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UM NEWS



May 02, 2012

MISSOULA –

State educators and community partners were honored at the 2012 Partnership and Scholarship Recognition Reception hosted April 27 by The University of Montana's Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences.

About 380 professionals, students and guests attended the event in the University Center Ballroom to recognize educational partners who collaborate with the University and the College of Education and Human Sciences in the preparation of future professionals. Student scholarship recipients also were recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments.

Tammy Hurley, a social studies and reading teacher at Fred Moody Middle School in Anaconda, received the 2012 Maryfrances Shreeve Award for Teaching Excellence. The award was presented by Jean'ne Shreeve, daughter of the award's namesake.

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

Hurley has been an educator for more than 11 years. She received an associate's degree in early childhood education and a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Montana Western. She received a master's degree in technology from Walden University. She is described by Anaconda School District administrators, faculty and staff as a dedicated, enthusiastic, creative, inspirational teacher, mentor and leader. She was nominated for the award by Fred Moody Middle School Principal Sue Meredith.

The 2012 Marlene Bachmann Student Teaching Award went to Marti Alltucker, who exhibited outstanding pedagogical and professional skills that reflect Bachmann's standards and dedication to the field. Alltucker completed her student teaching field experience at Sentinel High School, working with business and information technology students. Cooperating teacher Cindy Schultz and University supervisor Lynn Stocking jointly nominated Alltucker.

Bruce Whitehead, principal at Hellgate Intermediate School, received the Educational Leadership Excellence Award. Whitehead was recognized for his contributions to education through vision and action. He provides continued support to educational leaders and is a valued colleague in the College of Education and Human Sciences.

The Health and Human Sciences Partnership Award went to Tim Messer of Active Physical Therapy and Sports Injury Center in Missoula, an affiliated clinical site for UM athletic training program. Messer was recognized for his consistently receptive and accommodating partnership in the preparation of UM's health and human performance students.

Nancy Jo Connell and Eve Tolbert received the Communicative Sciences and Disorders Partnership Award for their commitment to providing clinical experiences for UM students.

Connell, a UM graduate in the first speech pathology program, specializes in early childhood and is dedicated to the joy of working with young children.

Tolbert supervises graduate students in speech and language therapy, as well as audiological services at Ronan Hospital. The setting provides a unique experience with a wide range of clients from infants to geriatrics.

The Counselor Education Partnership Award was awarded to Jana Staton.

Staton has served as a trainer, supervisor, instructor and co-author of research and training grants. In addition, she has created a curriculum for psychoeducational groups offered as lab experiences in counselor education.

Mandy Smoker-Broaddus received the Institute of Educational Research and Service Partnership Award. Smoker-Broaddus serves as school transformation director in the Montana Office of Public Instruction. She has worked with the Promise Initiative to support schools with the lowest achievement scores in the state.

The Partnership Award in Curriculum and Instruction went to the faculty of DeSmet School for their continued commitment to the preparation of future teachers.

Beginning spring 2012, DeSmet welcomed and supported students in a pilot clinical model of field experience in which UM future teacher candidates serve three to four semesters of field experience at the same school site. This extended model allows students to gain additional experience working with students in grades K-8. The award was accepted by Shelly Andres on behalf of the faculty and staff of DeSmet School.

Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns was recognized with the Montana Digital Academy's Partnership Award. Stearns was an original member of the academy's Governing Board formed in 2009 and has supported and encouraged in the development and implementation of Montana's statewide online K-12 program.

Fifty-one students were recognized as scholarship recipients for their outstanding accomplishments. This year, the college awarded a record \$146,568 to deserving students, including eleven new scholarships made possible by the generosity of private donors and a prestigious grant from the National Science Foundation.

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UM NEWS



May 02, 2012

MISSOULA –

The School of Extended & Lifelong Learning at The University of Montana is creating a buzz with its new apprentice-level beekeeping course.

The first in a series of SELL courses in a full-certificate beekeeping program that ranges from beginner to intermediate and master levels, the apprentice-level course will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from May 21 to June 11 at Fort Missoula. The course can be taken for academic or nonacademic credit and is taught by one of the nation's premier bee research teams.

Jerry Bromenshenk, co-founder of Bee Alert Technology, will lead the course, which includes classroom lectures and hands-on experience at the Fort Missoula Research Complex and Apiary. UM Bee Alert research team members Scott Debnam, senior field technician, and Phillip Welch, senior lab supervisor, also will serve as instructors.

Course participants will learn the basics of keeping honeybees, including bee biology and care. Emphasis will be placed on firsthand experience in caretaking and bee handling, as students are taught how to recognize and treat common honeybee ailments and pests. By the end of the course, students should be able to manage honeybee colonies for maximum health and honey production. Upon completion, participants will receive either 1.8 continuing education units or, for an additional cost, one academic credit through UM's Division of Biological Sciences.

Registration is open now, and enrollment is limited. The course costs \$325 (plus an additional \$135 if opting for academic credit), and participants are expected to provide their own beekeeping supplies, including hive tool and bee suit.

Also, Friday, May 4, marks "The Day of the Bee," during which 204 colonies of bees will be delivered to [Fort Missoula](#) and picked up at 10 a.m. by local beekeepers for research and personal use. Members of the media are welcome to attend and learn how the UM research team hives its own colonies.

For more information, call Bromenshenk at 406-541-3160, email beeresearch@aol.com or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/ce/programs/bee.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



April 30, 2012

MISSOULA –

Two University of Montana faculty members, Leora Bar-el and Robert Greene, received the Cox Award for Teaching Excellence.

Bar-el is an assistant professor of linguistics in the anthropology department, who has been successful with her research program on Salish languages. She teaches introductory to graduate-level courses, and most of her courses include a research component.

Greene is an associate professor in the history department. In addition to teaching introductory- to graduate-level courses, he also teaches courses through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM.

The Helen and Winston Cox Educational Award is made annually to UM faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences who are not yet tenured. The prestigious award helps the college attract and retain high-quality faculty. Award winners exhibit superior teaching skills and dedication to advising and mentoring students. The award is the highest honor given by the College of Arts and Sciences for early career faculty.

The award was established by the Cox children to honor their parents. Winston Cox was a teacher in a one-room schoolhouse and an oil man.

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UM NEWS



April 30, 2012

MISSOULA –

The federal director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will speak at The University of Montana on Wednesday, May 2.

Linda Birnbaum, who also directs the National Toxicology Program Division, will present a seminar titled "NIEHS and the Future of Environmental Health" at 11:10 a.m. in Skaggs Building Room 169. Hosted by UM toxicology graduate students, the event is free and open to the public.

As NIEHS and NTP director, Birnbaum oversees a budget that funds multidisciplinary biomedical research programs, prevention, and intervention efforts that encompass training, education, technology transfer and community outreach. NIEHS supports more than 1,000 research grants. NIEHS and NTP are part of the National Institutes of Health.

Birnbaum's campus visit is sponsored by the UM Center for Environmental Health Sciences, the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, and the University.

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April 30, 2012

MISSOULA –

Three School of Journalism students at The University of Montana have been named national winners and one a national finalist in the annual Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards.

The awards honor collegiate journalism published or broadcast in 2011.

In the Feature Writing category, junior Billie Loewen was a national winner for "The girl I killed," a piece originally published in the Montana Kaimin. She wrote the first-person account about what happened on a night in 2009 when a 15-year-old girl was killed after running onto the freeway in Washington. Loewen will serve as the 2012-13 Kaimin editor.

Seniors Bernie Riggs and Emily Foster were named national winners in the Television Feature category for their coverage of a unique local competition: "Pumpkins Fly Through The Air At Punkin' Chunkin' Contest." Their coverage depicted an event in which steel cannons shot frozen pumpkins almost a mile toward (and sometimes through) targets such as old minivans.

In the Television Sports Photography category, senior Maegan Simmons was a national winner for "2nd Annual Treasure State Shred Fest," which covered a freestyle snowboarding event held in downtown's Caras Park.

Senior Nick Gast was a national finalist in the Breaking News Photography category for his photo, "Gunshot."

National Mark of Excellence Award judges chose one winner and two finalists in each competition category. At the regional level, UM School of Journalism students won 19 awards, including 10 first-place finishes.

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April 30, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit, a part of The University of Montana's College of Forestry and Conservation, will host a discussion and video presentation about the impacts of climate change on the archaeology of ice patches in Glacier National Park and other high-elevation areas.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, in University Center Rooms 332-333.

Ice patches, unlike glaciers, are stable and have the potential to preserve ancient artifacts, as well as the remains of plants and animals for thousands of years. Ice patches are attractive to animals because they are good sources of water and offer cool, insect-free zones. Therefore, hunters have tracked game into these areas for millennia.

Glacier National Park has partnered with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Blackfeet Nation and universities around the West in an innovative project funded by the National Park Service's Climate Change Response Program. The project, designed in close collaboration with tribal heritage experts, aims to preserve and protect ancient items at risk of loss or destruction by exposure in melting ice patches.

For more information, call Pei-Lin Yu, cultural specialist for the Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Study Unit, at 406-243-2660 or email pei-lin.yu@cfc.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will showcase the entrepreneurial aspirations of students across the state when it hosts the 23rd Annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition on Thursday, May 10, in the Gallagher Business Building.

Faculty from higher education institutions across Montana will nominate 30 teams to compete based on their written business plans. From those 30 teams, a distinguished group of judges will invite 15 to compete in the semifinal round. Teams will compete for more than \$30,000 in prize money this year.

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 will then narrow the field to four finalist teams. The finalists will present their business plans to a larger audience during the final round, which is free and open to the public. Appetizers and beverages will be served throughout the evening.

Competition judges are business leaders with a wide spectrum of professional expertise, which creates an environment charged with the lively exchange of ideas and enthusiastic discussion. The final round will be an exciting competition, as the audience chooses its favorite competitor for the People's Choice Award.

The John Ruffatto Business Competition is a highlight of the spring semester at the business

school. The competitors have worked on their formal written plans months in advance, and many spend weeks polishing their oral presentation. The event draws a large audience because people are eager to listen to the presenters' new ideas about doing business in Montana.

The shared business ideas and educational experience of the competition have helped the state in many ways over the years. Some participants have gone on to create the business they discussed in the competition, while others say the competition was "one of the most educational experiences" they ever had.

More information is available online at <http://www.mtbusinessplan.com>.

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April 27, 2012

MISSOULA –

University Dining Services at The University of Montana will present its grand finale omelet bar for the 2012 academic year from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, in the Lommasson Center Food Zoo.

The event's theme will be "Beatlemania." The Food Zoo will be transformed into a walk-through collage using visual themes from four of the Beatles' hugely successful albums from the 1960s: "Yellow Submarine," "Magical Mystery Tour," "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and the "White Album."

UDS Director Mark LoParco, along with three UDS assistants, will suit up as the Fab Four to perform during the afternoon's karaoke entertainment. They also will hand out 60 iTunes gift cards at random throughout the event.

Currently enrolled UM students are invited to participate in the "Beatlemania Karaoke Competition," which also will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Contestants may sing one Beatles song from the Solid Sound Karaoke catalog, viewable at <http://life.umt.edu/dining/Approved%20Beatles%20Songs.php>. Prize descriptions and complete rules and regulations can be found at <http://life.umt.edu/dining> under the "rules and regulations" link.

To participate, contestants can claim a spot on the sign-up board in the Food Zoo between 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 30, through the start of the competition. Contestants can perform alone or as part of a four-person group.

Costumes are encouraged, and prizes will be awarded for the best performances of approved Beatles songs. Prize categories include:

- Best Female Performance of a Beatles Song
- Best Male Performance of a Beatles Song
- Best Female Group of Four Performance of a Beatles Song
- Best Male Group of Four Performance of a Beatles Song

UDS presents bimonthly themed omelet bars for students as a dining diversion from the stress of classes. "Beatlemania" continues the 15-year-old tradition.

