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UM Offers Interdisciplinary Big Data Summer Course on Electronic Discovery, Law

April 30, 2014

MISSOULA – With national Big Data Week approaching, the University of Montana has announced a big data-focused summer course for business, computer science and law students covering the process and law surrounding electronic discovery.

Software giant Symantec has donated a server, software and data for the two-week course, which will teach students how to search for evidence electronically and decide how to proceed with findings, based on both law and business practices.

The course, titled eDiscovery Law and Practice, offers hands-on experience exploring a common use for big data and Symantec's software Clearwell.

"Clearwell allows people to identify some data items you want and then have the software find other, similar data rapidly," said course instructor and UM computer science Professor Joel Henry. "Imagine you have

200,000 emails and only 5,000 are relevant to the case or business decision. How do you find those 5,000?"

The course will be held in the evenings Aug. 11-22. It offers 25 spaces and is open to UM students and practicing attorneys, who can attend in person or remotely via VisionNet. Continuing legal education credits will be available for the course. The first week will be held in the classroom and the second in the Cyber Innovation Lab, located on campus.

"The students will not only learn the skills, but how to apply those skills in a real-world or business setting," said Henry, who also holds a law degree. "This will enhance the law students' ability work with business and technology professionals."

Henry said UM is the first university to teach this course and is serving as Symantec's pilot for its Academic Alliance Program, in which the company partners with institutions to offer students cutting-edge products and technology curriculum from industry leaders.

UM students can register for the course through the School of Business Administration or School of Law online at <http://cyberbear.umt.edu/>. Those seeking CLE credit can register online at <http://bit.ly/R1feEG>.

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Chariot Races, Kids Activities, Live Music and Raffle During Spring Thaw Event at UM

April 30, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Entertainment Management Program will host the 12th annual Spring Thaw event from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 9, on the Oval. The event celebrates spring and the Missoula community and is free and open to the public.

“The UM Oval will be the scene of three hours of peace and music,” said UM student Bree Dunham, Spring Thaw public relations coordinator and a UM student. “Participants can look forward to live music, a raffle, the highly anticipated chariot race, a variety of kids’ activities, sporting events and more.”

Live music will be performed from 5 to 7 p.m. In the spirit of Woodstock, local talent Baby Tyger will perform cover songs of various Woodstock legends and Voodoo Child will perform a tribute to Jimmy Hendrix.

The chariot race event consists of teams racing homemade chariots around the UM Oval for bragging rights and cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$150. It costs \$45 dollars per team to enter. A team consists of three

members. There are a limited number of entry spots available to the general public. For more information and details on how to register, email um.chariotraces@gmail.com.

This year's kids' activities include a bouncy castle, face painting, spectrUM Discovery Area science activities and kids' sporting events.

Other activities include a UM faculty/student dunk tank, UM dance performers and timed skill games delivered in a "Minute to Win It" format.

Raffle tickets will be sold before and during the festival for a chance to win prizes, which include tickets to a Dave Matthews Band Labor Day concert, a \$50 gift certificate to the Southgate Mall, a limited edition Jimmy Hendrix-autographed lithograph, a golf bag and more. Participants do not need to be present to win raffle prizes.

For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/umspringthaw>, follow @UMEM_SpringThaw on Twitter or follow @SpringThaw2014 on Instagram.

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UM Competes Well in RecycleMania Tournament

April 30, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana performed admirably against 460 other colleges and universities in the 2014 RecycleMania Tournament, which encourages recycling and waste reduction on campuses across the U.S. and Canada.

The contest was held Feb. 8 through March 29. Participating schools represented more than 5.3 million students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

“It was great to see us rank well in the five categories we competed in,” said Cherie Peacock, director of UM’s Office of Sustainability. “And it was an added bonus that we bested Montana State University in five of those categories. Though they did edge us out in the cardboard category, it was only because we didn’t account for cardboard in our compactor that wasn’t ready to be transported.”

