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MISSOULA – Due to winter weather, the University of Montana has canceled tonight’s Alan Scott Pate lecture on two rare Japanese Friendship Dolls. The lecture had been scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The lecture will be rescheduled. For more information on the event, visit http://news.umt.edu/2014/02/022414doll.aspx.
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UM Celebrates Women’s History Month, Woman Suffrage

February 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Throughout March, departments and programs in the University of Montana College of Humanities and Sciences, along with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and the UM School of Music, will host events and exhibits in celebration of Women’s History Month and the centennial of woman suffrage in Montana.

On Nov. 3, 1914, women won the right to vote in Montana. During the past 100 years, women in Montana have continued to fight for reform and equality. The exhibit “Women in Montana Politics” will be on display from March 1 to Aug. 30 in the Theta Rho Room on the fourth floor of the Mansfield Library. The exhibit also is online at http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/women-in-politics.

A separate exhibit, “Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship,” will be on display in the Mansfield Library Lobby from March 17 to April 18. The exhibit was created through a $7,500 grant from Humanities Montana. Following its display at UM, the exhibit will be donated to the Montana State Library, allowing schools, libraries, museums and community groups across the state to borrow and display it.
Several events will be held in conjunction with the exhibits and also in recognition of national Women’s History Month. All events are free and open to the public. The schedule is:

- **Monday, March 10:** “Picturing the Arguments about Woman Suffrage,” a lecture by Catherine Palczewski, professor of communication studies and women’s and gender studies at the University of Northern Iowa; 3:40-5 p.m., Liberal Arts Building Room 302, sponsored by the UM Women’s and Gender Studies Program and the Department of Communication Studies.

- **Wednesday, March 12:** “Taking Action: A Political History of Women in Montana,” a lecture by Diane Sands, women’s history scholar and former Montana state representative; 5:30-7 p.m., Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room, sponsored by the Mansfield Library and Humanities Montana.

- **Thursday, March 20:** Women’s History Month Recital, featuring suffrage songs performed by the UM Women’s Chorus; 2:10-3 p.m., Music Recital Hall, sponsored by the UM School of Music.

- **Thursday, March 20:** “Federal Mothers: What Happened When Women Went to Work in the U.S. Indian Service,” the Maxine Van de Wetering “Women Making History” lecture presented Cathleen Cahill, associate professor of history at the University of New Mexico; 7 p.m., Gallagher Business Building Room 106, sponsored by the UM African-American Studies Program, Department of History, Women’s and Gender Studies Program and Faculty Development Office.

- **Wednesday, March 26:** “Leading the Way: Montana Woman Suffrage and the Struggle for Equal Citizenship,” exhibition opening reception featuring suffrage songs performed by the UM Women’s Chorus; 1:10-2 p.m., Mansfield Library Lobby, sponsored by the UM African-American Studies Program, Department of History, Mansfield Library, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, Office of the President, the Missoula chapter of the American Association of University Women and Humanities Montana.

For more information call UM Professor Anya Jabour at 406-243-4364, email anya.jabour@umontana.edu, call the Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections at 406-243-2053 or email library.archives@umontana.edu.

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Chief of U.S. Forest Service to Speak at UM

February 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Thomas Tidwell, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, will speak at the University of Montana on Tuesday, March 4, as part of the Wilderness Lecture Series. He will speak from 7:10 to 8:30 p.m. in the Urey Lecture Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Tidwell will discuss Forest Service Wilderness Areas as part of the spring series “Room to Roam: 50 Years of Wilderness Policy, Practice, Protection and Passion.”

Tidwell has spent 37 years in the Forest Service in various positions at all levels of the agency, including district ranger, forest supervisor and legislative affairs specialist for the Washington, D.C., office. He was named chief in 2009.

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Scholar to Lecture at UM on Imagery of Woman Suffrage Movement

February 27, 2014

MISSOULA – In celebration of Women’s History Month, the University of Montana will host Catherine Palczewski, professor of communication studies and women’s and gender studies at the University of Northern Iowa, for a lecture titled “Picturing the Arguments about Woman Suffrage” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Monday, March 10, in Liberal Arts Building Room 302.

In 1909, at the height of the woman suffrage controversy and during the golden age of postcards, the Dunston-Weiler Lithograph Co. of New York produced a 12-card set of full-color lithographic cartoon postcards opposing woman suffrage. In her lecture, Palczewski will explore the ways these postcards reflected debates about woman suffrage, the “new woman” and gender in early 20th century America.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Palczewski’s visit is co-sponsored by the UM Women’s and Gender Studies Program and Department of Communication Studies. The event is held in conjunction with Women’s History Month and the centennial of Montana woman suffrage.

For more information call UM Professor Anya Jabour at 406-243-4364 or email anya.jabour@umontana.edu.
More information about Women's History Month events and exhibits at UM is available online at http://www.cas.umt.edu/wsprog/.

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MFA Thesis Exhibitions to Open at UM Gallery of Visual Arts

February 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Thesis exhibitions by University of Montana Master of Fine Arts graduate students James Louks and Sarah Tancred will be on display March 13-27 in the UM Gallery of Visual Arts. An opening reception for the exhibits will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 13. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

Louk’s exhibition of mixed media works, “Once Achieved, What is it Worth?” examines the contemporary social, political and physical landscape of the rural American West. For the past three years, his research has explored the myths and misconceptions associated with this area and how these illusions misinform, distort and bastardize the cultural norms of the region.

This work attempts to remove the romantic facade of Charles M. Russell, John Wayne and others in favor of a more authentic rendition of the West’s historical and contemporary condition, which reflects a history of violence, greed, brutality, isolation and shame.

Tancred’s exhibition, “Just Leftovers,” incorporates ceramic and mixed media works that examine the woman’s
role within the domestic realm and its evolution over time. The artist aims to create an awareness of women’s inequality historically, but also to expose the inequality, biases and double standards that continue to exist in our contemporary society. Tancred communicates these ideas through the use of recognizable objects that generally are associated with femininity and domesticity.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is located on the first floor of the Social Science Building. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and Monday hours are available by appointment only. More information about the UM School of Art is online at [http://www.umt.edu/art](http://www.umt.edu/art).

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UM Students Warned to be Cautious of Work-at-Home Scams

February 27, 2014

MISSOULA – Last week, multiple University of Montana students received a scam email claiming they had been selected to perform a mystery shopping assignment in return for payment. UM and the Better Business Bureau warn students to be wary of such offers.

This scam asked students to receive a FedEx package with a check for $1,890, deposit the check into their personal bank account and then “mystery shop” the post office by purchasing money orders with funds from the fake check they received. The scammers would have asked for the money orders from the student before the fake check bounced, leaving the student liable for the bad check.

According to the Better Business Bureau, students often are targeted for work-at-home scams because they have busy schedules. The BBB offers the following tips to avoid this and other scams:

- **Do thorough research.** Get as much information about the job listing and the business as possible. Investigate the business at [http://www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org) to make sure it is accredited and in good standing. Ask the employer for references from current employees to ask them about their experiences. If the business will
not provide references, walk away from the job. Search online for the business name and the word “scam” to see if anything comes up.

- **Avoid “get-rich-quick” offers.** Be cautious of jobs that provide a large salary with little work. Do not take offers that claim you will become rich quickly. Avoid jobs that disregard the fact that you have no prior experience in that field.

- **Keep your money.** Be on the lookout for offers that require you to spend upfront fees to work for a business. Real employers do not charge you. Avoid offers that require you to pay a fee for startup kits. Be cautious with your personal bank account information and never let a business use your personal account to do a job.

- **Do not deposit checks from strangers.** Be wary of a check you receive from an unknown source, because fake checks can look legitimate. If you are asked to deposit a check then wire a balance or get a prepaid debit card with the funds, this is a red flag of a potential scam. A legitimate job would not provide you with payment then ask you to send the money back.

- **Ask questions.** Ask the employer exactly what task you will be responsible for and what you will be doing. Ask the company how you will be paid, how often you will be paid, when you will receive your first check, and how much the check will be for.

- **Check legal requirements.** Work involving medical billing often requires a specific license. Check with your state’s attorney general. Some work is restricted and can’t be done from home.

One UM student who was targeted by the recent scam asked the company questions about its legitimacy. When she informed the scammers she would not participate they threatened to turn her in to the police. Students are not breaking any laws by asking a potential employer questions about their company and the job.

If you have been targeted by a work-at-home scam, report it to local police at the UM Office of Public Safety by calling 406-243-6131 or the Missoula Police Department by calling 406-552-6300, and report it to the Better Business Bureau by calling 509-455-4200.

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MISSOULA – The 2014 spring semester headcount enrollment at the University of Montana is 13,554, a number that meets enrollment projections and reflects the high number of degrees awarded at the end of fall 2013.

The spring enrollment is a 6.7 percent decrease from last fall’s enrollment of 14,525, which the University anticipated.

Universities usually see a decline from fall to spring semester, said Peggy Kuhr, vice president for integrated communications. “Under normal circumstances, you’re going to lose about 5 percent for spring semester, and we had a higher graduation number this past fall than in previous fall semesters.”

The University awarded 836 degrees in fall 2013, 88 more than the previous fall and almost 200 more than fall 2010, the University Registrar’s Office reported.

In the past several years, UM has added more resources to help current students stay in school and on track to graduation. The University also has redesigned and increased recruitment efforts with help from faculty, staff and students across campus.
“We have made significant changes to assure greater student success and to reach out to more prospective students – in person and through mail and email – to tell them about the tremendous educational opportunities at UM,” Kuhr said. “Our talented faculty, especially, are key to this effort.”

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Missoula – Julia Ohman, a first-year graduate student in the University of Montana Creative Writing Program, is the winner of this year’s Merriam-Frontier Award.

Ohman will read from her winning fiction submission, “Vertical Streets,” from 4:10 to 5 p.m. Friday, March 7, in the Theta Rho Room of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. The reading is free and open to the public.

The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and includes a $500 prize and funds to publish the winning entry as a chapbook. The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate students each autumn semester.