"We've done some over-the-top themes like 'The Rocky Horror Omelet Show,' 'Kiss' and 'Muttley Kroo,' but this one will set the bar even higher," LoParco said. "The event will include great food, groovy atmosphere, live entertainment and cool prizes. You won't want to miss this one!"

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UM NEWS



April 26, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana honored members of the campus community who have proven their dedication to help the University become more sustainable during an April 20 ceremony on the Oval.

President Royce Engstrom presented the 2012 Greening UM Awards to Steve Schwarze, Kelly Chadwick, Ken Price and Patrick Rhea. The Associated Students of UM Sustainability Center and the Sustainable Campus Committee selected the winners out of nominees in four categories: faculty, staff, administrator and student.

Schwarze, a communication studies associate professor and chair of the department, received the faculty award for his work as the driving force behind UM's Green Thread Faculty Development Initiative, which aims to transform current teaching techniques to better address sustainability.

Chadwick is the garden supervisor for the University Center at UM. She earned staff honors for serving as a strong voice for sustainability on the University's Integrated Plant Management, Arboretum and Sustainable Campus committees.

Price, the director of Printing & Graphic Services at UM, won the administrator award for making it a major priority for PGS and Campus Quick Copy to use paper products with a high content of recycled material.

Rhea, a UM senior majoring in biology, received the student accolade for helping lead successful student organizations devoted to climate change and sustainability, including the ASUM Transportation Committee, Sustainable Campus Committee, the Recycling Oversight Committee and the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund. He also co-founded and leads the UM Climate Action Now student group.

Dave Wise, Topher Williams, Jessica Jenne and Brooke Carlisle also were nominated in the student category. Joe Gough, facility manager for the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning who spearheaded an effort to install solar panels on the Todd Building, was the other nominee in the staff category.

Also during the ceremony, ASUM senator and recent Truman Scholarship recipient Zachary Brown presented Engstrom with a letter of support from the student body encouraging UM to pursue the Smart Buildings Initiative, a Montana University System plan to invest in energy-efficient upgrades to reduce fuel costs and greenhouse-gas emissions.

Greening UM is a coalition representing all UM sustainability initiatives. More information is available online at <http://umt.edu/greeningum/>.

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April 25, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will honor three alumni for outstanding career achievements on Thursday, May 3.

The three alumni, their Montana hometowns and awards are:

- John R. Turmell, **Missoula**, 2012 Outstanding Distinguished Alumnus Award
- Karen Blasing, **Dillon**, 2012 Outstanding Alumna Award
- Joseph McCaffery, **Butte**, 2012 Outstanding Early Career Alumnus Award

Turmell earned a bachelor's degree in management from UM in 1964. He worked at his family's Missoula-based auto dealership before receiving a degree in dealer management from the General Motors Institute.

In 1968, Turmell began his distinguished career with Toyota Motor Sales, USA. He made a significant contribution as vice president of sales administration, which included vehicle distribution, market representation, fleet and dealership business management; group vice president of the Toyota Forklift division; and later, senior vice president of the customer services division and North American parts logistics division. In 1998, he was appointed senior vice president, overseeing all Toyota-affiliated companies. He retired from Toyota in 2002, after 33 years of service in key positions in the Los Angeles, Boston and Cincinnati regions.

Turmell is an active UM Alumni Association member and serves on the board of directors of the National American Indian Business Leaders organization.

Turmell and his spouse, Mary Ellen, have two sons and reside in California and **Bigfork**.

Blasing received bachelor's degrees in economics and finance from UM in 1978. She earned an MBA degree from the University of Washington in 1981. She has served as Guidewire Software's chief financial officer and treasurer since 2009 and was instrumental in the company's initial public offering in January.

Blasing served as chief financial officer at Force10Networks (acquired by Dell), Nuance Communications and Counterpane Internet Security. She held senior finance positions at salesforce.com, Informix Corporation (acquired by IBM), Oracle Corporation and Syntex Pharmaceuticals (now Roche). In 2008, while working at Force10, she was recognized as the San Francisco Bay Area CFO of the Year for venture-backed companies.

Blasing and her spouse, Robert, reside in **Los Altos, Calif.** They have two daughters.

McCaffery earned a bachelor's degree in business and information technology education from the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences in 1998 and his MBA degree from the UM School of Business Administration in 2001. He is a group product manager at eBay, where he has been employed since 2005. Before joining eBay, he worked in Accenture's communications and high-tech consulting practice, supporting clients such as Cisco Systems, eBay Marketplaces and PayPal.

As a UM graduate student, he earned a graduate assistantship and managed the business school's computer labs. He also assisted the Montana World Trade Center with several consulting projects.

He also served on the business school's Management and Marketing Advisory Board and the Management Information Systems Advisory Board.

McCaffery and his spouse, Toni, and their daughter and two sons, live in the **San Francisco** Bay area.

UM's School of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the most rigorous accrediting body for business degree programs. The school's faculty includes renowned scholars recognized for pioneering contributions to their field. Graduates continue a strong tradition of leadership at the highest level in entrepreneurial ventures and leading corporations.

The school offers undergraduate programs in accounting, finance, international business, management, management information systems and marketing; graduate programs

in management and accounting; and certificate programs in entrepreneurship and entertainment management. Experiential learning opportunities prepare students to address real-world business problems and deliver value to their employers in today's global economy.

More information is online at <http://www.business.umt.edu/>.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of the alumni receiving the awards are available by calling Tammy Yedinak at 406-243-6195 or by emailing tammy.yedinak@business.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Undergraduate Advising Center at The University of Montana recently earned an Outstanding Advising Technology Innovation Certificate of Merit from the National Academic Advising Association for creating a series of online tutorial and informational videos to help current and incoming UM students succeed.

UM academic adviser Shannon Janssen developed KPCN: The Peer Connection Network. Under Janssen's supervision, students in the Undergraduate Advising Center's Peer Advising program write, act, direct and produce the videos.

Videos produced by KPCN can be viewed online at <http://www.youtube.com/uacstaff>.

The two most popular videos are "How to Pay and Finalize," which guides students through settling their registration bill online or in person, and "How Pizza & Burritos Can Help you Start a Paper," which explains the best way to approach writing a college paper and how to use the resources of the UM Writing Center.

The Advising Technology Innovation awards recognize the most creative and unique uses of technology that support academic advising. The 2012 nominations were judged on content, interactivity, clarity and creativity. Janssen will represent UM's Undergraduate Advising Center in accepting this award at the National Academic Advising Association's annual conference in Nashville, Tenn., to be held in October.

For more information call Janssen at 406-243-2295, email shannon1.janssen@umontana.edu or go online to <http://www.umt.edu/xli/imx/presentations/KPCNFactSheet.pdf>.

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April 25, 2012

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A University of Montana graduate and former journalism professor is part of the team at The Seattle Times that won a 2012 Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism.

Jerry Holloron served as desk editor for the Times' "Methadone and the Politics of Pain," a three-part series about Washington state's practice of prescribing the pain drug for people on state-subsidized health care.

"Editing the series was a snap since Ken (Armstrong) and Mike (Berens) are such meticulous reporters and fine writers," Holloron said. "These are tough days for newspapers, and it's nice to work for a family-owned operation that remains committed to gutsy investigative reporting."

Holloron joined the UM School of Journalism faculty in 1974 and quickly became one of its most highly regarded teachers. He received national teaching awards from the American Society of Newspaper Editors and the Poynter Institute. Before he taught at UM, he worked as chief of the Lee Newspapers State Bureau in Helena and as city editor of the Missoulian.

Holloron left UM in 1991 to return to newspapers full time, working on the copy desk of the Tacoma News-Tribune before joining The Seattle Times in 1999. He retired from the Times in 2008 but continues on-call editing work for the paper.

Widely known in Montana as an expert on state and local government, Holloron also worked as an assistant director and local government research analyst of the Montana Constitutional Convention Commission and as research director of the Montana Legislative Council.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Art will present the 2012 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition. The exhibit will be on display in the Gallery of Visual Arts, April 26 through May 11 and in the University Center Gallery April 23 through May 11.

The opening reception for both galleries is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the UC Gallery and 5 to 7 p.m. in the Gallery of Visual Arts. Both galleries will host commencement receptions from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 11.

All events are free and open to the public.

The Gallery of Visual Arts, located on the first floor UM's Social Science Building, is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The UC Gallery, located on the second floor of the UC, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The annual BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition is a diverse array of media and content. Due to the large number of students, 18 artists will exhibit in the Gallery of Visual Arts and six artists will exhibit in the UC Gallery. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, film, installation, printmaking, photography and ceramics will be featured.

All BFA candidates in the School of Art are required to do the Senior Thesis Exhibition. Each student will display a body of work that reflects their chosen media. Participating artists in the Gallery of Visual Arts are Yuanyuan (Jenna) Bao, Sean Bryers, Gregg Chambers, Ray Chapman, Rachel Colton, Ben Crawford, Alison Dillon, Jackson Goodell, Torrence Gustafson, Stephanie Kenny, David Miles Lusk, Clay Mahn, Jo Nasvik, Katherine Neiman, Jaquelyn Rauff, Shana Smith, Sarah Widhalm and Kari Workman. Participating artists in the UC Gallery are Shelby Baldrige, Jennifer Bardsley, Falina Lintner, William Serba, Chelsey Von Ehrenkrook and Alana Wright.

For more information, call 406-243-2813 or 406-243-5564 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu or ucgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana journalism student and Montana Kaimin editor Jayme Fraser has been selected as one of three Hearst Journalism Fellows, an opportunity that will have her working two nine-month stints at Hearst newspapers beginning in September.

Fraser, a senior from Cody, Wyo., was one of seven finalists brought to Houston recently for interviews and tryouts. The students had to demonstrate their ability to tell stories through writing, photography, video and social media. The other students selected were Andrew Joseph, a Dartmouth graduate, and Kristen Brown, who will receive a master's degree from Columbia this spring.

Fraser has yet to hear where she will begin her fellowship. Hearst owns more than a dozen newspapers, including the San Francisco Chronicle, Houston Chronicle and San Antonio News-Express. After she graduates from UM in May, Fraser will intern at The Seattle Times. She spent last summer as an intern at The Oregonian in Portland.

Fraser said she was well-prepared for the competition, having taken a variety of courses in the School of Journalism in print reporting, photography and multimedia.

"I'm just coming out of the 'pinch-me' stage," she said. "The other finalists were all very talented. It could've been any of us, but I'm honored they chose me."

Fraser also recently received a first-place award in the Humanities-Oral Presentations category at this year's UM Conference on Undergraduate Research. Her presentation, "Access to and Affordability of Transportation on the Fort Belknap Reservation and Its Impacts on the Local Economy and Quality of Life," was based on a video and photo project she's finishing this semester with graduate student Emily Wendler for the journalism school's Native News Honors Project.

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UM NEWS



April 25, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences recently secured a grant that will allow UM to host the seventh National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit next August.

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors granted UM \$32,250 to launch planning for the national meeting devoted to addressing the health and social issues attributed to smokeless and spit tobacco use. Health professionals from across the U.S. will attend the summit, which is slated for Aug. 6-8, 2013.

Bernadette Bannister, program manager for the college, will secure additional funding and serve as lead organizer of the conference.

"As the only national meeting devoted to this important public health topic, support for the summit has been strong in the past," Bannister said. "Smokeless tobacco products are addictive, deceptive and deadly. We need to continue to build and share the scientific-information base among health and medical professionals if we want to spur aggressive action toward this public health threat."

Bannister said about \$70,000, or 26 percent, of the estimated \$270,000 needed to pay for the summit will come from federal funds, while the remaining \$200,000 will come from nongovernment sources. She said the West Virginia University School of Dentistry has already signed on for a \$2,500 sponsorship.