UM ranked 69th in the paper category with 3.918 pounds per person, 89th in the bottles and cans category with .653 pounds per person, 109th in the cardboard category with 1.939 pounds per person, 151st in the “gorilla” category with 104,640 pounds (this is in pounds only and the comma is correct) and 243rd in the per capita

classic category with 6.51 pounds per person.

Participating schools collectively recycled or composted 89.1 million pounds of recyclables and organic materials, preventing the release of 126,597 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the atmosphere, which equals preventing annual emissions from 24,823 cars.

Complete results for all categories can be found at <http://recyclemania.org>, including a breakout that shows how schools performed by athletic conference, institution size, state and other groupings. The national winners of each category earn bragging rights and are recognized with an award made from recycled materials.

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Hamilton Student Wins Fran Elge Award

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MISSOULA – University of Montana School of Law student Brooke Perkins of **Hamilton** has won the 2014 Fran Elge Award. The award is given annually to a third-year law student who has displayed commitment and enthusiasm about working for the rights of women and the equality of humanity.

The award was announced during the Women’s Section of the Montana State Bar dinner on April 25. Perkins will graduate from the School of Law in May and has accepted a position as an associate attorney with the law firm of Gianarelli & Reno PLLC in **Conrad**.

Elge devoted countless hours to opening doors for women in the legal profession and advocating for women’s causes during her 50 years as a member of the Montana State Bar. After graduating from the UM School of Law in 1930, she briefly had a private practice before being elected as one of the first female county attorneys in Montana.

Elge worked with Jeannette Rankin in the U.S. Congress and campaigned tirelessly for women’s issues, such as seeing that women were included in the jury pool after 1939 and advocating for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment in the early 1970s.

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Melville Student Receives UM Law Assistantship

April 30, 2014

MISSOULA – Calli Oiestad of **Melville** recently received the Margery Hunter Brown Law Assistantship from the University of Montana School of Law.

Law students apply for the assistantship by submitting proposals for projects they anticipate completing by the next spring in one of the following areas: public land and natural resources, human rights or Indian law. One student each year is selected for the award.

The assistantship generally culminates in a presentation, publication or event by the recipient. Oiestad's project will explore the challenges inherent in the implementation of the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act of 1971 and recommend possible reforms.

The assistantship was established in 1993 to honor Margery Hunter Brown when she retired from the School of Law. Hunter Brown was a legal educator and scholar who served for decades on the Montana Human Rights Commission and the Fort Peck-Montana Compact Board, and during the constitutional revision process.

She founded the Indian Law Clinic at the UM School of Law, the first of its kind in the U.S. She served for many years as the guiding force behind the Montana Public Land Law Review. Even after her passing in 1998, Hunter Brown continues to be a role model for generations of law students, scholars and citizens.

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UM Students Lead Battle Against Recent Weed Invader on Mount Sentinel

April 30, 2014

MISSOULA – Wildland Restoration students at the University of Montana will take the lead this week to control the spread of houndstongue, an invasive weed on Mount Sentinel’s lower slopes. On Saturday, May 3, students and community volunteers will hold a work day to eradicate the invader before it establishes on other areas of the mountain.

The event is organized as part of a capstone course by UM students studying ecological restoration within the University’s College of Forestry and Conservation. In addition to reducing weeds on the site, students will inform participants about ecology, ecological restoration and the adverse impacts of invasive plants. Volunteers also will pick up trash and old barbed wire.

UM’s restoration students are working to get rid of houndstongue while its population is still small. Though invasive weeds have been on Mount Sentinel for more than 100 years, houndstongue is a more recent invader.

“Prevention is a key technique when managing invasive plants,” UM wildland restoration student Caleb Dysthe

said. "If you can catch them early in an invasion, they are much easier to get rid of."

Houndstongue is a native of Eurasia that accidentally was imported to Montana as a seed contaminant. Houndstongue can out-compete native prairie flowers, which are preferred by grazing wildlife such as deer. This weed also produces sticky seeds that allow it to travel far to establish new plants.