The judges, local writers Lois Welch, Bridget Carson and Ginny Merriam, chose Ohman’s collection of stories because she “shows such maturity in the development of characters, as well as a masterful control of plot.”

Frontier, later titled Frontier and Midland, was a distinguished quarterly journal founded and edited by H.G. Merriam and published at UM from 1920 to 1939. Contributors included then-emerging talents Wallace
Stegner, A.B. Guthrie Jr., William Saroyan, Dorothy Johnson, John Mason Brown, Weldon Kees, Thomas McGrath and many others. A particular strength of the journal was its frequent publication of work by young authors, a tradition the Merriam-Frontier Award honors and continues.

The reading is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the Mansfield Library. For more information call Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/creativewriting.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research has hired Bryce Ward as its new director of health care industry research.

Ward received a doctorate in economics from Harvard and a bachelor’s degree in economics and history from the University of Oregon. His areas of expertise include econometric analysis and applied microeconomics – including health economics, labor economics, urban and regional economics, public finance, and environmental and natural resource economics.

Before joining BBER, Ward spent nine years providing expert testimony and policy analysis as a senior economist at Portland-based consulting firm ECONorthwest. He has taught courses in economics and public finance at Harvard University, Lewis and Clark College, the University of Oregon and Portland State University.
“We are thrilled to have someone with Bryce’s experience and deep knowledge of health economics to fill this key position,” said BBER Director Patrick Barkey. “Given the complexities and opportunities of health care policy, Bryce is up to maintaining the high standards of health care research the bureau is known for while taking the program in new directions.”

BBER has provided information about Montana’s state and local economies for more than 60 years, including its important role monitoring markets, trends, industry structure and costs related to the shifting health care landscape in Montana. Visit http://www.bber.umt.edu for more information.

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MISSOULA – The second annual interdisciplinary graduate student recruitment event will be held Friday, Feb. 28, at the University of Montana.

The event invites graduate applicants to explore five UM graduate programs: chemistry; cellular, molecular and microbial biology; biochemistry and biophysics; neuroscience; and biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences.

The all-day event begins at 10:30 a.m. in the University Center Room 326 and will feature oral research presentations from outstanding faculty and students, a luncheon and graduate student poster session. Each program also will have activities throughout the afternoon, and an evening reception in The Payne Family Native American Center will follow.

Last year’s recruitment event drew more than 25 talented applicants from across the country, many of whom joined one of the participating graduate programs. The interdisciplinary graduate student recruiting events are sponsored by UM’s Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, the Division of Biological Sciences, the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences and
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the Office of the Vice President of Research and Creative Scholarship.

For more information call Cathy Jo Beecher, program coordinator at UM's Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, at 406-243-6003 or email cathy.beecher@umontana.edu.

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UM Hosts Ceramic Artists During Archie Bray Day on March 11

February 25, 2014

MISSOULA – Three ceramic artists from the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena will demonstrate their techniques and lecture on their work Tuesday, March 11, during the annual Archie Bray Day at the University of Montana.

Events will run from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Artists Giselle Hicks, Adam Field and Andrew Gilliatt will demonstrate their work from 10:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4:45 p.m. in the Ceramics Studio of UM's Art Annex, located south of the Adams Center. A lecture and slide show of the artists’ work will be held from 5:10 to 6:30 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356.

Hicks received a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Syracuse University in New York in 2001 and a Master of Fine Arts from New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University in 2010. She has been a resident artist at Anderson Ranch in Colorado and the Arts/Industry Program at the Kohler Arts Center in Wisconsin. Hicks' current work primarily is slip cast and is inspired by decorative textiles and patterns found within the domestic realm, such as quilts, bedding, wallpaper and embroidered tapestries.
Born in Colorado, Field received a Bachelor of Arts from Fort Lewis College in Durango. After working as a studio potter in San Francisco and Maui, he spent most of 2008 in Icheon, South Korea, studying traditional Korean pottery-making techniques under sixth-generation Onggi master Kim Il Mahn. Field now creates two distinctly different lines of work: wheel thrown carved porcelain functional wares and traditional Korean coil/paddle constructed stoneware vessels.

Gilliatt graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in graphic design from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg in 2003. He was later a resident artist at Red Star Studios in Kansas City, Mo. Gilliatt received his Master of Fine Arts in ceramics from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 2011. Gilliatt's highly designed functional work is slip cast in a variety of colors and adorned with intricate patterns of custom decals.

Archie Bray Day is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM School of Art. For more information call UM art Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or call the School of Art at 406-243-4181.

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UM President Visits Bitterroot Valley on Sixth Stop of Outreach Tour

February 18, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom heads to the Bitterroot Valley as part of the “We are Montana” tour of the state. Engstrom and other UM leaders will travel to three towns Thursday, Feb. 20, to meet with and listen to educators, alumni, students and community members.

“The Bitterroot Valley, with its two-year UM-affiliate Bitterroot College, is close to our central campus, so it’s vitally important to visit and strengthen our ties whenever possible,” Engstrom said. “We always work to improve our connections with all Montanans across this great state and share the stories of our outstanding students, faculty and alumni. This outreach tour will help us achieve those goals.”

The sixth leg of the tour travels to Florence, Stevensville and Hamilton.

The UM Alumni Association will host a community event from 5 to 7 p.m. at Higherground Brewing, located at 518 N. First St. in Hamilton. Community members will be able to meet with Engstrom and connect with alumni and friends. It is free and open to the public, and participants are encouraged to wear Griz gear.
University officials aim to visit numerous high schools on this leg of the tour, including Florence-Carlton High, Stevensville High and Hamilton High.

Prior legs of the president’s “We are Montana” tour stopped in 26 towns, traveling a total of 3,500 miles. Engstrom will conclude his tour in March with visits to Great Falls and Lewistown.

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**Note to the media:** Interviews with Engstrom may be arranged in advance by calling Rebecca Power, assistant to the president, at 406-243-2311 or by emailing [rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu](mailto:rebecca.power@mso.umt.edu).

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Seattle Pianist Starcevich to Perform for UM Celebrate Piano Series

February 25, 2014

MISSOULA – Seattle-based pianist and master teacher Sasha Starcevich will be featured at the Celebrate Piano VI concert in the University of Montana’s Music Recital Hall at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2.


After hearing the MTNA-Kawai Junior National Piano Competition in California in March 2013, UM Professor Steven Hesla was not surprised when Starcevich’s remarkably well-taught 11-year-old student became the national winner. Nathan Lee was the youngest competitor and the first of the seven national finalists to perform.

“When I heard him, I thought, ‘This is going to be tough to beat,’” Hesla said. “Winning nationals is the equivalent of winning an Olympic gold medal. A pool of nearly 500 competitors in all 50 states, aged 11-14,
Seattle Pianist Starcevich to Perform for UM Celebrate Piano Series - UM News - University Of Montana

enter the preliminaries of this prestigious competition each year, and the top prize confirms the talents of both student and teacher.”

While at UM, Starcevich will serve as the master teacher for the UM’s annual Keyboard Festival. The public is invited to a free piano master class from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in the Music Recital Hall, and UM piano majors will continue to benefit from Starcevich’s insights throughout the day on Saturday, March 1.

Since receiving his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Yale University in 2003, Starcevich has continued to thrill audiences in the U.S., Canada and Europe. He has performed recitals at New York’s Carnegie Hall, Moscow’s Tchaikovsky Hall, Windsor Castle and in London’s Wigmore Hall.

His students are prizewinners of local, national and international awards, and Starcevich is in frequent demand as a performer, adjudicator and presenter of master classes throughout North America, Russia and China.

For more information on the Celebrate Piano Series, call Hesla at 406-243-6055 or email steven.hesla@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The Office of International Programs at the University of Montana invites the community to discover international topics at its Brown Bag Lecture Series. This semester’s lecture series features presentations from faculty on internships, award-winning research and faculty-directed teaching service research abroad.

All lectures will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in the Presidents Room in Brantly Hall. The full schedule is:

- **Wednesday, Feb. 26:** College of Forestry and Conservation Dean Jim Burchfield presents on “International Sustainability Internships at UM.” Burchfield has experience as both a rural sociologist and a forester, and his major interest centers on how people reside and interact with forest and grassland settings in a productive, harmonious manner.

- **Tuesday, March 25:** Geosciences Professor George Stanley shares his experiences networking between the U.S. and Japan during his recent Japanese BRIDGE program this past semester at Kumamoto University. Stanley was honored as a Fellow of the Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science at the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C., following this collaborative research.

- **Wednesday, April 16:** Physical Therapy Professor James Laskin speaks about his continued program in
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Thailand in teaching service research and his students' involvement. Laskin's research specializes in applied exercise physiology, sports and recreation for people with physical disabilities, physical fitness for disabled populations, and health promotion and secondary condition risk reduction.

- **Tuesday, May 6**: Professor Chris Palmer from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry discusses the research that led to him receiving the Fulbright-Brazil Scientific Mobility award and what he plans to research during his visit the laboratory of Professor Fernando Lancas at the University of São Paulo Institute of Chemistry in São Carlos, Brazil, in 2015. Palmer is an analytical chemist specializing in the development of novel polymeric materials for application in microscale liquid phase separations, and in the application of separations methods to environmental analysis.

For more information on the lecture series, visit [http://umt.edu/international-programs/oip-brown-bags](http://umt.edu/international-programs/oip-brown-bags), call Linda Ellersick at 406-243-6865 or email linda.ellersick@umontana.edu.

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Renowned Scholar to Speak at UM About Rare Japanese Friendship Dolls

February 24, 2014

MISSOULA – Author Alan Scott Pate will present a lecture on two rare Japanese Friendship Dolls on view in the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana as part of the exhibition titled “The Japanese Woodblock Print: An Extension of the Impermanent.” His lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

In addition to the dolls, the exhibition includes historic Japanese woodblock prints from the MMAC Permanent Collection as well as the George and Claire Louden Collection, on loan from the Carr Gallery of the Idaho Falls Arts Council and traveling through the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association. The exhibition will be on view through Saturday, April 19, in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the PAR/TV Center.