While cigarette use recently has declined in many states, including Montana, smokeless tobacco use has remained steady and has actually increased in some states. Montana, Wyoming, West Virginia and Mississippi lead the nation in smokeless tobacco use, with rates about five to seven times higher than those in states such as California and Massachusetts.

"We are very pleased to host this important forum for researchers, public health workers, and medical and policy experts in tobacco control," said Larry White, research associate professor in the college and director of the Western Montana Area Health Education Center at UM. "Disseminating the latest research on smokeless and spit tobacco use and encouraging communication among health professionals and stakeholders are vital to making headway on this emerging, complex public health issue."

The summit started in 2004 as a regional event hosted in Billings and attended by professionals from Montana, Wyoming and South Dakota. Its national presence expanded in recent years, and institutions including the University of Texas, the University of Wisconsin and the Mayo Clinic have hosted it since 2006.

"UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences offers a terrific fit for this educational project," said Vernon Grund, the college's interim dean. "The School of Public and Community Health Sciences offers a master's degree in public health and a certificate of public health, both of which help further and prepare individuals for careers in health science and public health."

In addition to providing a quality educational setting, UM also will ensure a safe and healthy environment for summit participants with its campuswide tobacco-free policy that went into effect last fall.

More information on the National Smokeless and Spit Tobacco Summit is online at <http://www.smokelesstobaccosummit.com/>.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Identifying the hottest place on Earth has long been a contentious issue, but University of Montana researchers recently analyzed satellite data of land surfaces temperatures to do just that.

For the past century, scientists typically have determined the Earth's hot spots using air temperature readings taken at weather stations. The World Meteorological Organization has more than 11,000 weather stations collecting surface air temperatures, but the stations are not located in the remote areas that are likely to be the hottest places on Earth.

UM researchers David Mildrexler, Maosheng Zhao and Steve Running recently decided to try a different approach to locating the hottest place on Earth: They looked at satellite data.

The scientists analyzed data on land surface temperatures collected from 2003 to 2009 by the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer aboard NASA's Aqua satellite. The satellite passes over the Earth every afternoon and collects data on the amount of infrared energy emitted by the land surface. Extreme surface temperature is what a person would feel if they walked across a blacktop parking lot barefoot on a hot summer day.

They found that the hottest spot on Earth varies a degree or two from year to year, but the Lut Desert in Iran, the Turpan Basin in China and the badlands in Queensland, Australia, have the highest land surface temperatures on Earth, all at around 70 degrees Celsius or 160 degrees Fahrenheit.

Using a hand-held device this past summer, Running measured the surface temperature of the artificial turf in UM's Washington-Grizzly Stadium in midafternoon to be almost as hot, around 150 degrees Fahrenheit, far above the 90 degree Fahrenheit air temperature reported at the National Weather Service for Missoula that day.

The results of their research were originally published in the July 2011 issue of the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society, and has recently been featured on the science blog EarthSky at <http://earthsky.org/earth/where-are-the-hottest-places-on-earth> and the NASA Earth Observatory website at <http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Features/HottestSpot>.

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UM NEWS



April 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Travis Vincent, a University of Montana senior from Bigfork, will travel to Washington, D.C., this summer as the recipient of the 2012 J. Stanley Kimmitt Public Service Internship.

Vincent, who will graduate in December with degrees in Russian and economics, will serve as a summer intern for U.S. Sen. Jon Tester. At the same time, he will be enrolled in The Washington Center internship program. The Kimmitt internship includes a \$1,500 stipend.

"I am excited to work on Capitol Hill, where every day promises something new," Vincent said. "The internship is a tremendous learning opportunity and working with Senator Tester will be a valuable asset in achieving my goal of beginning a career in public service."

Vincent is a member of UM's Davidson Honors College and the Alpha Lambda Delta Freshman Honor Society. He is a campus ambassador for the Associated Students of UM, an active volunteer for the Missoula Food Bank and co-president of the UM Russian Club. In 2009, Vincent served as an administrative intern in the office of Sen. Max Baucus and while in high school worked for the U.S. Senate as a page.

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 Tester's office to determine their suitability for an internship in the U.S. Senate.

The internship, 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, rotates among all three members of the Montana congressional delegation.

The next Kimmitt internship will be awarded in summer 2013. A call for applications for that award 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 24, 2012

MISSOULA –

Stacey Pascoe, a third-year University of Montana pharmacy student from Butte, recently won first place in the National Patient Counseling Competition of the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists, held in New Orleans.

Marcie Bough, APhA's senior director of government affairs and 2004 alumni of UM's Doctor of Pharmacy program, will honor Pascoe's achievement at a recognition ceremony held at noon Thursday, May 3, in the Skaggs School of Pharmacy Lobby.

Bough will present Pascoe with a \$1,000 first-place award and also will present two trophies – one for Pascoe to keep, and one to be displayed in UM's School of Pharmacy.

Pascoe competed against other UM APhA-ASP members before being selected as the national representative for UM's School of Pharmacy. She then traveled to New Orleans where she competed against 129 student pharmacists in a preliminary round.

During that round, students selected a simple practice scenario at random and were required to counsel a patient on the appropriate use of the drug involved. Competitors were judged on the content and style of their counseling presentations. Pascoe and nine other highest-scoring participants were invited to the final round.

The final round involved a more complex counseling situation where finalists again selected a prescription at random and were asked to counsel the patient on safe and effective drug use. The patient in the final round displayed personality characteristics such as anxiousness, belligerence or apathy to challenge each finalist's ability to convey pertinent information in a realistic situation.

"This award validates the outstanding communication skills that Stacey possesses," said Donna Beall, pharmacy professor and UM's ASP chapter adviser. "She is knowledgeable, compassionate and witty. Her professional and personal demeanor makes patients feel at ease. I am so proud of her achievement."

The goal of the competition is to encourage student pharmacists to become better patient educators. Since the competition began, three UM students have competed as top 10 finalists. Pascoe is the first UM student to be honored with a first-place win.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

More than 3,700 graduates and degree candidates are invited to participate in The University of Montana's 115th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Events kick off with a free continental breakfast hosted by UM President Royce Engstrom for graduates and their families, which runs from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the University Center Atrium.

The general ceremony for UM's professional schools, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology will begin at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The stadium opens at 8 a.m., and guests should be seated in the westside seating area by 9:30 a.m. No tickets are required.

Sheila Stearns, outgoing Montana commissioner of higher education and a 1968 UM graduate, will deliver this year's Commencement address.

During Commencement ceremonies, UM will present an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to A. Warren Wilcox, a Missoula native and UM alumnus who has played an active role in many local businesses and community organizations.

Students will meet at 8:45 a.m. on the UM Oval to line up for the general ceremony and should look for signs to locate their departments. Faculty members, students and the platform party will begin a formal march from the Oval to Washington-Grizzly Stadium at 9:30 a.m.

Following the general Commencement ceremony, attendees will disperse to various campus locations for individual departmental and college ceremonies. Individual ceremonies for professional schools begin at noon. Individual ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology begin at 2 p.m.

Shuttles to and from campus will run from 7:25 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. from the South Campus and East Broadway Park-N-Ride lots.

More information about UM Commencement events is on the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/GraduationInfo1.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will present an honorary degree to the great-grandson of Oscar Craig, the University's first president, during 2012 Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12.

A. Warren Wilcox, a Missoula native and UM graduate who has played an active role in local businesses and community organizations, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. UM's School of Business Administration nominated him for the honor.

"The fact that Warren is a native Missoulian, graduated from Missoula County High School, completed his higher education at The University of Montana and built and developed all of his business interests from Missoula makes him a 'local hero,'" wrote business school Dean Larry Gianchetta in his nomination of Wilcox. "The extent to which he has shared his professional success throughout the community of Missoula and with The University of Montana explains the personal qualities that led to his success."

Wilcox studied accounting at UM and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. He became a certified public accountant following graduation in 1965 and worked in accounting until 1968, when local meat-packing company John R. Daily Inc. hired him to institute a cost-accounting program to revitalize the business. He worked for the company for nearly four decades, during which he became part of the management team that decided to expand the company to Salt Lake City and specialize in bacon production.

After selling John R. Daily Inc. in 2005, Wilcox took on several entrepreneurial endeavors, including Ascent Airborne LLC, which manages three separate startup entities in the aircraft leasing and aerospace industries. He also serves as a director of Rocky Mountain Biologicals Inc., among other leadership roles.

In addition to his involvement in the Missoula community, Wilcox maintains close ties to the University. First elected to the UM Foundation Board of Trustees in 1996, he went on to serve as its vice chairman and chairman. Wilcox and his wife, Betsy, have supported several causes at UM, including the business school's Wilcox Faculty Fellowship, the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center and the Gilkey Executive Education Center. He also received the business school's Outstanding Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2007.

Wilcox remains active in many business and community organizations. In addition to serving on the board of the National Meat Association and his involvement in several accounting organizations, Wilcox was a founding member of the Missoula Family YMCA. He's also served on the boards of the Community Medical Center Foundation, Red Cross, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, US Bank and the Montana State Chamber of Commerce.

Wilcox and his wife have two sons, Russell and Andrew; a daughter, Christine; and four grandsons.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites students, faculty, staff and the public to head to campus using any mode of transportation other than driving a car alone during the week of April 30-May 4.

As part of Missoula's Bike Walk Bus Week, the Associated Students of The University of Montana is sponsoring "Walk N Roll" week. Volunteers will hand out raffle tickets for prizes to all participants at the entrances to campus. Raffle tickets also will be available at the University Center. Participants can pick up one raffle ticket per day.

Raffle prizes include a commuter bike, cruiser bike, long board, gift certificates, headlights and locks, among other donated items.

The prize drawing will take place at noon Friday, May 4, on the Mansfield Mall. Those in attendance will have the chance to win smaller giveaways. Local band, The Trees, will provide live entertainment.

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UM NEWS



April 23, 2012

MISSOULA –

Riding the wave of pledges for cats, dogs, chickens, horses, sheep and other pets in the “Pet Wars” finale April 22, Montana Public Radio raised \$567,762 during its spring on-air fund drive, about 95 percent of the \$600,000 goal.

“We know that there is a lot of support for our service,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR development director. “We are very thankful, very humbled.”

Supporters made more than 5,272 pledges during the week, which featured on-air celebrations for every thousand dollars raised, and unique thank-you gifts offered by listeners and businesses. Premium gifts included weekend cabin getaways, home-cooked dinners and treats, sailboat rides and live goats.

Program Director Michael Marsolek and all the senior staff at the station will read the listener comments and suggestions. Marsolek praised the on-air staff for keeping the week’s message positive and upbeat.

“We really try to keep the spring pledge week listenable, conversational and fun. Listeners seem to love it,” he said.

The spring fund drive represents about 50 percent of the total amount the station must raise from listeners and sponsors in the coming year.

“People notice when you have such an outpouring of love and support for a community service like MTPR,” said William Marcus, station manager. “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.”

Though it was a tight race, dogs again won the “Pet Wars” with 1,364 votes while cats came in a close second with 1,342 votes.

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 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

Ten University of Montana student journalism projects received first place recognition in the Society of Professional Journalists Region 10 Mark of Excellence Awards. The awards were announced during the SPJ Region 10 Spring Conference held March 30-31 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

The Mark of Excellence Awards honor the best in collegiate journalism in the U.S. SPJ Region 10 includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. First place winners will advance to the national round of judging. National winners will be announced in late April.

The UM winners are:

Breaking News Photography

- First Place: "Gunshot" by Nick Gast.

Feature Writing

- First Place: "The girl I killed" by Billie Loewen.
- Second Place: "Failure & fortune on the frontier" by Lily Rabil.

In-Depth Reporting

- Second Place: "Pride and poison" by Heidi Groover.

Best Independent Online Student Publication

- First Place: "Native land, natural resources."

Radio Feature Reporting

- First Place: "Inner musings" by Adrienne Ellsworth.