"The Missoula community may be the most important participants in restoring Mount Sentinel's Palouse prairie to its native state," said Kevin Carns, vice president of UM's Student Association of the Society for Ecological Restoration, an international organization of scientists and restoration practitioners. "It takes dedicated members coming out year after year to continue the restoration success on our mountain."

The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Please RSVP to kevin.carns@umontana.edu to volunteer. Volunteers are asked to bring water and wear a long sleeve shirt. Snacks will be provided.

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UM to Unveil Historic Ceremonial Native American Dress

April 29, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana is about make a valuable addition to its collections related to Native American heritage. On May 5, the College of Humanities and Sciences officially will unveil a ceremonial Native American dress that dates back to the early 1900s. The dress is on loan from the Braig family.

The unveiling will take place at 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, on the second floor of The Payne Family Native American Center.

“The dress reflects an important historical time in Montana and can serve as a valuable teaching tool,” said Dave Beck, chairman of the Department of Native American Studies. “Objects such as this provide our students with the opportunity to reflect on their own family stories and try to understand how they fit into the history of the state and the region.”

The dress originally belonged to Emma Sansaver, a Chippewa-Cree woman who attended the Fort Shaw Industrial Indian School during her formative years.

She also happened to be quite the basketball player and was a member of the Fort Shaw women's basketball team that became world champions at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis. Her remarkable story is featured in the book, "Full-Court Quest: The Girls from Fort Shaw Indian School Basketball Champions of the World," written by Linda Peavy and Ursula Smith.

"The Payne Family Native American Center on our campus was always intended to stimulate interactions with the community and new opportunities to learn about Native American history and tribal cultures," said Chris Comer, dean of the College of Humanities and Sciences. "We are so grateful to the Braig family for reaching out to UM and our college so that we can create opportunities for students and visitors to see this important and beautiful item.

"We also were lucky to have the Grizzly Riders International step up and help us create a secure, custom designed case for Emma's dress so that visitors can see it up close," Comer said.

For more information about the unveiling, call Cassie Strauss at 406-243-2568 or email cassie.strauss@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics Awards Graduate Fellowships

April 29, 2014

MISSOULA – Four University of Montana graduate students and one incoming graduate student recently were awarded Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics 2014-15 Fellowships.

Four graduate students earned summer fellowships for up to \$6,000 and one graduate student earned a full-year fellowship award for \$24,000.

Through the summer fellowship, CBSD aims to help departments grow and sustain their graduate programs by subsidizing existing teaching assistant positions, which do not provide summer stipends.

The summer 2014 Fellow is:

- **Lauren Foltz:** cellular, molecular and microbial biology

The summer 2015 Fellows are:

Ian Chrisman: biochemistry and biophysics

- **Denis Schepakin:** math and neurobiology
- **Le Zhang:** biochemistry and biophysics

The annual year 2014-15 Fellow is:

- **Nicholas Wageling:** chemistry

For more information on CBSD, visit <http://cas.umt.edu/departments/cbsd/default.html>.

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SpectrUM to Offer Magic Camp

April 28, 2014

MISSOULA – Have you ever wondered how optical illusions work? Have you ever wanted to put on a magic show for friends? On Saturday, May 17, children are invited to explore the fascinating science behind magic at the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area's Magic Camp.

Evan Disney, a professional magician who has performed on seven stages in Las Vegas, will lead the camp for children ages 8-12. Magic Camp will run from 9 a.m. to noon and costs \$40 per child, with a 10 percent discount for siblings. To enroll, call 406-728-7836.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming.

National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, the NISE Network, the Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by funding sources such as the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation's EPSCoR Program. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 17,000 Montana children.

The spectrUM Discovery Area Downtown, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or those who would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM's mobile tour can call 406-728-STEM.