In 1927, the Japanese government sent 58 Friendship Dolls as a gesture of goodwill in response to the 12,739 “blue-eyed” dolls American children sent to Japan through the Committee on World Friendship Among Children earlier that same year. The 58 Japanese Friendship Dolls represent the 47 prefectures, four territorial holdings, six principal Japanese cities and the Imperial household.
The Friendship Dolls arrived first in the Port of San Francisco and were displayed as a single group for the only time in their history at the Kimnon Gakuen Japanese Cultural Center. Crafted by the most celebrated doll artists in Japan, each doll was outfitted in a silken kimono and with accessories such as lacquer ware furnishings, sandals, tea sets, personal gifts, a ship ticket and a passport. All of the dolls measure 32 inches in height and were designed with unique facial features.

The dolls appeared in nearly 500 different cities across the U.S. before being permanently placed in children’s museums, libraries and other cultural institutions, where they could continue to fulfill their mandate as ambassadors of friendship and goodwill. During World War II, many dolls were removed from display and forgotten.

Pate, who is the author of “Ningyō: The Art of the Japanese Doll” and “Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World of Ningyō,” has researched and photographed the 47 known dolls for his upcoming publication, “Art as Ambassador: The Japanese Friendship Dolls of 1927.”

On view are Miss Tottori, courtesy of the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre, S.D., and Miss Aomori, courtesy of Pate.

The MMAC's hours during the academic year are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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**Note to media:** Digital images from the exhibitions are available. Call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu to request images.

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Law School Alumnus Donates $800,000 for Scholarship at UM

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Law has announced the largest outright gift in its history from Alexander “Zander” Blewett III and his wife, Andy, of Great Falls.

The $800,000 gift will create the Blewett Scholars Fund, providing three scholarships to incoming students who have first earned bachelor’s degrees from Montana State University in Bozeman. Each scholarship will pay for half of the recipients’ School of Law tuition and be renewable for the duration of the three-year program.

“My father graduated from the University and had a storied career as a trial lawyer,” Blewett said. “Now my sons have also graduated from UM and follow in the family tradition. We’ve all been so fortunate to acquire these skills at the University of Montana School of Law. The quality of the program, starting with the faculty, truly prepares its students in trial tactics and appellate arguments – our law school experiences have been instrumental to the successful careers we’ve been able to develop.

“I hope these scholarships will provide more incentive for the next generation of MSU students to obtain the quality of education that the School of Law provides.”
The first Blewett Scholars will be announced in fall 2014.

“The University of Montana School of Law is a beacon for the people of our state and beyond,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “Graduates protect our rights, maintain our liberties and guide our state’s legal system. It is a true privilege to have the support and long-standing relationship with the Blewett family, and we are so grateful for their visionary and generous gift today. We look forward to accepting more excellent students from MSU.”

UM School of Law Dean Irma Russell says scholarships attract the most promising students to Montana and create a more diverse student population.

“Having support in law school allows for students to consider public service or community service – paving the way for the next generation of civic leaders, judges, governors and law professors,” Russell said.

The Blewett family has a longstanding relationship with the School of Law, with Blewett becoming a second-generation graduate in 1971. Blewett’s father, Alexander Blewett Jr., graduated from the institution in 1938, and Zander Blewett’s sons, Anders and Drew, graduated from the school in 2007.

Blewett learned the value of education from his father, who was born in Butte in 1913. His father earned his bachelor’s and law degrees from UM then moved to Great Falls where he raised a family with his wife, Fern.

Today, Zander Blewett and his sons practice law at one of the Big Sky’s pre-eminent law firms, Hoyt & Blewett, where Blewett is the managing partner and one of the top trial lawyers in the nation. He is the only Montana lawyer admitted to the Inner Circle of Advocates, an association limited to 100 litigators in the United States. He was the only Montana lawyer to be admitted to the 100 Mountain States Super Lawyers of 2012. Blewett also has been the Montana Trial Lawyer of the Year twice.

The Blewett family also helped fund new athletic facilities at Montana State University and have given generously in the past to the UM School of Law through the Law School Building Fund.

“The University of Montana School of Law is one of our state’s greatest educational resources,” said MSU President Waded Cruzado. “The gift from Zander and Andy Blewett demonstrates a true commitment to the next generation of leaders and helps Montana State students set their sights on a valuable legal education.”

Currently, the School of Law has twice as many UM graduates enrolled as MSU graduates. The Blewett Scholars Fund will encourage more MSU graduates to continue their education at UM.

“This gift from the Blewett family is an opportunity to build bridges between our two flagship institutes, and a way to retain quality Montana graduates,” says Zachary Rogala, Montana University System Board of Regents member, and MSU graduate now attending the School of Law. “At the end of the day, it’s another step in the long history of Montana community members investing in our state. Many thanks to the Blewett family.”

The gift, which is made through the University of Montana Foundation, aims to make a UM education available to more students through increased scholarship support.
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UM Celebrates Diverse Culture During India Week

February 21, 2014

MISSOULA – For the second year in a row, the University of Montana’s India Advisory Council will bring a series of talks, performances, exhibits and events to campus March 1-7 to engage students, faculty, staff and members of the community in the diverse Indian culture.

“Many people in Missoula are very interested in the paradoxes that constitute India,” said council chair Ruth Vanita, liberal studies professor at the University. “We hope to break down stereotypes and facilitate dialogue.”

The weeklong series kicks off at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in Skaggs Building Room 114, with an interactive demonstration on how spices can be used to optimize health and the science behind it. A classical Bharatanatyam dance performance by Ganesh Vasudeva of San Francisco at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. This event is sponsored by South & Southeast Asian Studies with support from several other units. Vasudeva also will present, “The Mathematics of Indian Classical Dance,” a lecture and demonstration from 10:30 a.m. to noon, Monday, March 3, in Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center Room 005. All dance performances are free to the public.
Other highlights of India Week include screening of the award-winning movie “Tales of the Night Fairies,” in which unionized sex workers in Kolkata talk about their own lives and choices. The screening begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in the University Center Theater and will be followed by a faculty-led discussion.

Students interested in studying abroad in India can learn about opportunities provided by UM during a study-abroad presentation from 3 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, in the University Center Room 332. In addition, journalism students who spent winter session reporting on environmental and conservation issues in India will share their adventures from 12 to 1 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in Don Anderson Hall. The meeting room will be posted at building entrances.

For more information contact Ruth Vanita at 406-243-4894 or email ruth.vanita@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Class of 2014 will join in the tradition of giving a gift back to UM this spring. This year’s seniors will again partner with the UM Farm to College Program to provide a lasting gift to the University and future students.

The Senior Class Gift Committee is raising funds from graduating seniors to purchase a garden wash station for the FTC Program. The station will help grow sustainable agriculture at UM and provide even better produce to students.

The campaign, run by student volunteers and the UM Foundation, is intended to educate students about the importance of philanthropy. The goal is participation, whether it’s $5 or $50, no gift is too small. And the end result – a gift back to campus – is a visual reminder to future seniors about giving back to UM.

“I’m excited to play a role in the Senior Class Gift campaign. I have so much appreciation for what the classes before me have left behind, and I look forward to contributing to the tradition,” said Molly Adamson, Senior Class Gift coordinator.
Adamson has embraced philanthropy as a student at UM, serving as both a student caller and manager of the UM Foundation’s phonathon.

“UM has given me so much during my college career,” Adamson said. “I’m a big believer in giving back and I hope my classmates will join me in doing so.”

The campaign officially launched Feb. 13, and donors have the option of giving $20.14 to receive a campaign T-shirt. Shirts will be available from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 24-28, in the University Center. They also can be received with a donation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the UM Foundation office in Brantly Hall.

The Class of 2014 will be highlighted at the Griz basketball game at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in Dahlberg Arena. Students wearing the Senior Class Gift shirt will receive a 2014 water bottle and a free drink coupon. T-shirts will be available for purchase during the game at the student entrance.

Previous year’s Senior Class Gifts include solar panels for the FTC Program greenhouse behind the Lommasson Center, the greenhouse itself, a map at the M on Mount Sentinel, benches, trees and bike racks.

To make a donation or to learn more about the campaign, visit http://www.supportum.org/classgift, call Adamson at 406-243-5611 or email molly.adamson@mso.umt.edu.

You can follow the Senior Class Gift campaign on Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/UMSeniorClassGift or on Twitter at http://www.twitter.com/UMClassGift.

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UM Ranked One of 100 Best U.S. Colleges and Universities

February 20, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has been ranked one of the top 100 Best U.S. Colleges and Universities by The Best Schools. One university and one liberal arts college from each state was included in the ranking, with Carroll College taking Montana’s other top spot.

According to The Best Schools, the rankings are based on the reputation of a school, its faculty, its dedication to a broad liberal arts education, its accreditation and its overall academic caliber compared to other institutions in the same state. The rankings lean toward schools with a more dominant liberal arts and humanities focus, which offer a broader range of excellence across the curriculum.

“It is important that we continue to pay attention to the ability of our colleges and universities to deliver a full liberal arts-based experience,” said Chris Comer, dean of the UM College of Humanities and Sciences. “This academic core, which we have always had at the University of Montana, continues to give students exposure to understanding life’s most enduring questions and to provide crucial skills in communication, critical thinking and cultural sensitivity that are highly sought by employers.”
UM's ranking recognizes its size, location, academic offerings, extracurricular activities and its extensive study abroad opportunities.

The Best Schools produces rankings and information on degrees and programs for prospective students through its website http://www.thebestschools.org/. The full 100 Best U.S. Colleges and Universities by State can be viewed online at http://www.thebestschools.org/rankings/100-best-us-colleges-universities-by-state/.

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Actress of “Orange is the New Black” Laverne Cox will present her lecture, “Ain’t I a Woman: My Journey to Womanhood,” at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, in the University Center Ballroom.

The lecture, presented by the UC Student Involvement Network in conjunction with the annual Tunnel of Oppression, explores how the intersections of race, class and gender uniquely affect the lives of transgender women of color. Cox draws from her own story to share how she has been able to navigate the world and all its challenges.