Radio In-depth Reporting

- First Place: "Profiles in diversity" by Adrienne Ellsworth, Clark Hodges and Steele Williams.

Television Feature Reporting

- First Place: "A tough transition" by Katherine Kettering and Dizhi Gi.
- Second Place: "Undie run" by Emily Foster and Matt DeBray.

Television In-depth Reporting

- Second Place: "Connecting the (406)" by University of Montana Documentary Unit.

Television General News Reporting

- First Place: "One long route" by Gillette Vaira.
- Second Place: "Pine beetle" by Scott Ranf and Faith Cronin.
- Third Place: "Coal trains" by Scott Ranf and Stephanie Hanson.

Television Feature Photography

- First Place: "Pumpkins fly through the air at Punkin' Chunkin' Contest" by Bernie Riggs and Emily Foster.
- Third Place: "Big Sky Brain Project" by Emily Foster and Brad Peers.

Television News Photography

- First Place: "UM grad student brings lasting global connection to Missoula" by Bernie Riggs and Annemiek Wilson.

Television Sports Photography

- First Place: "2nd Annual Treasure State Shred Fest" by Maegan Simmons.
- Second Place: "Belegarth Medieval Combat" by Bernie Riggs.
- Third Place: "UM soccer" by Brad Peers and Emily Foster.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

Delta Gamma sorority took home University of Montana Greek Chapter of the Year honors during the annual Greek Life Awards Banquet held April 15 in the University Center Ballroom.

Distinguished guests at the banquet included Teresa Branch, UM vice president for Student Affairs; James McKusick, dean of the Davidson Honors College; and Bill Johnston, director of Alumni Relations and recent Phi Delta Theta initiate. Jess Munro, a professor in UM's Department of Political Science and a Phi Delta Theta alumnus, gave the keynote address.

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

Chapter awards:

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

Individual awards:

- **Outstanding New Member:** Ellen Brandell (Kappa Alpha Theta)
- **Outstanding Senior:** Travis Suzuki (Phi Delta Theta)
- **Outstanding Chapter President:** Kaitlin Moe (Kappa Alpha Theta)
- **Outstanding Community Outreach:** Tyce Dagele (Kappa Sigma)
- **Outstanding Campus Involvement:** David Schaad (Sigma Phi Epsilon)
- **Greek Man/Woman of the Year:** Jacob Hellyer (Sigma Phi Epsilon), Taylor Simon (Delta Gamma)
- **Outstanding Alumni:** Marcy Hossle (Kappa Kappa Gamma)

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.

More information is online at <http://life.umt.edu/greeklife/>.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

A pioneer in the field of organizational communication will discuss how his research in the field applies to diverse topics such as homelessness, the U.S. health care industry and NASA during a two-day visit to The University of Montana.

Phillip K. Tompkins, professor emeritus of communication and comparative literature at the University of Colorado, will deliver a colloquium and lecture on Monday and Tuesday, April 30-May 1, at UM. Both events are free and open to the public.

His colloquium, "Health Care, Communication and New Organizational Schemes for Conditions of High Complexity," will take place from 3:40 to 5 p.m. April 30 in Gallagher Business Building Room 119. Tompkins developed a unique understanding of complex organizations and the communication processes that enable these organizations while studying NASA during the Apollo era. In this colloquium, he will explore problems of the U.S. health care industry, another complex organizational system.

Tompkins will deliver a lecture, "Who is My Neighbor? Communicating and Organizing to End Homelessness," at 7 p.m. May 1 in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. It will focus on his work with the homeless, including the lessons he learned from volunteering at a homeless shelter in downtown Denver for 11 years and his role in developing the city's plan to end homelessness. The plan, called Denver's Road Home, was recognized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 2010 as a national model for helping the homeless.

Tompkins' lecture is sponsored by UM's Office of the Provost, Department of Communication Studies, School of Social Work, African American Studies Program, the Western Montana Spiritual Development Council and Emmaus Campus Ministry.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

Seven University of Montana students and recent graduates will travel to countries around the world as recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student scholarships for the 2012-13 academic year.

UM's 2012-13 Fulbright Scholars, hometowns, their areas of study and exchange destinations are:

- Peter Bordokoff, San Diego, geography, Georgia.
- Michelle Brown, Portland, Ore., teaching English as a foreign language, Vietnam.
- Lindsay Combs, Missoula, teaching English as a foreign language, Germany.
- Eleanor Lahr, Syracuse, N.Y., ecology, Norway.
- Melissa Sheedy, Billings, teaching English as a foreign language, Germany. (Sheedy declined the award to pursue a doctorate at the University of Wisconsin.)
- Jessica Stamler, Madison, Wis., teaching English as a foreign language, Spain.
- Kristen Zadick, Great Falls, teaching English as a foreign language, Mexico.

The Fulbright Program is the nation's leading international exchange program, operating in more than 155 countries. It is sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The campus Fulbright committee encourages students to apply for upcoming Fulbright awards. Interested students should call German Professor Liz Ametsbichler, campus Fulbright adviser, at 406-243-5001 or email liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 19, 2012

MISSOULA –

An economist whose current research focuses on the measurement and consequences of inequality in the world economy will deliver the final installment of the 2011-12 President's Lecture Series at The University of Montana.

James K. Galbraith, government professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will present "The Great Financial Crisis and the Dismal Science" at 8 p.m. Friday, April 27, in Urey Lecture Hall. The lecture also will serve as UM's annual Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture.

In conjunction with the UM Philosophy Forum, Galbraith also will present a seminar, "Inequality and Instability: A Summing Up of Evidence," from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. that day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public.

For more than 20 years, Galbraith has published major books on the economics of warfare and the causes and consequences of economic inequality in the world. He will discuss his most recent research findings on these crucial themes during his evening lecture.

After earning his doctorate in economics from Yale University in 1981, Galbraith held several Congressional staff positions, including executive director of the Joint Economic Committee. The current Lloyd M. Bentsen Jr. Chair in Government/Business Relations, he has taught economics and several other subjects in UT's Lyndon Baines Johnson School of Public Affairs.

Galbraith has published six books, including "Inequality and Instability: A Study of the World Economy Just Before the Great Crisis," "The Predator State: How Conservatives Abandoned the Free Market and Why Liberals Should Too" and "Unbearable Cost: Bush, Greenspan, and the Economics of Empire." He also writes a column on economics and political issues for the Mother Jones news organization and publishes occasional commentary in magazines such as The American Prospect and The Nation, as well as many major newspapers.

Information on the President's Lecture Series is online at <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures>.

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2012

MISSOULA –

Western Montana community leaders currently are hosting 10 female professionals from Vietnam, Thailand, Laos and Cambodia for short-term assignments in their offices as they participate in the U.S. Department of State-sponsored Professional Fellows Program.

The visits were made possible by a federal award to the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana.

The Mansfield Center represents one of 17 U.S.-based universities and organizations that received awards to bring more than 200 foreign professionals from more than 50 countries and territories worldwide to gain hands-on experience in public and private organizations across the United States. These April and May exchanges benefit UM and other participating American institutions, and expand networks of international cooperation on critical issues.

This year the Professional Fellows Program provides professional development opportunities to up-and-coming leaders in the fields of legislative process, women's empowerment and entrepreneurship. The focus of the UM program is the Women's Empowerment Project. The program is sponsored by the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Local organizations hosting the participants in Missoula include the YWCA, WORD, Montana Women Vote, Women's Voices for the Earth and UM's Rural Institute. Other hosts are the Ravalli County Economic Development Authority in Hamilton and the Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence in Helena. Countless others in both the private and public sectors also have been involved. In return, representatives of these organizations will travel to Southeast Asia to share their knowledge, broaden their perspectives on women's issues and learn about new cultures.

"The YWCA is honored to host two truly empowered women promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity in their respective Southeast Asian countries," said fellowship coordinator Patty Murphy of the YWCA. "Their time here with us has been invaluable in opening our eyes to the struggles – both similar and different – women face across the globe. The relationships our staff has forged with our international colleagues will carry with us for a lifetime."

At the conclusion of their fellowships, all participants will travel to Washington, D.C., to take part in the Professional Fellows Congress May 3-5. The congress marks the culmination of the exchange experience in the United States, providing a forum for participants to discuss best practices, meet other young leaders within their profession and develop concrete projects and networks they can implement upon their return home.

The State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs supports exchange programs that increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries. In 2012, nearly 500 foreign fellows, including legislators, entrepreneurs, health professionals, journalists, teachers, community activists, scientists, government officials and lawyers, will come to the United States under the Professional Fellows Program. More than 300 Americans will participate in reciprocal fellowship programs overseas this year under the program. About 50,000 individuals take part annually in exchange programs managed by the State Department.

UM's Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs. The center strives to uphold the ideals of revered Montana statesman Mike Mansfield (1903-2001) and his wife, Maureen Hayes Mansfield (1905-2000).

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UM NEWS



April 18, 2012

MISSOULA —

For the third consecutive year, the Princeton Review saluted The University of Montana as one of the nation's most environmentally responsible "green colleges."

UM made "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition," which profiles 322 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada that 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 in 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.

It also acknowledges UM's Farm to College program, which is dedicated to supporting the local economy and Montana's farming heritage by purchasing more food locally.

"Once again UM is recognized for creating a campus that conserves the natural resources we all depend on," said Cherie Peacock, UM sustainability coordinator. "The work under way provides students the opportunity to understand connections between people and the natural environment."

UM also facilitates a two-day summer workshop called Green Thread that helps faculty connect sustainability issues to core concepts in their own discipline with the goal of infusing issues of ecological, social and economic sustainability into courses across the UM curriculum.

"Programs like Farm-to-College and Green Thread infuse sustainability throughout the curriculum and everyday life at UM," Peacock said.

The 232-page book is the only free, comprehensive, annually updated guide to green colleges and is created 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 18, 2012

MISSOULA--

Students in the Culinary Arts Program at The University of Montana College of Technology will host the annual Capstone Dinner at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, in the atrium of Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula. The event is open to the public and tickets cost \$85 per person.

Students crafted the menu for this year's dinner, titled "SAUSSURE," which will explore the cuisine of the Alps. The event is named after Horace-Benedict de Saussure, who led the first expedition through the Alpine Range and is credited as the founder of alpinism, or the sport of mountaineering.

Graduating culinary arts students will translate cuisine from Lyon, France, to Vienna, Austria, to the shores of the Adriatic Sea by infusing dishes with seasonal Montana ingredients. The menu includes hor d'oeuvres, soup, a fish entrée, intermezzo, a meat entrée and dessert courses.

"The 2012 culinary class is proud to showcase the talents and knowledge they have acquired over the past two years," said COT Culinary Program Director Tom Campbell. "They look forward to presenting their Capstone Dinner to the public in a comfortable and interactive atmosphere."

Participants can purchase tickets by calling 406-243-7870. A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Proceeds from the event will support the COT Culinary Student Education Fund, which enables students to participate in competitions, exhibits, field trips, conferences and the Capstone Dinner.

For more information on the event, or to subscribe to the culinary program mailing list, email Campbell at thomas.campbell@umontana.edu or Kacey Swanson at kacey.swanson@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

Rising gas prices are likely to have a minimal effect on nonresident travel to Montana this summer, according to a recent survey conducted by The University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

The panel survey sampled 657 people from the U.S. and Canada, half of whom have made plans to visit the state this summer. Though potential visitors to Montana still plan to visit despite rising gas prices, travelers did indicate that if prices surge past \$4.41 a gallon, on average, they would likely change their spending patterns while in Montana.

"This study showed that Montana is still an important vacation spot for nonresidents," said Christine Oschell, director of the institute's panel surveys. "They will do what they need to do to keep Montana on their vacation list. This is important news, since tourism is a large and growing industry in Montana. In 2011, the combined economic impact of nonresident visitors to Montana exceeded \$2.7 billion, with more than 10.5 million visitors."