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UM to Host Talks on Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Research, Health Disparities

April 28, 2014

MISSOULA – Health care disparities among Native populations, particularly Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, will be at the forefront of presentations by a visiting doctor and professor at the University of Montana Wednesday and Thursday, April 30-May 1.

Dr. Marjorie Mau, director and principal investigator of the Center for Native and Pacific Health Disparities Research at the University of Hawaii, will discuss voyaging and health and the center's work in two presentations.

"Building Native Research Capacity in Health Disparities Biomedical and Behavioral Research: Experiences From Hawai'i ... Another IDeA State," will be presented from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday in University Center Room 326. "Voyaging and Health: Stories from a Medical Officer" will be presented from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in UC Room 326. Both events are free and open to the public.

In her work, Mau strategically has positioned the center's scientific focus on cardiometabolic health and health care disparities among its priority populations: Native Hawaiians, Alaska Natives, New Zealand Maori and other Pacific Island peoples, including Samoan, Tongan, Filipino and Micronesian.

She has fostered the careers of several Native and minority investigators and researchers during the past 20 years of her career.

For more information call UM Professor Blakely Brown at 406-243-6524 or email blakely.brown@mso.umt.edu.

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Paul McCartney Concert Coming to UM Aug. 5

April 28, 2014

MISSOULA – Rock icon Paul McCartney will perform Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the University of Montana’s Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, May 9, at all GrizTix locations, by phone at 1-888-MONTANA and online at <http://www.griztix.com>.

The concert is a continuation of McCartney’s acclaimed Out There tour, which visited 23 cities across South America, Europe, North America and Japan in 2013. The tour currently is scheduled to hit 19 U.S. cities in 2014.

“I first heard of Paul McCartney when I was in the fifth grade watching ‘The Ed Sullivan Show,’” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “What an honor to have this legend perform in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.”

The last concert at UM’s stadium featured the Rolling Stones rocking a crowd of more than 23,000 in October 2006. According to Brad Murphy, executive director of UM’s Adams Center, McCartney was told by Mick Jagger that UM is a great place to play. This will be McCartney’s first-ever appearance in Missoula.

The Out There tour features music from one of the most beloved catalogs in popular music, as McCartney

performs songs spanning his career – as a solo artist, a member of Wings and, of course, a Beatle. The set list will also include material from McCartney’s most recent studio album “NEW,” a global hit upon its release last year.

The Paul McCartney tour uses state-of-the-art technology and production to ensure the entire audience has the best possible experience, with massive screens, lasers, fireworks, unique video content and some of the best songs in the world. His shows attract a multigenerational audience from different backgrounds all brought together by his music.

For three hours, some of the greatest moments from the past 50 years of music are relived – music which for many has shaped the very soundtrack of their lives. The past decade has seen McCartney and his band perform in an impressive range of venues and locations, including outside the Coliseum in Rome, in Moscow’s Red Square, at Buckingham Palace, at the White House, a free show in Mexico to more than 400,000 people and even broadcast live into space.

The concert will feature McCartney’s band for more than a decade: Paul “Wix” Wickens (keyboards), Brian Ray (bass/guitar), Rusty Anderson (guitar) and Abe Laboriel Jr. (drums).

McCartney set a personal career best by winning five Grammy Awards in one night earlier this year. In the United Kingdom, he also was honored by music bible NME with a special one-off award, the “Songwriter’s Songwriter Award,” which is a unique accolade chosen by his peers.

For a short feature on McCartney, click <http://bit.ly/1ked8ty>.

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Missoula College Offers Course in Children's Communication

April 25, 2014

MISSOULA – A summer course through Missoula College will help child care providers, pediatricians, teachers and anyone who works with children better understand how children communicate. Registration is open for Survey of Children's Communication, a three-credit online course that will be held from June 30 to Aug. 1.

The course will provide a survey of communication processes in early childhood through adolescence. In particular, the course will focus on how children learn to communicate; the contemporary communication environments of children and adolescents, including interactions in family relationships, friendships and the media; and challenges concerning childhood communication and its effects on later communication development, such as violence and aggression.