Cox is a critically acclaimed actress who currently appears in the acclaimed Netflix original series, playing the groundbreaking role of Sophia Burset, an incarcerated African-American transgender woman. Cox is the first transgender woman of color to have a leading role on a mainstream scripted television show. Time Magazine named Burset the fourth most influential fictional character of 2013. Cox is a recipient of the Dorian Rising Star award for her work on "Orange is the New Black."

Cox is also the first transgender woman of color to produce and star in her own television show, VH1’s “TRANSForm Me,” which was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award.

Cox is the first transgender woman of color to appear on an American reality television program, VH1’s “I
Wanna Work for Diddy," for which she received the GLAAD Award for Outstanding Reality Program. She also was named one of Out Magazine’s “Out 100,” one of the country’s top 50 transgender icons by the Huffington Post, and one of Metro Source magazine’s “55 People We Love.”

A renowned speaker, Cox has taken her empowering message of moving beyond gender expectations to live more authentically all over the country.

Cox’s lecture is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jamar Galbreath, University Center diversity program adviser, at 406-243-5776 or email him at jamar.galbreath@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The Tunnel of Oppression will return to the University of Montana March 3-6 in the University Center Ballroom.

This year the topics include ableism, privilege, homelessness, transgender identity issues, human trafficking, first-nations peoples' representation, class inequity and the environment.

The 2014 Tunnel of Oppression will include an appearance by Laverne Cox, transgender activist and star of TV series “Orange is the New Black,” the Montana premiere of the film “Boom,” and a mattress vigil for the awareness of human trafficking benefiting iEmpathize, a nonprofit organization working to eradicate child exploitation.

The Tunnel of Oppression is a national program intended to educate and raise awareness about systems of oppression and privilege. The grassroots campus program originated in 1983 at Western Illinois University and was modeled after the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles.

It features immersive exhibits meant to simulate the experience of various forms of oppression such as racism, homophobia, domestic violence and poverty in order to trigger empathy, understanding and conversation. University Center students have coordinated the Tunnel of Oppression at UM since 2010.
Scheduling a class or department tour in advance of March 3 is encouraged but not required. Tours are capped at 25 participants. Tour schedules, online reservations and more information can be found online at http://umt.edu/tunnel.

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MISSOULA – The School of Extended & Lifelong Learning at the University of Montana is partnering with Dress for Success Missoula to offer scholarships to clients and past clients. Michelle Erickson was selected as the spring scholarship recipient for the Professional Development course titled Take Charge of Your Career & Your Life, taught by Larry Fagerhaug.

Dress for Success is a nonprofit that provides low-income women with business-appropriate clothing, mentoring and professional development programs. Erickson is a current Dress for Success volunteer and a past client.

“This is a perfect partnership,” said SELL Program Director Candi Merrill. “Although we serve different audiences, SELL and Dress for Success both help people advance their careers. We can't think of a more deserving recipient than Michelle.”

Erickson said that Dress for Success helped her transform her life.
“It started with looking at myself in that suit and feeling for the first time that I could be somebody,” she said. “However, my real transformation occurred as a volunteer, helping others from all walks of life gain confidence and take initiative in their lives.”

SELL’s Professional Development program exists for anyone who wants to take initiative in their lives. Registration is open for spring courses. This series consists of short, noncredit courses taught by UM faculty and local professionals. All instructors are well-qualified, possess current, real-world experience and have a desire to share their knowledge.

“If you own a business, are looking for a new job or just want to learn new skills, these courses offer the best opportunity for you to enhance your career potential,” Merrill said. “Ultimately, these noncredit programs will make a positive impact on UM and on the western Montana region. Today we hope to make a positive impact on Michelle Erickson, as she has done for so many others.”

For more information call Merrill at 406-243-6431, email candi.merrill@mso.umt.edu or go online to http://www.umt.edu/sell/profdev.

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Students Invited to Enter Women’s History Student Essay Competition

February 19, 2014

MISSOULA – In honor of the centennial of woman’s suffrage in Montana, the Montana Historical Society and the Women’s History Matters Essay Prize Committee at the University of Montana are sponsoring a student essay competition.

Essays should be 6,000 to 8,000 words, including footnotes; based on original research in primary resources, complete with footnotes; and prepared in accordance with The Chicago Manual of Style. Manuscripts should be double-spaced, 12-point font, and submitted electronically in .doc or .docx format.

Submissions are invited from graduate students and current or recent undergraduates, including students at state universities, tribal colleges, community colleges and private institutions throughout Montana.

Criteria for judging will include:

• Originality of topic or approach
• Quality and depth of research
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Contribution to Montana women’s history
  • Coherence of argument
  • Clarity of presentation

Undergraduate and graduate submissions will be judged separately. Cash awards will be given for the winning graduate and undergraduate essays.

Prize-winning essays will be considered for publication by the Montana Historical Society in a special issue of Montana: The Magazine of Western History and a Montana Historical Society Press anthology dedicated to women’s history.

Deadline for submission is May 31. Electronic submission is required and should be sent to Anya Jabour at anya.jabour@umontana.edu or Janet Finn at janet.finn@umontana.edu.

Contestants can visit the Women’s History Matters website sponsored by the Montana Historical Society for more information on woman’s suffrage, women’s history and research resources at http://montanawomenshistory.org/research/.

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Philosopher to Deliver Lecture on Arab Spring, Israeli Spring at UM

February 19, 2014

MISSOULA – Avishai Margalit, one of the foremost living philosophers and a brilliant commentator on contemporary moral issues facing Western societies, will deliver a lecture about the Arab Spring and the Israeli Spring as part of the University of Montana President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, in the University Center Ballroom.

Margalit’s lecture, “The Arab Spring and the Israeli Spring,” also will be the Henry Bugbee Annual Lecture on Philosophy. Earlier that same day, he will deliver a seminar titled “Betrayal: Political and Personal” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

Margalit has taught at Oxford University and Stanford University, and has held both a Rockefeller Fellowship and the George F. Kennan professorship at Princeton University. He currently serves as the Shulman Professor of Philosophy emeritus at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and as the Edward A. Heafey Jr. visiting professor at the Stanford University Law School. His seminar at Stanford, “Betrayal and Loyalty, Treason and Trust,” draws on a rich variety of philosophical, historical and literary works.
In addition to his teaching, Margalit provides independent-minded analysis of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the broader struggle between Islam and the West for The New York Review of Books and other publications. He has written several books, including “Idolatry,” “The Decent Society,” “Views in Review: Politics and Culture in the State of the Jews,” “The Ethics of Memory,” “Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of its Enemies” and “On Compromise with Rotten Compromises,” which was the 2012 winner of the Philosophical Book Award from the Hannover Institute of Philosophical Research.

Margalit was awarded the Spinoza Lens Award by the International Spinoza Foundation in Amsterdam in 2001; the 2007 EMET Prize for excellence in academic and professional achievements, given by the Israeli prime minister for civic education; and the 2010 Israel Prize in Philosophy, the highest honor awarded by the state of Israel. The Israel Prize committee described Margalit as “one of the most important philosophers in the state of Israel and one of the most valued in the world today.”

The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the series, visit http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/ or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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MISSOULA – Vance Home Gun will share traditional Salish stories at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana.

Home Gun, a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, works for the Salish Pend d’Oreille Culture Committee on Salish language efforts and projects. He was recognized in April of 2013 as a Champion of Change through the Center of Native American Youth for his preservation work regarding the Salish language and culture.

This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Mansfield Library’s Diversity Committee and is supported with Student-Centered Innovative Project funds.

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MISSOULA – Dan Wagner, CEO and founder of the Chicago-based big data analytics firm Civis Analytics, will kick off the University of Montana’s Big Data Lecture Series, sponsored by GCS, with a talk titled “Big Data in Electoral Politics and Beyond: Revealing the Science of Political Science.” The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, in the Montana Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

In 2012, Wagner and his team of big data scientists revolutionized electoral politics by applying big data technology to the Obama re-election campaign. Rather than solely focus on large demographic blocks, Wagner developed new analytical tools that mined massive electoral and social media data sets to identify likely Obama voters.

Civis Analytics now applies many of the same complex processes to glean valuable insights from big data. In his lecture, Wagner will describe how big data analytics benefit government, corporations,
academia and politics.

“This lecture series is yet another important contribution to the UM-Missoula partnership around big data,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “We are privileged to have someone of Dan Wagner’s caliber talk with us.”

Last year, UM teamed with IBM and TerraEchos to offer the first undergraduate big data analytics course in the world. The class, offered through UM’s School of Business Administration, taught students the basics of IBM’s InfoSphere Streams program.

“As a technology spinout from UM and NASA research and development activities, GCS believes the University of Montana is the key asset to the future economic development of Missoula and our regional economy,” said Alex Philp, a UM alumnus and founder and president of GCS. “As a big data company, GCS created this lecture series in partnership with UM to support President Engstrom’s vision for a global century and to make the University and Missoula an internationally recognized hub for big data science.

“Our inaugural speaker, Dan Wagner, has a world-class story that helped transform the American electoral process, and we want to facilitate discussion around world-class solutions to world-class problems occurring here in Missoula and at UM.”

The event is free and open to the public, and doors open at 6:30 p.m. The series is sponsored by GCS, UM and the UM Foundation.

For more information call GCS Office Manager Caitlin Frisbie at 406-747-8393 or email cfrisbie@yourdatasmarter.com.

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UM Lecture to Address Civil Wars

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Political Science Honors Society Pi Sigma Alpha Epsilon will host a lecture by Kimberly Maynard titled “Nation Rebuilding: Peacemaking, Reconciliation and Development in War-Torn Countries,” from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 19, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

Maynard, a Mansfield Center International Fellow, will discuss her more than 20 years of research and field experience working on the problems and processes involved in rebuilding countries in Africa, Central America, Asia and Europe that have experienced war or civil war. She has worked for the U.S. State Department and USAID, the World Bank, UN agencies and international NGOs.

UM political science Professor Karen Ruth Adams will provide commentary following Maynard’s talk, addressing questions such as: What are the challenges facing countries that have experienced civil wars or other violent conflict? How can these countries develop national unity, effective political systems and strong economies?