Other findings of the study include:

- Travelers were 20 percent less likely to change their Montana trip spending behavior compared to other trips because of gas prices. The study indicated 85 percent of travelers would spend less on discretionary items during their trips, but only 65 percent said they would do this while in Montana.
- 84 percent would change the number of pleasure trips they would take this summer, but only 12 percent might eliminate their Montana trip.
- 57 percent indicated they have made changes to their fuel consumption by reducing their daily driving, while 48 percent said they've reduced their weekend pleasure trips.

The study also revealed a similar pattern of behavior change occurred during the summer of 2008, when gas prices reached an average of \$4 per gallon. Currently, many people around North America have already reduced their daily fuel consumption in the same manner they did in 2008.

If gas prices reach \$4.41, Montana may experience a similar response, in which the number of nonresident visitors to the state could decline by 6 percent, and spending could decline by an estimated 15 percent. However, according to AAA, gas prices appear to have peaked in the past week, indicating that travel plans for the summer will likely not be interrupted.

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UM NEWS



April 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

More than 10.5 million out-of-state travelers visited Montana in 2011, a 1.6 percent increase over 2010, according to The University of Montana's Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research.

In addition to having more visitors during 2011, those visitors also spent more money in the state than in 2010.

"Nonresident travelers spent \$2.77 billion in Montana in 2011, which was a 10 percent increase over spending in 2010," said Kara Grau, the institute's assistant director of economic analysis.

She said that \$2.77 billion injection of outside money makes a significant contribution to Montana's economy.

"Nonresident spending directly supports \$2.2 billion of economic activity, more than 28,000 jobs and more than \$700 million in labor income," Grau said. "That is just the direct result of all of the goods and services purchased by nonresident travelers. When you add in the ripple effects of that spending – purchases made by travel-related businesses and their employees – the total contribution of spending by nonresident travelers in Montana is \$3.3 billion of economic activity, nearly 39,000 jobs and \$1.05 billion in labor income."

Tourism is a large, growing and diverse industry in Montana. While 85 percent of what travel groups spend in an average day goes toward gas, retail purchases, restaurants and accommodations, spending by nonresident travelers supports jobs across a broad range of industries.

"Jobs and income supported by traveler spending include everything from hotel and restaurant workers to outfitters and guides, retail store and gas station employees to hospital staff," said Grau. "Nonresident travel is a vital part of Montana's economy."

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UM NEWS



April 17, 2012

MISSOULA –

A memorial service was held Monday, April 16, at The University of Montana to honor Professor Scott Woods, who passed away April 7 after a long battle with cancer. Friends, family and colleagues from the College of Forestry and Conservation gathered together to tell stories and celebrate his life.

To honor his legacy, a memorial scholarship has been established in his name. The Scott Woods Memorial Scholarship will provide support to students within the forestry college to further their educational success in the study of hydrology, forest disturbance impacts on soils or water, the management of water resources, or forest or grassland restoration.

"Scott Woods always put the students first," said Jim Burchfield, forestry college dean. "He was an outstanding teacher, sought-after adviser and someone whose dedication to quality work served as a role model. His determination throughout his illness to keep working and continue his mentorship of the next generation of conservationists continues to inspire all who knew him."

Woods was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1966. He received his doctorate in earth sciences from Colorado State University in 2001 and then accepted a position at UM. In 2004, he became an associate professor and dedicated himself to teaching. During his life he participated in many adventures in Montana and around the world, including Morocco, Peru, Wales and Slovakia.

Those wishing to contribute to the Scott Woods Memorial Scholarship fund may send a check to The University of Montana Foundation, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula 59807-7159. Donations also may be made online at <http://SupportUM.org/woods> or by calling the foundation at 800-443-2593.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana will bring together a group of top experts from across Montana, the country and the world to examine the diverse issues of gender equality and women's empowerment during its annual conference this month.

The 27th annual Mansfield Conference, "Holding Up Half the Sky: Women's Leadership and Development," will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in the University Center Ballroom.

The conference, which organizers recently moved from the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room to accommodate increased interest, will feature panel sessions focusing on four components of gender equality and women's empowerment: law, development, leadership and violence against women.

This year's speakers include Kim Gandy, former president of the National Organization for Women and current vice president of the Feminist Majority; Aisha Rahman, executive director of Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights; Roma Bhattacharjea, United Nations senior gender adviser for crisis prevention; and Matthew Fletcher, director of the Indigenous Law & Policy Center at Michigan State University.

Local experts Luana Ross, Salish Kootenai College president; state House Rep. Diane Sands; and attorney Julie Sirrs also will present at the conference. Representatives from a southeast Asian delegation on campus, including a Vietnamese community development specialist and adviser to the prime minister of Thailand, also will attend. The delegation is in Montana as part of the U.S. State Department's Women's Empowerment Project, which is managed by the Mansfield Center.

A complete schedule is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/Conference>.

Rooted in the tradition of public education and service embodied by the career of former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield, the Mansfield Conference focuses on important themes of public policy and leadership.

The conference is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Participants should reserve a spot by calling 406-243-2988 or going online to <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield>.

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UM NEWS



April 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has designated Friday, April 20, UM Employee Recognition Day to show appreciation to all employees and to celebrate the impressive contributions they make to the success of the University.

UM Employee Recognition Day will be celebrated throughout campus and will conclude with a reception for all employees from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Members of the UM Pep Band will kick off the event with a performance, and a group of UM students will drum and perform a Native American Jingle Dress Dance.

The reception will include hors d'oeuvres, faculty and staff awards, prize drawings and celebration of "Griz family — living connected."

To help UM employees acknowledge colleagues and co-workers who have contributed to their success at UM, the planning committee has set up a recognition website that allows employees to send a personal message of appreciation. Messages can be posted at <http://www.umt.edu/recognition/> until 5 p.m. Thursday, April 19, and will be delivered to recipients on Employee Recognition Day.

For more ideas about ways to recognize the valuable contributions of employees, colleagues and co-workers, call UM Employee Recognition Day Committee co-chairs Sara Drake at 406-243-5705 or Amy Kinch at 406-243-5897. More information is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/president/events/umerd.php>.

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April 16, 2012

MISSOULA –

Gov. Brian Schweitzer will speak at the International Development Studies program spring reception at The University of Montana.

The fifth annual reception runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. A short program will start at 4 p.m. The reception is open to IDS students and faculty and anyone interested in the IDS program. Members of the media are invited to attend.

UM's IDS minor is an interdisciplinary course of study that prepares students for the interconnected challenges of social, political, economic, cultural and environmental change taking place in low-income countries and low-income regions of wealthy countries.

Students in the program develop knowledge and skills appropriate for work in nongovernmental organizations, international and bilateral government development organizations, the U.S. Peace Corps and its equivalents, and community-development groups.

Since the program started in the 2005, more than 260 students have opted to pursue the IDS minor. This spring, 23 students will graduate with the minor. Most also have elected to receive the Peace Corps Prep Program certificate that comes with completion of coursework for the minor. The governor will join program faculty in honoring this year's IDS graduates.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

University Dining Services at The University of Montana will host several events in its campus restaurants to observe Earth Day 2012 and celebrate the benefits of its sustainable business practices. UDS Earth Week events kick off Monday, April 16, and run through Friday, April 20.

The UDS Garden Season Opening is set for noon Monday. The UDS Garden, located on the southeast side of the Lommasson Center, will offer a demonstration of how to build a worm bin for composting food scraps. Attendees will be given free veggie seeds and a sample pouch of the dry, odorless, nutrient-rich material that is produced by UDS' Hobart pulper and two SoMat solid waste dehydrators.

The pre- and post-consumer waste generated in the Food Zoo Dining Room is first mixed with water and then pulped and dehydrated. The resulting growing material returns to the earth what used to be thrown away as trash.

At 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, La Peak Coffee Shop will present different documentary films addressing issues of sustainability, food sources and health issues relating to personal food choices. The schedule for the Earth Week Film Festival is: "Forks Over Knives" on Monday, about how our modern diet is killing us; "Ingredients" on Tuesday, which examines how the local food movement is taking root; "Tapped" on Wednesday, which explores how the use of plastic bottles for soft drinks and water is destroying the ecosystem; and "Food, Inc." on Thursday, which provides a critical look at corporate farms and farming methods. There is no film Friday. Admission and fresh popcorn are free for all films.

The Food Zoo Dining Room will present its third annual salute to the Slow Food movement, the Orso Family Ristorante Experience, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. The Food Zoo will be made to resemble a family-owned Italian restaurant. The lunch menu will feature authentic Italian fare such as deep-fried artichoke hearts, Caesar salad, creamy polenta with parmigiano-reggiano, portobello ragout and tiramisu. The event will feature a continuous pasta-making demonstration. Lunch guests will be entertained by the Fabulous Sergio, whose old country charm and songs will make this a memorable dining experience.

The University Center Food Court Commons will be host 13 local Montana food providers for the UM Farm to College Vendor Fair on Thursday. Along with current University FTC food-producing partners, additional Montana farmers and vendors will display and sell their wares from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During the vendor fair, contestants in the Earth Week Trivia Contest, which begins at 12:15 p.m., have a chance to win one of two raft trips provided by Campus Recreation's Outdoor Program. UDS Earth Week T-shirts also will be awarded in random drawings.

Food specials featuring FTC food items will be offered in the Cascade Country Store in the Lommasson Center, Biz Buzz Coffee Shop on the first floor of the Gallagher Business Building and in the UC Food Court at Patty Shack and Casa Nina. Additionally, three bicycles will be awarded as prizes in Coca-Cola sponsored promotions at Cascade Country Store, Biz Buzz and the UC Food Court.

For more information about UDS Earth Week events and promotions, visit <http://www.umt.edu/dining> and click on the "Earth Week" link. Information about the Slow Food USA movement is at <http://www.slowfoodusa.org>.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

The 10th Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at The University of Montana will be held Wednesday through Friday, April 18-20. All events are free and open to the public.

The conference 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 18:** "Unwinnable Wars, Wasted Billions: A Solution to Afghanistan?" Presenter: Edward Girardet, journalist, writer and producer.
- **Thursday, April 19:** "Central Asia in Transition: Will Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan Go Through Their Own 'Central Asia Spring'?" Presenters: Jeff Renz, UM law professor; Anvar Askarov, visiting scholar from Kyrgyzstan; and Erica Marat, George Washington University.
- **Friday, April 20:** "A Chinese Future for Central Asia?" Presenter: John Fox, U.S. Army War College international relations professor and U.S. State Department foreign service officer. Montana Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger will give opening remarks.

Other conference events are listed below. A complete schedule is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/cswa/>.

Thursday, April 19

- **10-11:30 a.m.:** "Discovering Central Asia."
- **12:30-2 p.m.:** "The Centrality of Central Asia and the Middle East: Why Do I Study Central and Southwest Asian Studies?"
- **2-3:30 p.m.:** "Human Rights and the Arab Spring in Occupied Palestine."
- **3:30-5 p.m.:** "Terrorism, Insurgency & the Arab Spring: A Framework for Discussing Challenges for the Policy Makers from Here to Central Asia."

Friday, April 20

- **10:30 a.m.-noon:** "Prehistoric Central Asia Revisited."
- **12:30-2 p.m.:** "The Arab Spring: A Chinese Perspective."
- **2-3:30 p.m.:** "United States, Iran, and Israel: The Prospects of a Military Confrontation."

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

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana is providing teaching candidates with a career fair to network with regional, national and international school districts on Sunday and Monday, April 22-23.

Teacher candidate registration begins at 12 p.m. in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center. Teacher candidates then can attend Montana school district information sessions until 5 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Welcome & Strategy Session will go over what to expect at the career fair and will include a school administrator and teacher candidate during a mock interview.