The course has been popular with Missoula-area educators and child care providers. To register in Cyberbear, select summer semester and enter CRN 51177. Registration instructions are available at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/Registration/registrationinformation>.

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UM to Honor Global Leadership Initiative Fellows, Award Scholarships, Host Lecture

April 25, 2014

MISSOULA – In celebration of three years of leadership development and inspired learning, the University of Montana will honor sophomore and junior students in the Global Leadership Initiative with a scholarship ceremony, followed by a public lecture delivered by National Humanities Medal winner Stanley Katz.

The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, May 5, in the University Center South Ballroom. Katz, president emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies, will present “The Global Century: Not Your Mother’s World.” UM President Royce Engstrom will provide opening remarks for the event, which is free and open to the public.

The UM Global Leadership Initiative is open to students in any major beginning their freshman year. The program strives to create a class of graduates primed for the global century, who can lead, innovate and think entrepreneurially.

Students accepted into the GLI have the opportunity to enroll in small freshman seminars, which focus on interdisciplinary, far-reaching issues and are taught by stellar UM faculty. They participate in a Models of Leadership program in which friends of the university, alumni and other national and international figures meet with them to discuss leadership and strategies for tackling critical issues.

In their third and fourth years, students engage in fieldwork, research, international study, internships and service learning while beginning work on a capstone project in multidisciplinary teams. The privately funded program provides scholarships for beyond-the-classroom experiences and research conducted by these students with direction from faculty mentors.

The first group of GLI students, now juniors, have participated in study programs in Montana and abroad. Several of the students have been invited to participate in national conferences, including the Association of American Universities and the Clinton Global Initiative University. Before the lecture begins, sophomore and juniors will receive their scholarship awards and recognition for their accomplishments.

Katz graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 1955, and also earned his doctorate from Harvard in 1961. His research focuses on recent developments in American philanthropy, the relationship of civil society and constitutionalism to democracy, and international human rights. He also contributes to the Chronicle of Higher Education on higher education policy and was awarded the National Humanities Medal by President Barack Obama in 2011.

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Biology Professor Wins UM Teaching Award

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MISSOULA – From Missoula classrooms to the Peruvian rainforest, University of Montana Professor Erick Greene’s work makes an impact on students and his colleagues. So much so, that he received the 2014 UM College of Humanities and Sciences Award for Teaching Across the Curriculum.

Greene, a professor in the Division of Biological Sciences who has been with UM for 23 years, is known as a talented, passionate and accomplished educator.

He teaches everything from large-enrollment, general-education courses to his unique Peruvian field course in tropical ecology. In 2006, Greene revamped the main introductory biology course to incorporate a more hands-on approach. As a result, enrollment numbers exploded from 250 to 400 during the six years Greene taught the class.

His innovative approach to teaching has earned him high praise from colleagues, and students continually emphasize his winning combination of passion, knowledge, humor, real-world experience and concern for the success of each student.

“The natural world is endlessly fascinating and awe-inspiring,” Greene said. “I design my classes to make them fun, interactive and to give the students a chance to ask their own questions and explore their own interests and passions.

“But teaching is definitely a two-way street. I have to say that I get as much energy and infectious enthusiasm as I hope they get from me.”

Greene also is heavily involved in the Montana Osprey Project, a long-term study of osprey ecology and heavy metal contamination in Montana’s upper Clark Fork River and its tributaries. The project has become famous for its live online video feeds, which observe the nests 24 hours a day.

“Thousands of students have benefited from his dedication, his wisdom and his expertise,” said Charles Janson, associate dean and chair of the UM Division of Biological Sciences. “His success has inspired other professors to emulate his approach and thus has affected the success of even more students than he has taught himself.”

Now in its second year of existence, the Award for Teaching Across the Curriculum recognizes a faculty member for his or her excellence in teaching at all levels, and was founded by the College of Humanities and Sciences External Advisory Board.

