room, \$20 for current UMAA members; \$25 for non-members. There is no additional fee for spouses and guests. Pick up your gift bags and name tags, be fitted for a cap and gown, peruse class annuals and enjoy a snack.

2-4 p.m. – President's Social, Brantly Hall Presidents Room, free. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar with UM President Royce Engstrom and other administrators.

6:30 p.m. – My Class Dinner and no-host bar, DoubleTree Hotel ballrooms, \$30 per person. Converse with old friends over a fine dinner served to your UM class. Share your fondest UM memories and introduce guests when the microphone is passed during dessert.

Friday, May 13

7:30 a.m. – Early Bird Campus Walk, departs from the DoubleTree Hotel. Savor Missoula's crisp morning air during a stroll to campus. Campus tours will be available at this time.

9 a.m.-4 p.m. – Reunion registration continues, Brantly Hall Presidents Room.

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Historic Missoula bus and walking tour with lunch, departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby, \$30 per person. A Missoula guide will narrate your trip around town with stories of what's old and new, highlighting your favorite spots. Visit the grounds, buildings and museum at Fort Missoula, where you will enjoy an outdoor lunch. If you care to take a campus tour, the bus will stop at Brantly Hall on the return trip to the DoubleTree.

4:30-6 p.m. – All-class reception, Prescott House pavilion, campus, \$10 per person. Reminisce about your college days over light snacks and take a tour of the restored historic house.

6:30 p.m. – All-class banquet and no-host bar, DoubleTree Hotel ballroom, \$38 per person. All reunion classes will dine together this evening, which features a special presentation honoring your class years and your time at UM.

Saturday, May 14

7:45 a.m. – UM Commencement exercises and class photos. Meet in the DoubleTree lobby to don caps and gowns before boarding buses at 8 a.m. and enjoying a continental breakfast on campus. UM's 2011 Commencement begins at 10 a.m. and reunion participants will be formally introduced during the ceremony. Commencement speaker is Tom Brokaw. Seating will be reserved for family members and friends. Reunion class photos will be taken on campus, with a cost of \$13. Buses will return you and your guests to the DoubleTree.

11:30 a.m. – Commencement brunch, DoubleTree Hotel ballroom, \$15 per person. Enjoy brunch with your classmates and guests to conclude reunion festivities. UM President Royce Engstrom will present commemorative souvenirs.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

As elected officials debate basic policies and what Americans expect from their government, some observers may question whether the right kind of political discourse exists to arrive at constructive solutions to some of the country's major problems.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana invites the public to explore Mike Mansfield's beliefs that society works best when citizens and their representatives engage in respectful exchange of information necessary for democratic government to succeed.

Dan Smith, who had a long history with Mansfield, will present "Mike Mansfield: A Model for Political Leadership Today" at 3:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, in UM's James E. Todd Building Room 204. The event is free and open to the public.

"At a time when our discourse has become so sharply polarized, it is important for all sides to pause, listen to the other side, seek common ground and find practical solutions," said Mansfield Center Director Terry Weidner. "The lessons of Mike Mansfield are critical as we attempt to improve the tenor of our collective discourse."

Mansfield (1903-2001) was a remarkable public servant and leader who helped guide the U.S. through turbulent political times both in the nation and in its relationship with Asia. He left enduring marks on his home state of Montana, the U.S. Senate and international diplomacy.

Smith first heard about Mansfield as an elementary student in Anaconda. He got to know him while attending college in Washington, D.C. During those years he visited Mansfield in his Senate office at the time of the U.S. Steel crisis, the early days of the country's involvement in Vietnam, the Cuban missile crisis and the aftermath of the assassination of President Kennedy.

It has been said the Mike Mansfield shaped the character of the modern Senate more than any other leader in its history by allowing a Senate of equals to emerge, giving voice and a role to younger senators. Respected by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle, he led the Senate during a period of great achievement that included passage of major civil rights and Great Society legislation of the 1960s, as well as the ending of the Vietnam War.

The event is co-sponsored by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and the UM School of Extended & Lifelong Learning. Representatives of the Mansfield Center and the UM Center for Ethics will be on hand for the discussion.

For more information visit the Mansfield Center website at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>, call Deena Mansour at 406-243-2988 or email deena.mansour@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Native American Law Student Association will host free events during Indian Law Week to examine critical legal issues affecting Indian Country in 2011.