On Monday, April 23, school districts will participate in a traditional career fair setting. Out-of-state school districts will host information sessions in the University Center from 8 to 10 a.m. At the career fair, school districts greet, network with and interview teacher candidates throughout the day. The career fair is open to UM teacher candidates and the public. The fair runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

School districts and teacher candidates can register, see what school districts are attending and find a schedule of events at <http://www.umt.edu/ecf>. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services at 406-243-6150.

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UM NEWS



April 13, 2012

MISSOULA –

The public is invited to enjoy the unique talents of some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America at the 44th annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at The University of Montana Adams Center.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Empowerment through Education." It recognizes the strength and perseverance of Native people and culture, as well as the commitment of Native American students who have embarked on the path to embrace education and strengthen their families and communities.

Doors open at 5 p.m. Friday, with a Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, with Grand Entries at 1 and 7 p.m.

General admission costs \$5 for Friday evening. An all-day pass for Saturday sessions is \$8, while admission for the Saturday evening session costs \$5. Weekend passes are available for \$12. Children 6 and under, as well as elders 55 and older, get in free. Dancer registration is \$5. Tickets and passes can be purchased at the door. The celebration helps support the mission and goals of the UM Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association.

Head dancers this year are Walter Runs Above and Shawnee SkunkCap. More information on the Kyi-Yo Celebration is online at <http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo/>.

The 19th annual Kyi-Yo Basketball Classic will be held April 20-21 in conjunction with this year's celebration. More information about the tournament is online at <http://www.umt.edu/kyiyo/basket.htm>.

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

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

Tip Toland, one of the nation's foremost figurative ceramic sculptors, will present a lecture about her work on Tuesday, April 17, and demonstrate her techniques on Wednesday, April 18, at The University of Montana.

Her Tuesday lecture kicks off at 6:10 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356. Her Wednesday demonstration runs from noon to 5 p.m. in the ceramics studio of the Art Annex, located on the south side of the Adams Center. Both events are free and open to the public.

Toland has won numerous awards for her work, including a 2009 Jean Griffith Pottery Northwest Grant, the 2004 Virginia Groot Award and a 1986 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Award. She has exhibited extensively throughout the United States, with one-woman shows at the Barry Friedman Gallery in New York City in 2012 and the Bellevue (Wash.) Arts Museum in 2008.

A Seattle Post Intelligencer reviewer wrote of the Bellevue show: "Tip Toland's life-sized stoneware figures carry their weight lightly. None of her stunted children, naked elderly or solitary middle-aged is bogged down by class, oddity or circumstance ... (her sculptures are) transformed by material evidence of inner light."

Toland's visit is sponsored by the UM School of Art, the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM Emerging Ceramic Artists student group. For more information contact Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or the School of Art at 406-243-4181.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana's seventh annual Day of Dialogue will be held Thursday, Oct. 25, at the University Center, and the organizing committee has issued a call for proposals for workshops, topics and presenters.

The free daylong symposium brings campus and community members together for lectures, performances and exhibits that encourage discussions about diversity.

Participants explore topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. Day of Dialogue events are created by UM students, staff and faculty members and community members.

The day is an opportunity to showcase research, explore professional interests or share experiences related to topics of diversity. All campus members are encouraged to submit proposals. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate or model diversity through civil discourse.

Applications for proposals are available online at <http://www.umt.edu/dod>. The application deadline is Friday, May 25.

Applications can be submitted by mail to University Center 232, Attn: Day of Dialogue Proposals Committee, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-0112. Applications also may be emailed to dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu.

If you have any questions regarding your proposal, call Melissa Steinike, Proposal Outreach Committee chair, at 406-243-4734 or email melissa.steinike@umontana.edu. People also can call Peter Donaldson, Day of Dialogue student coordinator, at 406-243-5622 or email dayofdialogue@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2012

MISSOULA--

University of Montana Assistant Professor Mike Rosulek recently received the National Science Foundation's most prestigious award for junior faculty.

The Faculty Early Career Development award, also known as a CAREER grant, is given annually to junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research.

CAREER grant awards generally range from \$400,000 to \$1 million. Rosulek will receive \$492,588 over five years, which will support his research in secure multi-party computation, a branch of cryptography.

Secure multiparty computation allows mutually distrusting parties to collectively carry out a particular task such as statistics, data-mining or fair randomness generation, while still preserving the privacy of the raw data to the greatest extent.

According to Rosulek, as society becomes increasingly reliant on powerful interconnected computing devices, the problems of combining functionality and information privacy become increasingly relevant.

"The college is very happy for Mike," said Chris Comer, dean of UM's College of Arts and Sciences. "He is being recognized for his high-quality science and his potential for broad impact on future computer scientists. We strongly agree with that assessment."

Each year, between 350 and 400 assistant professors nationally earn CAREER grants. Rosulek joins other UM scientists who have received this honor in the past.

Last year, geosciences Assistant Professor Rebecca Bendick earned the award for her research on different spatial scales and styles of tectonics in southwestern Montana and nearby Idaho, using high-precision GPS and mathematical modeling.

Bendick said understanding continental tectonics helps us to understand how mountain ranges grow and evolve, when river systems rearrange and redistribute habitat and species, and where large and small earthquakes may occur.

UM had multiple researchers earn the five-year awards in 2008 and 2009. Biology Assistant Professors Vanessa Ezenwa and Creagh Breuner received them in 2008, while chemistry Assistant Professor Klara Briknarova and biology Assistant Professors Lila Fishman and Art Woods received the 2009 awards.

"We have had a good run with these CAREER awards," said David Forbes, interim vice president for research and development. "The number of awards we've received in recent years show the commitment of our faculty and excellence in innovative ideas."

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UM NEWS



April 12, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Student Assault Resource Center will host its fifth annual Walk a Mile in Their Shoes event from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, on the Oval. The focus of this year's event is to empower everyone to be an engaged bystander, as well as continue to support ending sexual assault and relationship violence.

During the march, men and women will show their commitment by walking a mile around the Oval in fun and funky shoes. Participants are encouraged to bring any kind of shoes they wouldn't normally wear, such as flippers or high heels.

The walk also is open to the public, as well as UM students, staff and faculty. Prizes will be awarded for the best walks, best shoes and most enthusiasm.

Registration is \$3 for participants who bring their own shoes and \$5 to borrow a pair from SARC. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Oval.

All proceeds will benefit SARC, the on-campus advocacy center for survivors of interpersonal violence. SARC also focuses on outreach, education and violence prevention.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Music will host the 32nd annual Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

For more than a decade, the festival has been named for celebrated clarinetist DeFranco, who has visited Missoula each year to collaborate with the UM jazz program and world-class jazz artists. Unfortunately, due to health concerns, DeFranco may still attend this year's festival but will not be able to play with the featured artists or students.

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 Bob Sheppard on saxophone and Ignacio Berroa on drums. All festival events will take place in the University Theatre.

On Friday, Sheppard will give a clinic for UM students at 1 p.m. and will perform in concert with the Jazz Festival Trio and the UM Jazz Band at 7:30 p.m. Berroa will present a clinic for UM students at 1 p.m. Saturday and perform with the trio and jazz band at 7:30 p.m. A festival jam session will follow at 10 p.m.

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. All seating is reserved.

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

More information on the festival is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/music/node/271>.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

The 57-page winter 2012 issue of the Crown of the Continent e-magazine has been released and can be found online at <http://issuu.com/crown-continent/docs/crown-winter-11>.

Articles in this issue include "Memories of 'The Bob,'" "The Rocky Mountain Front: A Profile" and "Frank F. Liebig: Ranger." Tony Bynum also provides a stunning montage of landscape and wildlife photography.

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

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

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

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

For more information, email Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, initiative co-directors, at umcrown@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

Students from The University of Montana's Wildland Restoration Program will lead volunteers in restoring sections of Mount Sentinel's M Trail for Earth Day on Saturday, April 21.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and volunteers are welcome to drop in for any amount of time. Crews will plant native plants, pull weeds, cover non-trails and build a stair structure on switchback No. 7.

Volunteers are asked to bring their own water and snacks and wear work-appropriate clothing. Lunch will be served at noon. Participants are asked to RVSP by emailing hannah.riedl@umconnect.umt.edu.

The event is sponsored by students in the Wildland Restoration Program and the Society for Ecological Restoration Student Guild.

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UM NEWS



April 11, 2012

MISSOULA –

"The Montana Monologs," a series of pieces culled from the oral histories of Montana ranch women, will be performed at 6 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at the Missoula Children's Theatre, located at 200 N. Adams St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Written by playwright and University of Montana staff member Wendy Woollett, the show will feature two monologs: "Epiphany," based on the late Lynn Wolfe's life on the Burnt Fork Creek Ranch in Stevensville and performed by Deborah Goslin; and "7UP," based on Missoulian Pat Shepard's experiences on the 7UP Ranch in St. Ignatius and performed by Gretchen Spiess. Musician Paul Kelley's original score will accompany the acts.

The performance is part of Missoula County Public Schools' weeklong Create Missoula event. Admission to each Create Missoula event is \$1. For more information visit <http://www.createmissoula.org>.

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students will read their original works during “Poetry-For-Lunch” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library Lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

Students whose creative works were accepted for publication in *The Oval*, UM's undergraduate literary magazine, or who are enrolled in Professor Joanna Klink's Advanced Poetry Class will present. The reading coincides with the launch of the 2012 issue of *The Oval*, which will be available for purchase at the event.

The Mansfield Library and UM Department of English will sponsor the event, which celebrates National Poetry Month.

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

On April 12, students, faculty and visitors will have a chance to thank the more than 14,508 University of Montana donors. PHILanthropy Day, also known as PHIL Day, will celebrate the generosity of UM donors and recognize the role private gifts play at the University.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Oval, the UM Foundation will have a station where students, faculty and staff can sign a “Thank You” banner to UM donors. Students that sign it will get a free Bernice’s Bakery cupcake or Big Dipper Ice Cream. From noon to 1 p.m., the local funk/soul band MalFUNKtion Junction will play. Buildings on campus funded by private support will be “tagged” with red ribbons, and signage around the Oval will list facts related to philanthropy at UM.

“On campus, we have the advantage of seeing the need for private support firsthand – most notably in the students we interact with daily,” said Jerry Evans, a management and information systems professor and chair of the 2012 Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign. “As faculty and staff, we also have the opportunity to do something about these needs. Modest gifts can collectively add up to something transformational.”

The UM Foundation distributed \$12 million to the University during the 2010-11 academic year, including \$3.3 million for scholarships and awards, \$5 million for academics and institutional support, and \$3.7 million for facilities and equipment.

“Students benefit every day from the generosity of people from around the country,” said Becca Millsap, Senior Challenge 2012 chair. “PHIL Day is an opportunity to remind campus of the impact of these gifts and to say a special thank you to UM donors for their continued support.”

The UM Foundation’s mission is to ensure the University’s excellence, access and affordability through a public/private funding partnership. For more information about PHIL Day or how to make a gift, call Lauren Clark at 406-243-2456 or email lauren.clark@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 10, 2012

MISSOULA –

To increase effectiveness and decrease costs, The University of Montana has developed GrizMart, a new electronic procurement system to deliver one-stop shopping across its campuses, empowering its users to shop in an online private marketplace.

UM's partner in the effort is SciQuest, a leading provider of integrated, Web-based electronic procurement solutions for higher education.

GrizMart automates labor- and paper-intensive procurement and accounts payable tasks, such as order creation and invoice processing, freeing staff to focus on more strategic priorities. The new system makes the procurement experience easy, efficient and effective for its end-users.

State of Montana and UM procurement rules and regulations still apply and have been built into the GrizMart system. UM plans to go live with GrizMart at its central Missoula campus May 1.

The University completed the initial GrizMart implementation in July 2011, going live with a limited pilot group of users from several departments. UM completed the final implementation in October 2011 by adding a settlement-manager module, which automates and streamlines receiving, matching and invoicing processes.

UM will fully automate its invoice processing by using software technology to electronically scan all of its paper invoices and feed directly into GrizMart for payment processing. To support this effort and maximize internal controls, UM also will centralize the distribution of vendor invoices to its accounts payable department on May 1.