In February, Greene also received the 2014 Tom Boone Town and Gown Award, which was established to recognize faculty members who foster a deeper understanding between the University and Missoula.

For more information call UM College of Humanities and Sciences Associate Dean Jenny McNulty at 406-243-4458 or email mcnulty@mso.umt.edu. More information on the Montana Osprey Project and links to the live feeds of the osprey nests are available at <http://cas.umt.edu/geosciences/osprey/>.

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UM Student Club Continues Restoration of Marshall Canyon

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana student chapter of Society of American Foresters continues restoration work on a parcel of land in Marshall Canyon, owned by the city of Missoula. The club has two upcoming work days slated for Friday, April 25, and Wednesday, April 30.

The city's conservation lands manager Morgan Valliant and the student club, led by College of Forestry and Conservation student George Gaines, have organized pile burning, re-seeding and pruning work at the 21-acre site, located approximately 1.3 miles up Marshall Canyon Road.

On April 30, from noon to 3 p.m. approximately 30 students from Missoula's Sentinel High School will help prune and re-seed the acreage. This follows pile burning, planned for April 25, and will be managed by city employees with assistance from UM students.

The club developed a management plan for the parcel, part of a 220-acre section of Marshall Canyon managed by the city as part of the Mount. Jumbo open space.

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UM Visiting Lecturer to Discuss Success and Death of Himalayan Mountaineers

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MISSOULA – Since the first ascent of Mount Everest in 1953, tens of thousands of mountaineers have traveled to the Himalayas in pursuit of summits and adventure. Some have been successful, and some have died.

On Thursday, May 1, University of Montana's Division of Biological Sciences will host a public lecture by Ray Huey, who will discuss mountaineering through the lens of evolutionary physiology, climate change and high-altitude physiology. His lecture, "Success and Death of Mountaineers on the High Himalayan Peaks," will take place at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Huey, a professor at the University of Washington, will analyze success and death rates of Himalayan mountaineers using techniques developed by evolutionary biologists to study natural selection of organisms in the field. After summarizing the extreme physiological challenges climbers endure at high altitude, he will discuss whether the Khumbu Icefall is the most dangerous section on Everest, whether the use of supplemental oxygen enhances survival during descent from the summits of Everest and K2, whether mountaineers are physiologically capable of ascending to altitudes higher than Everest, and whether gender and age influence success and death rates on Everest.

Huey also will deliver a lecture at 4:10 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 as part of UM's Organismal Biology and Ecology Program's Ecology & Evolution Distinguished Speaker Series. His lecture, "Why Mountain Passes are Still Higher in the Tropics: Variations on a Theme by Daniel Jansen," will be held in Interdisciplinary Sciences Building Room 110.

Both lectures are free and open to the public. For more information on Huey's mountaineering research, visit <http://faculty.washington.edu/hueyrb/mountain.php>. For more information on his lizard ecology and evolutionary biology research, visit <http://faculty.washington.edu/hueyrb/lizards.php>.

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Estate Gift from California Couple to Elevate Montana Museum of Art & Culture

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MISSOULA – A California couple with a love for Montana and art has committed a significant portion of their estate to the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana. The gift will come from alumna Suzanne Moore Crocker '64 and her husband, Bruce, of Palo Alto, Calif.

Their bequest will establish the Suzanne and Bruce Crocker Distinguished Director Fund, an endowment to support the salary and benefits of MMAC directors long into the future. The Crockers also are providing an annual contribution for the director's fund until their bequest is realized.

The couple's contribution is a foundational gift for the University's efforts to secure private support for a new museum building.

"This collection has such a broad scope of work," Suzanne Crocker said. "It's one of the premier collections in the region, and holds great opportunity to teach about many different eras in art and culture."

A small percentage of the artwork is displayed at any given time at two campus galleries and various other

venues. Museum supporters like the Crockers are working with the University to find a space to display more of the collection and improve the storage of its treasures.