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the UM Department of Political Science, the UM Model United Nations program, the UM Mansfield Center and the Montana World Affairs Council.

For more information call UM Associate Professor Christopher Muste at 406-243-4829 or email...
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MISSOULA – Helen Lowman, associate director of volunteer recruitment and selection for the Peace Corps, will visit the University of Montana from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the University Center Rooms 326-327.

Lowman, a returned Peace Corps volunteer and regional director for Europe, the Mediterranean and Asia, will be a featured guest speaker at UM, where she will highlight Montana’s legacy of Peace Corps service, answer questions about volunteering and share inspirational stories of service overseas.

She was appointed Peace Corps associate director for volunteer recruitment and selection on Aug. 18, 2013. As associate director, she oversees employees in nine offices around the United States who recruit, assess and place volunteers in more than 70 countries.

Lowman will be available for interviews prior to the event. Please call Jeremiah McDaniel, public affairs coordinator, at 310-356-1119 or email jmcdaniel@peacecorps.gov to schedule an interview.
Speaker to Highlight Montana’s Peace Corps Legacy - UM News - University Of Montana

Contact: Amber Gladney, UM Peace Corps campus representative, 406-243-2839, peacecorps@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – University of Montana Dennison Theatre Productions presents “An Evening of World Music, Drumming and Dance” at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

The concert features Okaidja Afroso of Ghana and his band Shokoto along with Missoula's own Drum Brothers.

Afroso was born and raised in Ghana in a very musical family. He was accepted as a professional musician and dancer for the Ghana Dance Ensemble at the prestigious University of Ghana’s Institute of African Studies. Later, he became a member of the legendary Obo Addy’s band Okropong and then went solo with his own ensemble, Shokoto.
The Drum Brothers have been a mainstay of the Montana world music and drumming scene since 1994 and have performed throughout the Northwest.

Tickets cost $15 in advance or $17 the day of the show. They can be purchased online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/, by phone at 406-243-4051 or 888-MONTANA, and at all GrizTix outlets, including Worden’s Market, Southgate Mall, MSO Hub, The Source in the University Center and the Adams Center Box Office. Children 12 and younger get in free when accompanied by an adult.

For more information call Denison Theatre Director Tom Webster at 406-243-2853, or visit http://www.okaidja.com/ and http://www.drumbrothers.com/.

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Photo cutline: Shokoto performing; photo credit: Okaidja Afroso

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MISSOULA – A recent article in Nature revealed that members of the Clovis culture were direct ancestors to contemporary Native Americans, and a University of Montana student worked on the study to provide background and historical information on Montana’s famous Anzick archeological site.

The Anzick site, located southeast of Bozeman, is the only known burial site associated with the Clovis culture. The remains of two individuals have been unearthed there, and an infant subject’s genome was studied for the article “The Genome of a Late Pleistocene Human from a Clovis Burial Site in Western Montana.”

Samuel Stockton White, a doctoral student in the UM Department of Anthropology, worked with the article’s lead authors to provide background on the site. Over the past several years, he has studied the entirety of the Anzick artifacts, which now are housed at the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

“There was a large array of artifacts found with these remains, consisting of approximately 115 artifacts,” White said. “The assemblage includes bifaces – stone blades – all the way down to finished, ‘fluted’ projectile points.”
Importantly, this fluting, a longitudinal flake scar removed from the base toward the tip of the point, was found on the finished projectiles, a hallmark of Clovis technology.

The Anzick infant provided the oldest New World genome, answering lingering questions about the origin of the Clovis culture and the ancestry of modern-day Native Americans.

Sarah Anzick, a molecular biologist and the steward of the remains that were found on private land, also participated in the study.

“After 46 years since the discovery on my family land, we are finally hearing this child’s story through his genetic legacy,” she said. “I find it remarkable that the descendants of the Clovis culture, which seemed to have vanished 12,600 years ago, are still alive and thriving today.”

White studied a portion of the artifacts through a 2013 Dave Walter Research Fellowship at the Montana Historical Society, which is awarded to Montana residents involved in a public history project focused on exploring local history. He also is the recipient of the Dr. Dee C. Taylor and Sylvia Jensen Scholarship from UM.

For more information call White at 406-471-5089 or email sswhtev@yahoo.com.

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Photo: An array of Clovis stone blades found at the Anzick site are housed at the Montana Historical Society in Helena. Photo courtesy of Samuel Stockton White.

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Exhibits Highlight History of Women in Montana Politics

February 14, 2014

MISSOULA – This year marks the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage in Montana, and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana is showcasing exhibits documenting the history of women in Montana.

An online exhibit is available at http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/women-in-politics. A physical exhibit has been installed on the fourth floor of the Mansfield Library. The exhibits feature a timeline highlighting the role of women in Montana and UM politics and political activities from 1882 to the present. The online exhibit also includes a guide to collections held in Archives and Special Collections at the Mansfield Library by and about women.

"We are thrilled to part of UM's active participation in the Montana Woman Suffrage Centennial through our exhibitions highlighting the contributions of women and women's organizations to our state and its people," said Donna McCrea, head of Archives and Special Collections.

On Nov. 3, 1914, women won the right to vote in Montana. During the past 100 years, women in Montana
have continued to fight for reform and equality.

The exhibits feature photographs and documents from well-known early 20th-century suffragists Jeannette Rankin and Ella J. Knowles Haskell, along with information on contemporary activists and politicians such as Juliet Gregory, Missoula’s only female mayor, and Lorena Burgess, a Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribal council member. There is also a special section devoted to history of women at UM.

To complement the exhibit, Montana Rep. Diane Sands will present a lecture at the Mansfield Library titled “Taking Action: A Political History of Women in Montana” at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, on the library’s fourth floor.

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MISSOULA – The Culinary Arts program at Missoula College University of Montana recently received a five-year accreditation from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission.

Accreditation assures that a program meets standards and competencies set for faculty, curriculum and student services. The process includes an extensive self-study, followed by a site visit by a team of ACF evaluators.

“The process of collecting exhibits and responding to ACF’s challenging questions is a valuable program evaluation process,” said Thomas Campbell, director of Culinary Arts at MC. “Before the self-study, it was easy to philosophize broadly about educational convictions, but the study brought an appreciation for the details that contribute to such philosophy. In short, the work that culminated in this report was an enriching professional endeavor.”

“Missoula College has a great culinary program,” MC Dean Barry Good said. “This accreditation reflects the expertise and dedication of all our wonderful culinary instructors and students.”
For more information about the accreditation, call Campbell at 406-243-7815 or email thomas.campbell@umontana.edu.

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UM Ranked No. 12 for Producing Peace Corps Volunteers

February 12, 2014

MISSOULA – For the second year in a row, the University of Montana has been named the No. 12 medium-sized university for producing Peace Corps volunteers. Currently, 22 UM alumni serve with the Peace Corps worldwide.

Since the first days of the Peace Corps, 811 UM alumni have traveled abroad to serve as volunteers, and this is the 10th year the University has been ranked in the top 25 volunteer-producing schools. UM is the only university in Montana ranked on the list.

“The University of Montana has a long tradition as a top contributor of volunteers who answer the call to serve the mission of world peace and friendship,” said Janet Allen, Peace Corps West Coast regional manager. “We are grateful and proud of the University’s development of globally aware individuals with the commitment to make a difference through service in host communities around the world as Peace Corps volunteers.”

UM is the first public university in the country to partner with the Peace Corps to offer the Peace Corps Preparatory Program. Any UM student can earn a Peace Corps Preparatory Certificate through participation in
the international development studies minor in UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences.

Service in the Peace Corps is a life-defining, hands-on leadership experience that offers volunteers the opportunity to travel to the farthest corners of the world and make a lasting difference in the lives of others. Peace Corps volunteers live and work at the community level and promote a better understanding between Americans and the people they serve, while at the same time becoming global citizens.

“During my service as a health extension agent in Mali, West Africa, I was able to make a difference in the communities I served by engaging in cultural exchange and collaborating on development projects with tangible results,” said Amber Gladney, UM’s Peace Corps campus representative. “I also became a global citizen while developing technical, entrepreneurial and leadership skills.”

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Grand Opening for UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad Slated for Feb. 13

February 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The grand opening of the University of Montana’s Blackstone LaunchPad will take place from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, on campus. The event is free and open to the public.

The grand opening will be held in the University Center North Atrium, one level below the location of the new Blackstone LaunchPad office space. The grand opening will kick off the day’s Celebrate Academics and Charter Day activities, a celebration of the University’s 121st birthday.

The event will feature a student-produced film and several speakers, including UM President Royce Engstrom; Pam Haxby-Cote, regional director of Montana Blackstone LaunchPad; Paul Gladen, director of UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad; and James Grunke, president and CEO of Missoula Economic Partnership.

The video will feature footage captured by Thomas Kurdy, an MBA student who interviewed UM alumni who have become Missoula entrepreneurs. They share their perspectives on starting a business in Montana and the potential impact of Blackstone LaunchPad at UM.
“The video will showcase the entrepreneurial spirit of Montana and UM alumni,” said Gladen. “It aims to inspire current and future students to explore entrepreneurship as a career path.”

An open house of the Blackstone LaunchPad office space will be held after the grand opening until 5 p.m., as well as from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14.

“The Blackstone LaunchPad space has a collaborative, creative startup vibe to it,” said Joe Fanguy, director of UM’s Office of Technology Transfer and President of Missoula business incubator MonTEC. “Its home in the University Center offers a high-visibility location in the heart of campus and sends the message that entrepreneurship is a viable choice for all students, regardless of discipline.”

The Blackstone Charitable Foundation brought the Blackstone LaunchPad to UM, Montana State University and Headwaters RC&D. The program is intended to train the region’s next generation of entrepreneurs and is made possible by a three-year, $2 million grant from the Blackstone Charitable Foundation.

“The University of Montana and Montana State University recognize that their students have the ability to positively impact the economic future of Montana,” said Amy Stursberg, executive director of the Blackstone Charitable Foundation. “Blackstone LaunchPad provides the necessary resources for students at these institutions to bring their ideas to market and begin their careers as entrepreneurs, ultimately creating jobs in Montana and supporting the economy.”