Invoices must be emailed to accountspayablebillto@mso.umt.edu or mailed to the address below unless stipulated otherwise on the purchase order:

University of Montana
 Accounts Payable
 32 Campus Drive
 Missoula, MT 59812-2304

Vendors also must note that the only two authorized buying methods moving forward are either an official UM purchase order or purchasing card number. For more information on how to do business with UM, visit the "Information for Vendors" webpage at <http://www.umt.edu/bussrvcs/Employees/Services/Procurement/InformationforVendors.aspx>.

For more information on GrizMart, visit the GrizMart Customer Service website at <http://www.umt.edu/bussrvcs/Employees/Services/Procurement/GrizMart/default.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana invites the public to participate in annual Earth Week activities April 14-22, on campus and around the community.

Events kick off at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14, with the 20th annual Run for the Trees 5K walk and run. The race, sponsored by Missoula Parks and Recreation, starts and ends at McCormick Park, and all participants receive a T-shirt and a free tree seedling to plant. Race entry costs \$20 for ages 12 and younger and \$25 for teens and adults.

Earth Week activities also will include Earth Service Day and the Ecopentathlon on Saturday, April 21. Service opportunities start at 9 a.m. and include river cleanup, prairie restoration on Mount Sentinel, sorting recyclables on campus and helping prepare UM's food gardens for another growing season.

Those willing 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.

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

- **Noon, Sunday, April 15, Kiwanis Park:** Dig Day with 1000 New Gardens. Volunteers will help put food gardens in Missoula's backyards. Participants should bring a water bottle, work clothes and wear old clothes. Call 208-731-2444 or email 1000newgardens@gmail.com for more information.
- **7:30 p.m. Monday, April 16, University Center Theater:** Free screening of "YERT." Docu-comedy about finding hope in sustainable solutions that communities create.
- **Noon Tuesday, April 17, UC Atrium:** Trash Bash Fashion Show. Students will model outfits made from recycled or reused material. Free and open to the public.
- **7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, Gallagher Business Building Room 122:** "Vanishing of the Bees." Film that documents the alarming disappearance of bees and the meaning it holds for human food security and the Earth's future. Will feature guest speaker and UM bee researcher Jerry Bromenshenk. Free and open to the public.
- **Noon Friday, April 20, UM Oval:** Earth Day Celebration. Event will include games, music and displays by student and community groups. Free and open to the public.
- **3-6 p.m. Friday, April 20, UMFLAT, 633 Fifth St. E.:** UMFLAT open house. Features a local food barbecue, live music and a silent auction. Suggested donation of \$3 to \$5.
- **7:30-11 p.m., Saturday, April 21, Union Hall, 208 E. Main St.:** Earth Service Day Dance. The Missoula Folklore Society will host easy-to-learn country folk dances; no experience or partner needed. Admission is \$9 for the public, \$6 for MFS members, \$4.50 for Earth Service Day participants and free for ages 15 and younger.

For more information on Earth Week, call UM environmental studies Professor Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or email vicki.watson@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2012

HAMILTON –

The Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day by hosting a Great American Cleanup event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 28.

About 50 volunteers are needed to do cleanup and beautification of the campus at 274 Old Corvallis Road and collect litter along the road. Students, community members and children are encouraged to attend. Volunteers should wear work gloves, sunscreen and dress for the weather. Participants are asked to RSVP by calling the BCP office at 406-375-0100 or emailing kathleen.oleary@umontana.edu.

BCP also is seeking the donation of five ponderosa pines to plant in honor of Arbor Day and 25 low-growing juniper for campus beautification.

Partners in BCP's Great American Cleanup are Keep America Beautiful, Bitter Root RC&D, the Ravalli County Economic Authority, Zaxan Coffee Roasters, Bitterroot Disposal and the Ravalli County Fairgrounds.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

An international photographer and filmmaker who has worked for CNN, The New York Times, PBS Frontline/World and UNICEF will bring his insights about taking risks, exploring the globe and connecting internationally to The University of Montana for the School of Journalism's 2012 Dean Stone Lecture.

Thomas Nybo, who has worked in more than 70 countries and now is based in Atlanta and Port-au-Prince, Haiti, will present "Danger Lessons: How Embracing Risk Can Lead to Job Security and Personal Fulfillment." The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, in Gallagher Business Building 106. It is free and open to the public.

"I'm a big fan of risk," Nybo said. "Risk is much-maligned and misunderstood. I'll be speaking on behalf of risk and offering a few stories of how the best moments in my career have all benefitted from embracing risk, whether it was spending a month in the largest garbage dump in Central America, filming a documentary about a fearless girl who lived alone in a refrigerator box, navigating Haiti on a cheap motorcycle or exploring the Darien Gap in a dugout canoe. I also have some cool photos to share."

A 1995 graduate of the UM School of Journalism and a Helena native, Nybo started his journalism career at the Choteau Acantha. Last summer, he was photographer for New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof during a five-country tour of Africa for a special report in the Times.

"Thomas has a keen eye for a compelling story," said Morgan Neill, former CNN Havana bureau chief. "But more importantly, he's relentless in pursuing that story. Whether it's in the slums of Nairobi, a war zone in Iraq or the jungles of Central America, Thomas has the kind of drive that it takes to confront the inevitable obstacles and come back with a gripping piece of journalism."

Nybo was an embedded CNN war correspondent in Iraq and reported for CNN from Ground Zero during the week of Sept. 11, 2001. He was one of the first CNN journalists to report, shoot and edit his own stories using lightweight digital video cameras and laptop editing systems.

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 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University Center at The University of Montana will host the annual Spring Art Fair Thursday through Saturday, April 19-21, on the first floor of the UC. The event is free and open to the public.

Vendors at the fair will sell unique, handcrafted art from local and regional artists, including jewelry, photography, clothing, ceramics and more. The fair also will feature live music and door prizes. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 406-243-5622 or visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc/artfairs>.

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UM NEWS



April 09, 2012

MISSOULA –

Andy Ambelang, who graduated from The University of Montana last spring, recently placed second in the multimedia news category of the national Hearst Journalism Awards.

Ambelang was recognized for his multimedia story "Prize and Poison" about oil drilling on the Fort Peck Reservation. The story was part of the spring 2011 Native News Honors Project at the UM School of Journalism. Students cover issues on all seven reservations in Montana for stories that run in a printed newspaper tab and online. His story can be viewed at http://nativenews.jour.umt.edu/fort_peck.html.

Ambelang will receive \$2,000 for his second-place entry, and the School of Journalism will receive a matching grant. He is currently is traveling in Southeast Asia and researching a story about climbing in Cambodia.

The Hearst Awards, often referred to as the "college Pulitzers," accepts contest submissions from students at nationally accredited journalism programs. The program annually awards more than \$500,000 in prizes, stipends and grants. A total of 106 undergraduate programs at colleges and universities are eligible to participate.

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UM NEWS



April 06, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host the 11th annual Graduate and Faculty Research Conference from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 14, on the third floor of the University Center.

The conference is free and open to the public and offers an opportunity for the public and University students and staff to observe a broad range of topics that span the breadth of research interests and initiatives at UM.

Around 100 projects, including 30 research posters, will be available for viewing from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

Graduate students and faculty members will participate in a roundtable presentation titled “Globalization and Cultural Heritage: The Changing Face of Anthropology in the 21st Century” from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

More information is available online at http://www.umt.edu/grad/Grad_Research_Conference/default.php.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Montana Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case of Donaldson & Guggenheim, et al. v. State of Montana on Friday, April 13, at The University of Montana.

The session will start at 9:30 a.m. in the University Theatre with an introduction to the case. Hosted by the UM School of Law, the session is free and open to the public.

Jan Donaldson and Mary Anne Guggenheim, along with five other same-sex couples in committed, intimate relationships, are bringing a constitutional challenge against several Montana laws under which same-sex couples cannot obtain the same public and private benefits provided to married opposite-sex couples.

The Montana Constitution guarantees equal protection of the laws, privacy and other rights, but an amendment approved by voters in 2004 provides that marriage is only valid between a man and a woman.

The Montana Supreme Court will consider whether those rights entitle same-sex couples to the same benefits provided to married couples, and whether the Montana Legislature must enact new laws providing those benefits to same-sex couples.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2012

MISSOULA –

The current clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States will offer his insights on the history of the court and its current operation during a lecture this month at The University of Montana.

Retired Maj. Gen. William K. Suter will present this year's James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law, titled "The Supreme Court Today," at noon Thursday, April 12, in the School of Law Castles Center.

The event is hosted by the Montana Law Review, and it is free and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will immediately follow the lecture.

Suter enjoyed a long career with the U.S. Army, serving in several legal capacities, including as Army judge advocate and chief judge of the U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. He assumed his post as clerk of the Supreme Court in 1991. As clerk, he manages the court's docket and calendar, oversees the Supreme Court Bar and attends all oral arguments, among other duties.

The annual lecture honors Judge Browning, who graduated from the UM law school in 1941. He served as the clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court from 1958 to 1961. In September 1961, President John F. Kennedy nominated him to serve on the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, where he remains a sitting judge. The building that houses the Ninth Circuit Court in San Francisco was named in his honor.

While at UM, Browning was the editor-in-chief of the Montana Law Review. Suter continues the publication's tradition of inviting the greatest legal minds to Montana to present this lecture.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2012

MISSOULA –

Two researchers at The University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station have received one of the state's highest honors for their work in conservation.

The Montana Environmental Information Center honored research Professor Jack Stanford and research Assistant Professor Bonnie Ellis with its 2012 Conservationist of the Year award at a recent ceremony.

Jim Jensen, MEIC executive director, said the award is the highest recognition of lifetime achievement in environmental conservation in Montana. It was first awarded posthumously to former lawmaker and conservation pioneer Lee Metcalf. Other recipients include K. Ross Toole and Arnold Bolle.

"Jack and Bonnie fit the description as perfectly as any recipient ever has," Jensen said. "Their world-renowned research has been translated to ordinary citizens to understand the complexities of the Flathead Basin, in ways that are extremely rare in science. ... We cannot hope for sound policies to guide our actions without the scientific basis, and it is only possible for policymakers to make informed decisions if they can understand the implications of scientific research, and that is what Jack and Bonnie do best."

Stanford, who also serves as the station's director, has studied the ecology of the Crown of the Continent ecosystem for more than 30 years, and has directed research at FLBS since 1973. He has received nearly a dozen state and national awards for his research and contributions to river ecology.

Ellis specializes in limnology, the study of inland waters, and her Flathead Lake research has ranged from the physiological ecology of the lake's phytoplankton to its food web dynamics.

"We are very pleased and proud to receive this award," Stanford said. "It underscores the importance of the work at the biological station to the people of Montana."

More information on the biological station is online at <http://umt.edu/flbs>.

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UM NEWS



April 05, 2012

MISSOULA –

KBGA College Radio 89.9 FM at The University of Montana will celebrate its annual spring party, Fools Night Out, at 9 p.m. Friday, April 13, at the Badlander and Palace Lounge in downtown Missoula. Admission to the show is \$2 for those 21 and older and \$7 for those under 21. The event is open to ages 18 and up.

Fools Night Out will feature five bands and DJs from across the state, including Billings, Bozeman, Whitefish and Missoula.

Logisticalone, a DJ from Missoula, tweaks and edits some of his favorite artists together to produce his live show.

DJ Jason Root of Bozeman has a broad taste in genres, but he mainly mixes house music, striving for an underground sound.

DJ Keshie, from Whitefish, strives to create a unique auditory experience that listeners connect with on a deeply emotional level.

BOYS is an all-girl garage band that pumps out riffs and beats, while SICK KIDS XOXO focus defiantly on heartbreak, love, pain, elation and insight into creating an affecting and beguiling atmosphere of heartfelt self-examination and a wider commentary on the world's flaws.