“Getting more of the collection of 11,000 original works of art out of storage and up on the walls will be a wonderful thing,” Mrs. Crocker said. “It is very exciting to think that sometime in the near future, students on campus can actually go into the museum and see a vast array of artwork.”

Born in **Kalispell**, Suzanne Crocker is a third-generation Montanan. The couple demonstrates their commitment to the University in many ways. Suzanne served on the UM Foundation Board of Trustees and the President’s Advisory Council for many years. Now Bruce is serving on the Foundation board, and Suzanne is on the MMAC Advisory Council.

“Each piece of art tells a story,” Bruce Crocker said. “We trust that our gift is a solid start and inspiration for others to also support a permanent home for such a wonderful Montana treasure.”

Bruce Crocker is now retired after a varied career in Silicon Valley. Initially, he was an operating executive with several technology companies, then was an investment banker with Hambrecht and Quist, and since 1998 was a partner in Pitango Venture Capital, Israel’s leading venture fund.

Before her retirement, Suzanne Crocker worked as a marketing and communications executive for a number of Silicon Valley companies, including Businessland and RasterGraphics. She also consulted with many other software and hardware companies. When she retired from the tech world, she completed a master’s degree in English literature and now dedicates much of her time to volunteering at Stanford University’s Cantor Arts Center.

Together, the couple raised two children. They now enjoy time with their four grandchildren, who also live in the Bay Area.

Museum Director Barbara Koostra says the generosity of the Crockers will preserve the University’s art collection for future generations.

“I am so grateful for this gift from Suzanne and Bruce because it strengthens the museum now and also encourages others to join the mission of permanently housing this immense resource for Montana and the entire region,” Koostra said.

UM President Royce Engstrom says the MMAC is a tremendous campus resource that has taken more than a century to gather and offers excellent programming that connects people to Montana’s – and the world’s – cultural heritage.

“As a fine arts, cultural and educational resource, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture is a significant contributor to the University’s academic research and scholarly activities,” Engstrom said. “The Crocker family’s generous gift allows for the continued stewardship of the collection, increasing its public value using the highest professional standards.”

Located on the UM campus in Missoula, MMAC is one of the state’s oldest and most prominent cultural reserves. The museum’s Permanent Collection began in 1894. Learn more about the museum at

<http://umt.edu/montanamuseum>.

Help UM build a new Montana Museum of Art & Culture building by contacting Barbara Koostra at 406-243-2019 or barbara.koostra@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Caps President's Lecture Series with Talk on Religious Freedom

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MISSOULA – Renowned scholar and conservative Christian thinker Robert P. George will deliver this year's final University of Montana President's Lecture Series talk and the annual Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture. His lecture, "The Nature and Scope of Religious Freedom," will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the University Center Ballroom.

George also will deliver a seminar titled "John Stuart Mill and John Henry Newman: Two Concepts of Liberty and Conscience," from 3:40 to 5 p.m. earlier that same day in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public. The seminar and evening lecture are presented in collaboration with the UM Philosophy Forum and the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Western Montana.

George is the McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and founder and director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. He is a graduate of Swarthmore College and Harvard Law School, and also holds a master's degree in theology from Harvard and a Ph.D. in law from Oxford University.

A defender of conservative Christian values, he has served as a presidential appointee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and on the President's Council on Bioethics. He has also served on UNESCO's World Commission on the Ethics of Science and Technology, of which he continues to be a corresponding member.

He is a former Judicial Fellow at the U.S. Supreme Court, where he received the Justice Tom C. Clark Award. In July 2013, he was elected Chairman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

George's books include "Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality," "In Defense of Natural Law," "The Clash of Orthodoxies: Law, Religion and Morality in Crisis" and "Conscience and Its Enemies: Confronting the Dogmas of Liberal Secularism." He co-wrote "Embryo: A Defense of Human Life," "Body-Self Dualism in Contemporary Ethics and Politics," and "What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense."