UM recently hired Gladen, an entrepreneur and co-founder of the Hellgate Venture Network, to be the director of Blackstone LaunchPad, which will help UM students, and ultimately alumni, jumpstart their own businesses. Gladen will work to foster connections among campus, the business community and local entrepreneurs to create an environment that nurtures young entrepreneurs and provides them the skills and network necessary to succeed.

“The Blackstone LaunchPad at UM offers us another tool to promote and encourage economic development in Montana,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “The high-visibility placement of the Blackstone LaunchPad in the University Center emphasizes the importance we place on entrepreneurial education at this University.”

Unlike traditional college curricular programs available to limited school populations, Blackstone LaunchPad is open to all UM students regardless of major. It will provide students with a network of venture coaches and entrepreneurial support to transform new ideas into sustainable companies.

With a physical presence at UM and MSU, Blackstone LaunchPad has the potential to generate 150 new ventures in Montana over the next five years.

The program is modeled after a successful program developed at the University of Miami in 2008, which has generated 1,413 business proposals, created 210 new jobs and drawn nearly 2,600 participants. Each new regional program will be linked together, drawing ideas and best practices from the existing programs, while giving student entrepreneurs at UM and MSU access to a national community of more than 200,000 of their peers across affiliated campuses, as well as expert advisers.

Montana is the fifth Blackstone LaunchPad region, following Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.
For more information about the Blackstone Charitable Foundation program, visit

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**NOTE TO THE MEDIA:** Members of the media are invited to attend a tour of the Blackstone LaunchPad’s new space in advance of the grand opening. The private media tour will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in University Center Room 250A. Engstrom, Fanguy, Gladen, Haxby-Cote and Grunke will be available to answer questions.

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Novelist Jess Walter to Deliver Craft Lecture and Fiction Reading at UM

February 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Creative Writing Program will present a craft lecture titled “Thrilling, Death-Defying Adventures in Point of View” by novelist Jess Walter from 12:10 to 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, in McGill Hall Room 210. Walter also will read fiction at 7 p.m. the same day in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall.

Walter is the author of eight books, including “Beautiful Ruins,” a New York Times No. 1 best-seller; “The Zero,” a finalist for the National Book Award; and “Citizen Vince,” winner of the Edgar Allen Poe Award. His 2013 collection of short stories, “We Live in Water,” was long-listed for the Frank O’Connor Story Prize.

His work has been translated into 25 languages and his essays, short fiction, criticism and articles have been published in Best American Short Stories, Best American Nonrequired Reading, Harper’s, Esquire and others.

The craft lecture and reading are free and open to the public. Walter’s visit is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program and the President’s Writers-in-Residence Series.
For more information call Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Chris Love and the Center for Courage & Renewal will deliver a Courage to Teach workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Bitterroot College University of Montana, located at 274 Old Corvallis Road in Hamilton.

The workshop costs $85, which includes lunch and materials, and will take place in the Bitterroot College Conference Room. All P-20 teachers are welcome to attend and K-12 teachers are eligible for six continuing education units upon completion of the workshop.

Courage to Teach focuses neither on technique, nor directly on school reform, but rather on renewing the inner lives of professionals in education. Participants will experience a thoughtful pace within a safe space among peers; engage in individual reflection and conversations that invite integrity, authenticity and wholeness; share experiences from their own teaching journey; and explore how to listen without fixing, advising or correcting.

CTT was developed by Parker Palmer, founder and senior partner of the Center for Courage & Renewal. He is a world-renowned writer, speaker and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership,
spirituality and social change.

Love is a Courage and Renewal facilitator trained by Palmer. She offers leadership retreats for educators, faith leaders and medical professionals. She also is a facilitator for Humanities Montana Reflect and an adjunct faculty member at Bitterroot College UM.

Participants can register for the workshop by by calling 406-375-0100 or online at http://www.umt.edu/bcp/docs/admreg/ContEd/BC-ContEd-Registration.pdf.

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UM Foundation Offers New Way to Give During Griz, Lady Griz Basketball Games

February 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Foundation has made it easier to score big for student scholarships. People who attend two upcoming basketball games will be asked to “Give a Griz 10” through a text message.

“We want to connect with alumni and friends of every age and encourage them to support student scholarships,” said Beth Hammock, UM Foundation vice president for strategic communications and marketing.

The two basketball games will feature pregame and halftime shows about the impact of scholarships. The scholarship nights are the men’s game against Idaho State on Saturday, Feb. 22, and the women's game against Sacramento State on Thursday, March 6.

Fans will be asked to donate $10 through text. All gifts will benefit Montana Promise, a scholarship fund for UM students with financial need.

The text-to-give effort supports UM’s Investing in Student Success initiative, which launched last summer with the goal of dramatically increasing the number of scholarships for students. The initiative’s goals also include...
increasing support for the Davidson Honors College, Global Leadership Initiative and facilities for student-athletes.

“The UM Foundation has received more than 7,000 gifts since the beginning of the academic year,” Hammock said. “We have some good momentum and want to keep that going this semester.”

For more information or to give online, visit http://SupportUM.org.

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MISSOULA – Fire policy, operations and management expert Tom Zimmerman will deliver the first lecture in a new annual series at the University of Montana. His talk, “Wildland Fire Management: Are We Doing Enough?” is slated for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in University Center Room 331.

It is presented by the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, and is free and open to the public.

The Mike & Mabelle Hardy Fire Management Lecture Series was funded by an estate gift from the late Mike Hardy, a 1939 UM forestry alumnus with a long career as a forester and fire researcher.

Zimmerman served for 33 years with the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service and U.S. Forest Service. He was involved in training, program management, policy development, technology transfer, incident management and other activities. Zimmerman led the creation of fire-use management teams and fire-use modules, the wildland fire implementation plan and wildlife fire decision support system.

He has served as an incident commander and areas commander on wildland fires, prescribed natural fires and...
wildland fire use events, as well as six hurricanes. Zimmerman also worked on the 1995, 2001 and 2009 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy documents and has published numerous papers and reports on fire topics.

Zimmerman currently serves as the president of the International Association of Wildland Fire. He has a bachelor's degree in forestry from UM, a master’s degree from the University of Idaho and a doctorate from Colorado State University.

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UM Releases Environmental Assessment for Missoula College Site, Seeks Public Comment

February 06, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has completed a draft environmental assessment for the proposed Missoula College building to be built at 1205 E. Broadway. The EA is online at http://www.umt.edu/buildmissoulacollege.

UM invites the public to comment on the draft by emailing slauer@jbrenv.com or mailing Project Manager Stephanie Lauer, JBR Environmental Consultants Inc., P.O. Box 7875, Missoula, MT 59807. Comments will be accepted through Friday, Feb. 21.

University officials want to build a new Missoula College building to meet current needs, address long-term increasing student enrollment and ensure adequate facilities exist for MC students and employees into the future.
UM owns the 7.2-acre site, which now contains a Park-N-Ride facility and equipment for the MC Energy Technology Program. The proposed project would include the construction of a building with an eventual build-out of 155,500 square feet. The building would contain four stories and a basement on a footprint of 31,100 square feet, as well as 800 parking spaces upon completion of the second phase of the project.

The project is detailed in a feasibility study online at http://umontana.edu/buildermissoulacollege/docs/070513FS_FIN.pdf.

Following the public review period, UM President Royce Engstrom will review the comments, the EA and information contained in the project file in order to make a final decision on the proposal.

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UM Dining Program, Menu Items Recognized in Trade Publication

February 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The editors of Foodservice Director Magazine, a leading national trade publication for the noncommercial foodservice industry, named the University of Montana’s Farm to College Program as the “Best Overall Sustainability Program I’ve Seen” in their January 2014 issue. In an article titled “The Best,” which curates submissions of the industry’s best products and programs from the past year, FTC was cited as the top sustainability program in the country.

The FTC Program celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2013. The mission of the program is to support agricultural and economic development statewide through the purchase of local food, while also working to serve higher-quality, more nutritious food on campus.

UM Dining grows a portion of its own food on campus with its own garden and a self-contained aquaponics system. A variety of reusable and compostable to-go containers, napkins and serviceware also are used in the UM’s dining halls to support overall sustainability efforts.

UM Dining also was featured in the publication’s Ideas and Innovation list under the “Best New Menu Items of...
2013“ category for their “bombs” which are served in the Galloping Griz food truck.

There are four bombs on the menu. The “A-Bomb” is carne asada and pepper Jack cheese rolled in a fresh-made tortilla, then fried it to a crispy, golden brown. The “H-Bomb,” is the vegetarian version featuring hummus and avocado. The “Kung ‘Pow’ Bomb,” is made with chicken, green onion, Szechuan peppercorns and a spicy kung “Pow” sauce. And, the truck also serves the F-Bomb –“F” for fajita – complete with fire-braised chicken and green bell peppers.

“The bomb line is now a mainstay of the Galloping Griz’s late-night menu,” UM Dining Director Mark LoParco wrote in his submission. “We sell about 60 bombs each night at $2.50 each.”

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UM Research Shows Converting Land to Agriculture Reduces Carbon Uptake

February 05, 2014

University of Montana researchers examined the impact that converting natural land to cropland has on global vegetation growth, as measured by satellite-derived net primary production, or NPP. They found that measures of terrestrial vegetation growth actually decrease with agricultural conversion, which has important implications for terrestrial carbon storage.

Postdoctoral researcher Bill Smith and UM faculty members Steve Running and Cory Cleveland, along with a former UM postdoctoral researcher and current USGS scientist Sasha Reed, used estimates of agricultural NPP and satellite-derived estimates of natural NPP to evaluate the impact of expanding agricultural land to meet needs for food and fiber. Terrestrial NPP represents the total annual growth of vegetation on the land, which is a critical factor that helps determine how much carbon can be absorbed and stored from the atmosphere.

Their results show that agricultural conversion has reduced that productivity by approximately 7 percent. A small percentage...
of intensively managed, irrigated or fertilized agricultural land shows an increase in productivity. However, productivity is reduced in 88 percent of agricultural lands globally, with the largest reductions in former tropical forests and savannas.