Local band Rooster Sauce's sound has been described as "confident, mid-tempo, swaggery dirty rock."

All proceeds from KBGA's Fools Night Out will benefit the student-run, educational nonprofit station. More information is available online at <http://www.kbga.org>.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2012

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 Monday through Friday, April 9-13.

A reception honoring UM's Student Employee of the Year and all student employee nominees will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12. Career Services will award a \$500 scholarship to UM's Student Employee of the Year, who will be announced at the reception. The event is sponsored by the Office of Career Services, Dining Services, Residence Life and the University Center.

Throughout the week, all student employees will receive a distinctive button to wear, honoring them for their contributions to the University. Several campus employers will celebrate student employees by offering rewards to those wearing their buttons. Visit <http://www.umt.edu/nsew> to see the offerings.

Studies show students who work part time on campus tend to achieve higher grades, faster degree completion and greater satisfaction with school while experiencing 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.

For more information on National Student Employment Week, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator in UM's Office of Career Services, 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>.

For more information on celebrating student workers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/nsew>.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2012

MISSOULA —

The University Center at The University of Montana will host its second annual Billiards and Table Tennis Tournament starting at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 15. Table tennis competition will take place in the UC Ballroom, while the billiards tournament will be held in the UC Game Room.

UM students, faculty and staff can participate for \$10, and community members can compete for \$15. Participants are encouraged to register in advance online at http://life.umt.edu/uc/uc_game_room/.

All skill levels are welcome, and there will be advanced and beginner divisions. Tournament winners will receive prizes, and lunch will be provided to all participants who register online. Competitors must be present at 9 a.m. for sign-ups.

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UM NEWS



April 04, 2012

MISSOULA –

Nearly 40 percent of Montana's school-aged children received free or reduced-price lunch at school during the 2010-11 school year because their families could not afford to pay for adequate food, according to a Montana KIDS COUNT report released last week.

As poverty rates continue to rise in Montana, the school lunch program is growing steadily and sometimes provides the only meal these children receive all day, said Thale Dillon, director of Montana KIDS COUNT at The University of Montana's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Dillon co-wrote the report, "When Children Go Hungry," with Daphne Herling, senior research analyst with Montana KIDS COUNT.

Poverty rates in Montana rose from 13 percent in 2007 to 15 percent in 2010, with the poverty rate for children increasing from 17 to 20 percent over the same period, Dillon said. About 48,000 children across the state are at risk of going hungry on a given day.

Increasingly, Dillon said, schools serve as distribution sites for food because that is where children spend the largest part of their day. Schools also are the point of delivery for afterschool snacks and weekend food through the Backpack Program.

It's not just households living in poverty that are vulnerable to food insecurity and hunger, Dillon said. Data show that families are at risk until they reach annual income levels of at least \$41,350. Montana's median income in 2010 was \$42,670.

Childhood hunger has far-reaching effects in the areas of physical and mental health, according to the report, which emphasizes alternate approaches to keeping children from being hungry.

"Ultimately it is society that pays the price for children going hungry," Dillon said. "To compensate for and fix the problems created by a lack of nutritious food in childhood diets can put heavy burdens on state and national budgets in the form of increased health care and health insurance costs, increased education costs, and an unqualified and unprepared workforce."

To read the full report, go to http://www.montanakidscount.org/Issue_Briefs.

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UM NEWS



April 03, 2012

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, on the third floor of the University Center.

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

This year, more than 120 projects will be presented, including more than 70 research posters that will be on display from 11 a.m. to noon and from 3 to 4 p.m. in the UC Ballroom.

UM history Assistant Professor Tobin Shearer will give the conference keynote address, "Prayer, Guns, and Civil Rights: How to Craft New Research Questions," at 12:20 p.m. in the UC Theater.

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

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

Volunteers and staff at Montana Public Radio are gearing up for the station's annual Spring Pledge Week. The on-air fundraising event begins at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 14, and ends at midnight Sunday, April 22, following the wildly popular "Pet Wars."

Contributions can be made online anytime at <http://www.mtpr.org> or by calling 406-243-6400 or 800-325-1565 from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Member and sponsor donations account for 65 percent of the station's annual funding, the majority of which is raised during Spring Pledge Week.

"We've been able to grow our service for Montana primarily through contributions from listeners who value MTPR," said William Marcus, the station's general manager. "We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from listeners around western Montana and beyond."

Hundreds of businesses and individuals throughout western Montana donate thousands of items and services that are used as thank-you gifts for listeners' financial donations. Some of the most popular items are goat compost, a day of sailing on Flathead Lake, homemade cakes and pies, weekend ski trips and gift certificates for dinners, massages, yard work and more. Premium donations will be accepted until noon Thursday, April 19.

"Spring Pledge Week is a busy but happy time at MTPR," said Linda Talbott, MTPR fundraising director. "We get to hear how we are doing from thousands of members and visit with our volunteers – it's like a big family reunion."

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

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

University of Montana student Zachary Brown has been awarded a \$30,000 Truman Scholarship and – for the second time – a \$5,000 Udall Scholarship. UM student David Schaad also won a \$350 Udall Honorable Mention award.

Brown, a junior, majors in environmental studies with a minor in climate change studies. He is a 2009 graduate of Bozeman High School and the son of Jim and Lynda Brown of **Bozeman**.

"This just makes me feel very grateful," Brown said. "The process for these scholarships is very intensive, and it takes a group effort among a lot of folks on campus to make this happen. I never could have done this on my own, and I appreciate how they helped create this life-changing opportunity for me."

Brown is UM's 12th Truman Scholar and 35th Udall Scholar. He also is a Presidential Leadership Scholar in UM's Davidson Honors College. He plans to study and then work in water law with an emphasis on water allocation, land resources conflicts and public diplomacy. He intends to work for a nonprofit organization and engage in politics to advocate for water policy and other environmental issues.

Many leadership activities helped Brown win the prestigious Truman and Udall scholarships. He served as a board member, project coordinator and grant writer for 1,000 New Gardens-Montana. His work on that project led to his being one of three students invited to attend the first Clinton Global Initiative-America meeting in Chicago in June 2011.

As outreach coordinator for the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, Brown managed the donation and installation of a 2.8-kilowatt solar array. Brown also represented the state of Montana at the Henry Clay Center Student Congress in June 2011. He served as a watershed restoration intern for the Greater Yellowstone Coalition during summer 2011 and co-wrote a 30-page research report on watershed restoration and climate change.

In addition, Brown co-founded and organizes events for the Montana Student Environmental Alliance, which brings students from schools across Montana together for environmental training and planning at regional conferences. He also is a project developer for the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund energy-saving projects and currently is working on developing a Montana University System-wide energy-efficiency initiative.

Brown participated in a UM climate change studies study-abroad program to Vietnam, and as a freshman served as one of the UM student representatives to the 2009 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Schaad, a junior, majors in environmental studies and Spanish with minors in Latin American studies and international development studies. He is a 2005 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School in Portland, Ore., and the son of Laurie Hoff Schaad and Paul Schaad of Portland.

"I am deeply humbled and grateful for this recognition," Schaad said.

Schaad is UM's 10th recipient of the Honorable Mention award from the Udall Foundation. He currently is on a semester of study abroad at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaiso in Valparaiso and Viña del Mar, Chile, where he is designing an independent research project to investigate the social ramifications of the effects of climate change, especially on agriculture. He plans to earn a master's degree in environmental education, serve in the Peace Corps in Latin America and teach environmental studies.

Schaad serves as a board and outreach committee member for Rocky Mountain Power Shift, Community Action for Justice in the Americas, and the Peace and Justice Film Series. He is a student board member and tech contact for the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and board member for Students for Economic and Social Justice and 1,000 New Gardens-Montana. Schaad also volunteers with Climate Action Now and serves as a cultural ambassador with the International Student Association. He has completed an internship with the PEAS Farm, taught a Freshman Interest Group seminar on climate change studies and completed a year of AmeriCorps service.

Schaad is an Eco-Rep for UM and a member of the Sustainable Campus Committee and ASUM Sustainability Committee. He starts recycling programs at all his workplaces and educates his peers about environmental issues. He traveled to Guatemala in 2010 with UM's Environmental and Social Justice study-abroad program.

This year, the Truman Scholarship Foundation, established by Congress in 1975, awarded 54 scholarships to students who demonstrate outstanding potential for public service and are committed to making a difference through careers in government, the nonprofit or advocacy sectors, or education.

The Udall Foundation recently awarded scholarships to 80 students based on their commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy; leadership potential; and academic achievement. The review committee also awarded 50 Honorable Mention scholarships.

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UM NEWS



April 02, 2012

MISSOULA –

The second installment of the Native American & Minority Health & Cultural Competency Lecture Series is slated for Tuesday, April 10, at The University of Montana.

Margaret P. Moss, associate professor at the Yale School of Nursing and director of its Nursing Management, Policy and Leadership Specialty Program, will present “American Indian Elders: Usual Models of Care.” The lecture will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Skaggs Building Room 169.

Moss, the only American Indian woman to hold both nursing and juris doctorates, is an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota. Her lecture will explore whether traditional models of care fit the unique geographical, political and cultural needs of American Indian elders.

Sponsored by UM’s Skaggs School of Pharmacy and the Native American Center of Excellence, the lecture series provides health care professionals and students in the campus community the opportunity to learn more about the health care needs of diverse groups in the United States.

More information about the Native American Center of Excellence is available online at <http://www.health.umt.edu/nacoe>.

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April 02, 2012

MISSOULA –

The Creative Writing Program at The University of Montana will host readings by two acclaimed poets this month as part of its Spring 2012 Reading Series. Both events are free and open to the public.

Elizabeth Robinson, the program's Hugo Visiting Writer for spring semester, will give a reading at 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. Robinson is the author of eight books of poetry, including "Under That Silky Roof" and "Apostrophe." Robinson is a winner of the National Poetry Series and also has received the Fence Modern Poets Prize. She currently is co-editor for the EtherDome Chapbook series and Instance Press.

Garrett Hongo, a distinguished professor of arts and sciences at the University of Oregon, will read his poetry at 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Dell Brown Room. Hongo has published three collections of poetry: "Coral Road: Poems," "The River of Heaven," which was a finalist for the 1988 Pulitzer Prize, and "Yellow Light." He also is the author of three anthologies, as well as "Volcano: A Memoir of Hawaii." He's received many awards, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim and Rockefeller foundations.

The Fact & Fiction bookstore will sell the poets' books after each reading, and both authors will be available for signings.

More information is available online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing/.

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UM NEWS



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MISSOULA –

A leading scholar on Middle Eastern issues who was charged with espionage and imprisoned by her native country will deliver a community lecture at The University of Montana this month.

Haleh Esfandiari, director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, will discuss current Iranian policy and the role of women in society during “Iran: Fractured Leadership, Fractured Foreign Policy” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, in the University Center Ballroom.

The lecture is sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Montana, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to engaging Montanans on global issues, along with a grant from Dirk and Kim Visser and Allegiance Benefit Plan Management. It is free for council members and students and costs \$5 for the general public.

Esfandiari has worked as a journalist, deputy secretary general for the Women’s Organization of Iran and as deputy director of an Iranian cultural foundation. She also taught Persian language and literature and courses on the Iranian women’s movement at Princeton University.

While visiting her mother in Iran in 2006, Esfandiari was arrested and charged with espionage by the Iranian Ministry of Intelligence in connection to her work with the Woodrow Wilson center. After eight months of imprisonment and intense interrogation, she was allowed to return to Washington, D.C., to continue working toward the center’s goals of dialogue and diplomacy as the means to achieving international peace and stability.

Esfandiari documented her solitary confinement in Tehran’s Evin Prison in her book, “My Prison, My Home: One Woman’s Story of Captivity in Iran.” Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing after her lecture.

More information is available online at <http://montanaworldaffairs.org/>.

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