Nationally renowned leaders and educators will gather at the UM School of Law Monday through Thursday, April 11-14, to give presentations that are free and open to the public. All of the following presentations will take place at noon in UM Law Building Room 101:

- **Monday, April 11:** Indian Law Week will kick off with an hourlong panel discussion titled “Expansion of Montana v. U.S.: A 30-Year Reflection.” The panel, which features UM law Professor Raymond Cross, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Chief Appellate Judge Cher Stewart and Crow tribal attorney Urban Bear Don't Walk Sr., will examine the U.S. Supreme Court decision that significantly limited tribal jurisdiction, how the decision has been used and interpreted the past three decades, and how it continues to impact Indian law today.
- **Tuesday, April 12:** The panel “Comparative Law in Indian Country” will look at the different and unique laws that exist within individual American Indian tribes in Montana. Panelists featured will be Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal attorney John Harrison, UM law Professor Elizabeth Kronk and Crow joint lead executive counsel Heather Whiteman Runs Him. The panelists will discuss what every Montanan should know when dealing with and doing business with individual tribes or when entering tribal land.
- **Wednesday, April 13:** U.S. attorney Michael Cotter will talk about the Tribal Law and Order Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama last July. The law has been touted as an important step forward by the federal government in addressing public safety challenges unique to tribal communities.

The Native American Law Student Association also will hold “An Evening with NALSA” at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, in The Payne Family Native American Center at UM. The reception costs \$10 to attend. The event recognizes the work done throughout the past year by NALSA members, instructors and leaders in Indian Country and includes the announcement of the recipient of this year's Mihataki's “Ray Cross” Award.

For more information call NALSA President Dennis Bear Don't Walk at 406-214-5294 or email dennis.beardontwalk@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Anna-Louise Reysenbach, chair of the biology department at Portland State University in Portland, Ore., will present two lectures on microbes April 11 and 12 at The University of Montana. Both events are free and open to the public.

Most of the biodiversity of life on Earth is microbial. The microscopic organisms occupy almost any habitat where there is available water, energy and carbon for growth, even in the minutest quantity.

Reysenbach will present a lecture for the science community titled "From Mantle to Microbe: Geology Shapes Microbial Communities of Hydrothermal Vent Deposits" at noon Monday, April 11, in Clapp Building Room 304. She will discuss deep-sea hydrothermal vents and the patterns of microbial diversity associated with the vent deposits that are beginning to emerge.

On Tuesday, April 12, Reysenbach will present a lecture for the general public about the huge diversity of microbes that are supported by geochemical fluxes from the Earth's interior. The lecture, titled "From There to Here, From Here to There: Funny Microbes are Everywhere," begins at 7:30 p.m. in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

Reysenbach received a doctorate from University of Cape Town, South Africa. She has conducted research on the microbes that thrive at high temperatures, such as in terrestrial hot springs in Yellowstone, Kamchatka, Iceland, Chile, Italy and New Zealand, and at deep-sea hydrothermal vents.

Her lab grew the first thermoacidophile, which usually are found in places where most organisms would not survive, and has described many new hydrogen/sulfur oxidizing bacteria from deep-sea and terrestrial vents. The genomes of the organisms now are providing reference sequences for large-scale genomic temporal and spatial studies from select hydrothermal environments.

For more information about Reysenbach's presentations, call UM geosciences Professor Nancy Hinman at 406-243-5277 or email nancy.hinman@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The Confucius Institute at The University of Montana will host a summer camp for high school students July 16-31 in China.

Students will study Chinese language and culture in traditional classrooms and participate in various sports and cultural activities. They do not have to speak Chinese to attend.

All expenses in China are covered. Students who are interested need only pay the round-trip airfare from Missoula to Beijing, the visa application fee and for international insurance.

Applications, which should include a recommendation letter from a teacher, must be received by May 2.

For a complete itinerary and more details or to download application materials, visit <http://www.umt.edu/Mansfield/ci/visitingChina.aspx>.

For more information call the Suhan Chen, assistant director of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, at 406-243-2895 or 406-214-4431 or email suhan.chen@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

Transfer Transition, an early registration day for students who plan to transfer to The University of Montana for autumn semester 2011, will be held Friday, April 29.

All transfer students who have been admitted to UM for autumn semester 2011 before Monday, April 18, are welcome to register.

During the daylong event students will meet with academic advisers to develop schedules and register for classes.

Information also will be available about campus resources, on- and off-campus living options, and the costs and payment options associated with attending UM.

For more information about Transfer Transition or to sign up to attend the event, go to the online registration form at <http://admissions.umt.edu/forms/tt> or call UM Admissions and New Student Services at 406-243-6266 or 800-462-8636.

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