“Current forecasts suggest that global food demand will likely double by 2050,” Smith said. “We hope that this research will help to identify strategies that, from a carbon balance perspective, should be avoided due to the potential for severe degradation of global vegetation growth and carbon storage.”

The research was published in Geophysical Research Letters and highlighted in the February 2014 issue of Nature Geoscience.

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Image: Agricultural lands in Minas Gerais, Brazil. Credit: ISS026E025373/Image Science and Analysis Laboratory, NASA-Johnson Space Center

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MMAC Exhibition Celebrates Japanese Art and Culture

February 05, 2014

MISSOULA – Committed to offering the highest-quality art, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana will host a traveling exhibition titled “The Japanese Woodblock Print: An Extension of the Impermanent.” This exhibition will be complemented by works from the MMAC Permanent Collection and two Japanese Friendship Dolls. The exhibition will be on view Feb. 20-April 19 in the Meloy and Paxson Galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The community is invited to experience the culture of Japan at an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the PAR/TV Center lobby. Participants will enjoy Japanese cuisine, ikebana and a traditional shamisen performance by UM Visiting Assistant Professor Simon Hutchinson. James Bailey, professor in the UM School of Art printmaking program will demonstrate traditional Japanese woodblock printing techniques, and attendees will receive a free print. The event is free and open to the public.

The exhibition includes Japanese woodblock prints from the late 18th to the early 20th century by well-known Japanese masters such as Hiroshige, Hokusai, Kunisada, Kuniyoshi, Sharuku, Toyohiro, Toyokuni, Utamaro and later artists such as Sadanobu III, Shoson (Koson Ohara), Hiroshi Yoshida, Hiroyuki Tajima and French immigrant Paul Jacoulet. Approximately 60 prints are on loan from the George and Claire Louden Collection,
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combined with 25 prints from the MMAC permanent collection.

In addition, two prints by Hiroshi Yoshida are on loan from the UM Department of English, permanently housed in the Harrington Seminar Room. These works were donated by Emily Harrington in memory of Hank and Nancy Harrington.

The Loudens assembled their collection while employed by National Geographic and the United States Foreign Services. This exhibition was organized by the Carr Gallery of the Idaho Falls Arts Council and travels under the auspices of the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association.

Also on view are two rare Japanese Friendship Dolls, Miss Tottori from the Museum of the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre and Miss Aomori courtesy of Alan Scott Pate. Japanese Friendship Dolls were a gift from Japanese children to American children in response to 12,739 American blue-eyed dolls sent to Japan in early 1927. Only 47 of the 58 Japanese Friendship Dolls have been located. One was destroyed by Hurricane Camilla in 1969. Internationally renowned ningyô (or Japanese doll) scholar Alan Scott Pate, author of “Ningyô: The Art of the Japanese Doll” and “Japanese Dolls: The Fascinating World of Ningyô” will present a lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Montana Theatre located in the PAR/TV Center. He will discuss Japanese Friendship Dolls and his upcoming publication.

UM Assistant Professors of Japanese Robert Tuck and Brian Dowdle will present a lecture on Japanese prints and culture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 18, in the Masquer Theater.

The MMAC's hours during the academic year are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad Hires Director

February 11, 2014

MISSOULA – Paul Gladen, an entrepreneur and co-founder of the Hellgate Venture Network, has been selected to be the director of the Blackstone LaunchPad at the University of Montana.

Blackstone LaunchPad will help UM students jumpstart their own businesses. Gladen will work to foster connections among campus, the business community and local entrepreneurs to create an environment that nurtures young entrepreneurs and provides them the skills and network necessary to succeed.

“This is a very exciting time for entrepreneurship in Montana,” Gladen said. “The Blackstone LaunchPad will play a valuable role in equipping students to pursue their passions and create the next generation of entrepreneurial Montana businesses. I’m excited to have the opportunity to help University of Montana students bring their innovative ideas to life.”

As co-founder of the Hellgate Venture Network, a 500-member networking group for entrepreneurs in the Missoula area, Gladen has strong connections with the Montana entrepreneurial community.
He also has experience engaging with UM School of Business Administration students and faculty. As co-chair of the Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs, which organizes the John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition, Gladen has judged and coached student entrepreneurs. He also has been a guest speaker for numerous business courses, presented real-world business challenges to students via class projects, and has been a member of SoBA’s Management Information Systems Advisory Board.

“We are thrilled to welcome Paul into his new role as a member of UM’s entrepreneurship team,” said Joe Fanguy, director of UM’s Office of Technology Transfer and President of Missoula business incubator MonTEC. “Paul’s global expertise in strategy, innovation, marketing and business development, coupled with experience and enthusiasm for working with students will help shape the future entrepreneurial ecosystem on our campus and in our community.”

Unlike traditional college curricular programs available to limited school populations, Blackstone LaunchPad is open to all UM students regardless of major. A $2 million grant announced last summer established a partnership between UM, Montana State University and Headwaters RC&D to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career option and provide students with a network of venture coaches and entrepreneurial support to transform new ideas into sustainable companies.

“The Blackstone LaunchPad at UM offers us another tool to promote and encourage economic development in Montana,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “Paul already has launched a successful business in Montana, and he connects well with students. He is the right person to launch an important new program here on campus.”

With a physical presence at UM and MSU, Blackstone LaunchPad has the potential to generate 150 new ventures in Montana over the next five years. The program is modeled after a successful program developed at the University of Miami in 2008, which has generated 1,413 business proposals, created 210 new jobs and drawn nearly 2,600 participants. Each new regional program will be linked together, drawing ideas and best practices from the existing programs, while giving student entrepreneurs at UM and MSU access to a national community of more than 200,000 of their peers across affiliated campuses, as well as expert advisers.

A grand opening for UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad is set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, in the University Center. The event will be held in conjunction with UM’s annual Celebrate Academics and Charter Day activities.

Montana is the fifth Blackstone LaunchPad region, following Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida.

For more information about the Blackstone Charitable Foundation program, visit http://www.blackstone.com/citizenship/the-blackstone-charitable-foundation/entrepreneurship-
Photo caption: Paul Gladen, an entrepreneur and co-founder of the Hellgate Venture Network, will serve as director of UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad.

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UM Celebrates Grand Opening of Blackstone LaunchPad, Charter Day and Academics

February 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will celebrate its 121st birthday with a day of activities recognizing entrepreneurship, academics and exemplary campus and community members on Thursday, Feb. 13. All events are free and open to the public.

The celebration will kick off at 10 a.m. with a grand opening of UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad in the University Center North Atrium. Blackstone LaunchPad will help UM students jumpstart their own businesses. A $2 million grant announced last summer established a partnership between UM, Montana State University and Headwaters RC&D to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career option and provide students with a network of venture coaches and entrepreneurial support to transform new ideas into sustainable companies.

An open house of the Blackstone LaunchPad office space will be held after the grand opening until 5 p.m., as well as from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14. The office space is located in the University Center Room A to Z.
250A, located on the north side of the building.

Following the grand opening, participants can discover UM student work by visiting interactive displays at 10:30 a.m. in the UC North Atrium. Displays will include a sample course from the Montana Digital Academy; new solar thermal systems and a sneak peek at Missoula College's 2014 Shell Eco-marathon preparations; and multimedia projects from Environmental Reporting students who spent winter session studying the impacts of population on the environment in two distinct locations in India.

The noon-hour birthday party, which will feature free cupcakes and entertainment, will be held in the University Center Atrium.

Daphne Koller, professor at Stanford University and co-CEO and co-founder of Coursera, will deliver a keynote address exploring technology's role in learning. The address is slated for 2 p.m. and will be held in University Center Rooms 326-327.

The day's activities will conclude with the annual Charter Day awards ceremony, which will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend the awards ceremony to present an official proclamation of University of Montana Day. A reception will follow the ceremony.

UM Provost Perry Brown will preside over the presentation of 2014 Charter Day awards, which recognize exemplary campus and community members. The award recipients follow:

**Montana Alumni Award: Kitte Robins** is a retired educator and ongoing learner at the University of Montana. This award recognizes a former UM student for extraordinary service to the University. Among many other volunteer activities, Robins is a founding member of the UM Alumni Association's Community Lecture Series and former president of the Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Council.

**Associated Students of UM Student Service Award: U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Clay Skeens**, Iraq War veteran, studies resource conservation at UM. This award recognizes distinguished service and achievement. Skeens is president of the Missoula chapter of the Student Veterans Association, an organization that provides military veterans with the resources, support and advocacy needed to succeed in higher education and following graduation.

**Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award: Kimber Haddix McKay** is a professor and medical anthropologist who has studied marriage and family systems in Nepal, East Africa and Central America for more than 20 years. This award recognizes those who create a more humane learning environment at UM. McKay has involved numerous UM undergraduate and graduate students in her research and publications, teaching them about the role of research and project monitoring to improve the quality of international aid programs.

**Neil S. Bucklew Presidential Service Award: John L. and Marilyn J. Olson** are longtime contributors to the University and their hometown community of Sidney. This award recognizes extraordinary effort to foster an understanding of UM's needs and strengths throughout the community and the state. John, a UM graduate, is president and CEO of Blue Rock Companies and a former chairman of the University of Montana Foundation. Marilyn is a former member of the Montana Arts Council and a charter member of P.E.O., Chapter BA.
Tom Boone Town and Gown Award: Erick Greene and Elizabeth Covelli Metcalf. This award recognizes faculty members who foster a deeper understanding between the University and Missoula. Greene is a professor in the Division of Biological Sciences and the Wildlife Biology Program. He is passionate about teaching, as well as communicating the results of scientific research to the general public. Metcalf is an assistant professor of parks tourism and recreation management. She works collaboratively with scientists and agencies to understand natural resources issues in Montana.

Outstanding Volunteer Award: Adair Deborah Kanter is the radiology supervisor at Curry Heath Center and former director of the X-ray department at Missoula General Hospital. This award recognizes the contribution of many hours of uncompensated time to UM to help meet the needs of the campus community. Kanter’s greatest interest over the years has been the well-being of international students at UM.

Outstanding Service to the External Community Award: Terry D. Berkhouse has been the director of Internship Services at the University of Montana for 26 years, and simultaneously has directed Academic Enrichment since 2011. This award recognizes exceptional service to the off-campus community and positive contributions to the overall mission of the University. Berkhouse was the inaugural president of the Northwest Career Educators and Employers Association and participates in numerous local, regional and national organizations.

John Ruffatto Memorial Award: Bradley Edward Layton is an assistant professor in the Department of Applied Computing in the Missoula College, where he directs the Energy Technology Program. This award recognizes UM faculty who bring practical, applicable business principles into the classroom. Layton has more than 70 publications and abstracts spanning fields from nanotechnology and biotechnology to his latest passion, sustainable energy technology.

George M. Dennison Presidential Faculty Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Anya Jabour is a professor of history and the co-director of the Women’s and Gender Studies Program. This award recognizes distinguished accomplishments that have brought significant recognition to UM at the regional and national levels. Jabour has published five books and currently is writing a biography of social work professor and social justice reformer Sophonisba Breckinridge with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

George M. Dennison Presidential Staff Award for Distinguished Accomplishment: Jodi Normand Todd began her employment with UM in 2002. This award recognizes distinguished accomplishment within the employee’s work unit that brings excellence, merit, distinction or glory to UM. Todd twice received the Dean’s Award for Extraordinary Service to the College of Forestry and Conservation, and currently is a grant support specialist for the College of Humanities and Sciences.

For more information about Celebrate Academics and Charter Day events, call Claudine Cellier, assistant to the provost, at 406-243-4689, email claudine.cellier@umontana.edu; or call Angela Weisenburger, UM Office of Alumni Relations on-campus events coordinator, at 406-243-6439 or email angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement and Volunteers in Action will host the biannual Spring Volunteer Fair on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 11-12. The fair will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Center Atrium both days.

Students and community members can learn about numerous volunteer opportunities available in the Missoula area from nearly 30 community agencies, which will have the chance to recruit new volunteers.

Every year at the beginning of the fall and spring semester, UM’s Office for Civic Engagement and Volunteers in Action coordinate a volunteer fair to connect interested students, UM faculty and staff, and other members of the community with volunteer opportunities in the Missoula area. The fair helps nonprofit agencies promote their activities and recruit new members in order to meet community-identified needs.

The Office for Civic Engagement also will provide information about several of its programs during the fair.

The Office for Civic Engagement is a department of the Davidson Honors College. It was founded as Volunteer Action Services at UM in 1992 and serves as the University’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.
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UM Employees Donate $104,550 to Local Nonprofits During Charitable Giving Campaign

February 04, 2014

MISSOULA — More than 400 University of Montana employees recently participated in the 2013-14 Charitable Giving Campaign by donating $104,550 to local charitable organizations.

During the Charitable Giving Campaign, UM employees can make donations to various local organizations via one-time gifts or payroll deductions. The agencies selected to participate in the campaign are closely evaluated to ensure that all donations go directly to local services. This year, 13 nonprofits and two nonprofit federations participated in the campaign at UM.

“I can’t say enough about the employees across campus who work so hard to make the campaign successful,” said Rosi Keller, associate vice president for administration and finance and chair of this year’s campaign. “It is incredibly rewarding to see the reactions from agencies when they’re notified of the funds raised through the campaign for their organizations. We are truly making a difference in our community.”
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The fundraising effort that became UM's Charitable Giving Campaign began during the 1986-87 academic year when faculty and staff pledged $25,000.

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UM Seminar Series to Explore Conservation Social Science

February 04, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana faculty members and experts will examine current topics in conservation social science during a spring semester seminar series. The Seminar in Conservation Social Science, a one-credit graduate seminar in the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, is free and open to the public.

All seminars will take place from 4:10 to 5 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 6-May 1, in Forestry Building Room 301.

The seminar schedule is:

- **Feb. 6**: “Western Water and Land Trusts: Applied Research Builds Bridges in the Conservation Community,” Sarah Bates, Senior Fellow, UM Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy.


- **March 6**: “Solving Sage-Grouse: From Science to Solutions,” David Naugle, UM professor of wildlife
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biology and science adviser, Sage Grouse Initiative.

- **March 13:** “Why the Alliance for the Wild Rockies is Challenging Collaborative Timber Sales in the Seeley-Swan Valley,” Michael Garrity, executive director, Alliance for the Wild Rockies.

- **March 20:** “A Year in Review,” Tracy Stone-Manning, director, Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

- **April 10:** “How Water Law Can Adapt to Protect the Fishery,” Michelle Bryan Mudd, UM associate professor of law and co-director of Land Use and Natural Resources Clinic.


- **April 24:** “Under Pressure: Coal Industry Rhetoric in the Age of Neoliberalism,” Steve Schwarze, UM associate professor and chair, Department of Communication Studies.

- **May 1:** “Damn Proud to be a Grizzly Bear Conservationist in a Time of Ideological Idiocy,” Seth Wilson, conservation biologist and researcher at the Blackfoot Challenge and Northern Rockies Conservation Cooperative.

For more information on the seminar series, call Nicky Phear, seminar co-facilitator, at 406-243-6932 or email nicky.phear@umontana.edu.

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Career Fair Brings Employers to UM to Recruit Students, Alumni

February 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The 25th Annual Big Sky Employment & Academic Enrichment Fair will be held on the University of Montana campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, in the University Center Ballroom. UM students and alumni will meet with recruiters from local, regional, national and international employers.

The fair, sponsored by the UM Office of Career Services, is free and open to all students and alumni.

The event will offer recruiting opportunities for students in all academic disciplines, including professional full-time positions, summer internships, part-time employment, summer jobs and research opportunities. Some recruiters will return Wednesday, Feb. 19, to interview students and alumni for open positions in their organizations.

Students and alumni can go online to http://life.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/default.php to view a complete schedule and list of companies attending the fair, as well as add themselves to a mailing list. Through their Griz eRecruiting account, students also can see who will be on campus recruiting this semester and sign up for on-campus interviews being held the day after the fair and throughout spring semester. Students and alumni
can call the Office of Career Services at 406-243-2022 to set up their free Griz eRecruiting account.

Employers can register online to attend the fair at http://life.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/default.php. For more information about the fair or registration, call the UM Office of Career Services at 406-243-2239.

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Musical Mash-Up Concert at UM Feb. 7

February 03, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Music will present “Fusion V,” an eclectic and exciting mash up of musical events, at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

During the 70-minute seamless showcase, the audience will experience highlights of pieces from nearly every area of study in the UM School of Music, including orchestra, jazz, choir, string chamber music, band, percussion ensemble, wind chamber music, opera aria and steel drum.

“It is like channel surfing for the listener,” said UM Associate Professor and Director James Smart. “Each musical ‘act’ is only three minutes long, and the lighting is cued to bounce to the next act with no delay in the sound or energy. We use all of the space in the Dennison Theatre – including the seating area – so don’t be surprised if you have a tuba player in your lap!”

The event began autumn semester 2009 and was patterned after popular concerts at the Eastman School of Music and University of Michigan. The diversity comes from the musical styles and the number of people involved. This year’s concert will feature pieces ranging from a marimba soloist to a grand finale of more than 150 musicians.

“If you could choose just one UM Music concert to attend this year, this would be the one,” said Stephen Kalm,
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dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Tickets cost $11 for the general public, $6 for seniors and $5 for students. For more information visit http://umont.edu/music/fusion.

To learn more about supporting scholarships and the School of Music, call Christian Gold Stagg, UMArts director of development, at 406-243-4990, or email christian.goldstagg@umontana.edu.

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UM Lecture Series to Explore Art, History, Science and Politics of Water

February 03, 2014

MISSOULA – Lectures by six University of Montana faculty members will discuss various aspects of water during this year’s Community Lecture Series, “Western Rivers: Connecting Landscapes and Livelihoods.” The six-week lecture series, now in its 16th year, begins Tuesday, Feb. 18.

This year’s speakers hail from wide-ranging fields, including creative writing, law, aquatic biology and environmental studies, and their lectures will take many different approaches to the fascinating topic of water. Attendees will delve into “the riverscape legacy” in transcendentalist poetry, the place of water in the Blackfeet universe, the wonders of applied hydrogeology and the historic roots of water law.

Lectures will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Feb. 18-March 25, in the University Center Theater. Each event will include a Q-and-A session. In support of the series’ theme of water, select artworks from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture Permanent Collection will be on display Feb. 6-March 25 in the Mansfield Library and the Office of the President, and will be featured at the lectures.

The schedule is:
- **Feb. 18:** “By Some Gliding Stream: Walton, Wordsworth and the Riverscape Legacy,” Creative Writing Program Lecturer Robert Stubblefield.
- **Feb. 25:** “Soyiitapi: The Place of Water in the Blackfeet Universe,” Environmental Studies Program Instructor Rosalyn LaPier.
- **March 4:** “Unseating the Lords of Yesterday: Water Law’s Historical Roots and Future Challenges,” School of Law Associate Professor Michelle Bryan Mudd.
- **March 11:** “Connecting Landscapes, Rivers and Groundwater,” Department of Geosciences Regents Professor Bill Woessner.
- **March 18:** “Riverscapes in Flux: Current Challenges in the Conservation of Native Fish,” College of Forestry and Conservation aquatic vertebrate ecology Associate Professor Lisa Eby.
- **March 25:** “Are We Running Out of Water? Challenges and Opportunities for Water Management in Western Montana,” Department of Geosciences Assistant Professor Marco Maneta.

Tickets for the complete lecture series cost $20 for the general public, $15 for UM Alumni Association dues-paying members and $10 for students, or $5 at the door per lecture if seats are available. They can be purchased online at [http://www.grizalum.com](http://www.grizalum.com) or by calling the UM Office of Alumni Relations at 406-243-5211. Space is limited.

For more information call Angela Weisenburger, UM Alumni on-campus events coordinator, at 406-243-6439 or email angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu; or call Linda Gillison, UM professor and the lecture series facilitator, at 406-243-2719 or email linda.gillison@umontana.edu.

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