His work has appeared in national publications including the Harvard Law Review, the Yale Law Journal, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and more. He currently serves as general editor of New Forum Books, a Princeton University Press series of interdisciplinary works in law, culture and politics.

The recipient of many academic and civic honors, George has held visiting professorships at leading universities all over the world and has been awarded honorary doctorates of law, ethics, science, letters, civil law, humane letters and juridical science.

The Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture is named in honor of Speer, a longtime librarian at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library. Born in 1899, she graduated from UM with a degree in English and obtained a master's in English from the University of Chicago. She retired from the Mansfield Library in 1968 as documents librarian and a professor. She was politically active through the League of Women Voters of Montana and the Missoula Democratic Club, serving as a delegate to the Montana Constitutional Convention in 1972. She died in 1987.

The President's Lecture Series consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. This is the final installment of the 2013-14 series. For more information, visit <http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/> or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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Bitterroot College to Host Water Safety Event May 3

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HAMILTON – Bitterroot College University of Montana will host a water safety event from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the River Park in Hamilton.

The event aims to celebrate spring and educate participants on how to be safe during high-water season.

The event will feature educational booths for children and adults, free food, live music and more than \$1,000 in raffle and door prizes. It is free and open to the public.

Vendors and performers include the John Adam Smith Band, Ravalli County Public Health Department, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, search and rescue teams and river guides.

For more information call BC Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or email victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

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Prominent NPR Correspondent to Lead UM School of Journalism

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MISSOULA – During his lengthy career with National Public Radio, Larry Abramson has covered the fall of the Berlin Wall, chronicled the recovery of New Orleans schools after Hurricane Katrina and analyzed civil liberties turmoil after 9/11.

His next adventure: leading the University of Montana School of Journalism as dean.

Abramson, formerly the national security correspondent for NPR in Washington, D.C., was selected for the position after an extended national search. He will begin his new UM duties July 1. He will replace Denise Dowling, the radio-TV associate professor who has served as interim dean since August 2012.

“Given his range of experience in journalism, I am confident that he will successfully lead UM’s journalism school into the future,” UM Provost Perry Brown said. “It’s exciting to get someone with the breadth of Abramson’s experience in that post as the journalism school celebrates its centennial year.”

Abramson started as national security correspondent in 2012, and he served as NPR’s Jerusalem correspondent in 2013. He was the NPR education correspondent from 2006 to 2011 and NPR senior editor

from 1990 to 1997.

In the 1990s, he designed and oversaw the NPR Diversity Initiative, a program to bring more young, minority journalists to public radio. As an educator and teacher, he has designed workshops on radio journalism and reporting ethics.

His accolades include a 2007 Education Writers Association award for a series on reform efforts at Northwestern High School in Baltimore, a 2004 "Cylab" award for coverage of cybersecurity issues, a 1994 Education Writers Association award for a series on Taft High School in Chicago and a 1991 Unity Award for "Crews," an examination of Latino gangs in New York City.

Abramson holds a master's and an undergraduate degree in comparative literature from the University of California, Berkeley.

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Scientists, Conservationists, Journalists Examine Barriers to Storytelling

April 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The best way to spark collaboration among journalists, scientists and conservationists might just be to corral them on a Rocky Mountain Front ranch.

Researchers, conservation advocates, journalists and journalism students gathered at the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch near **Dupuyer** over Easter weekend to examine barriers to effective storytelling on scientific research and large-landscape conservation in the Northern Rockies.

The 2014 Story Lab Retreat was organized by the master's program in Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism at the University of Montana, with support from the Montana Institute on Ecosystems and the family of the late conservationist Ted Smith.

"We each have our own different ways of communicating information," Graduate Program Director Henriette Lowisch said. "What unites us is our appreciation of the magnificent landscape we are fortunate to work in."

Hillary Rosner, an award-winning science journalist from Boulder, Colo., was the guest speaker.

“She was able to provide insight about our world of science journalism, which immediately got my wheels turning about my own stories and journalistic process,” said Abbey Dufoe, a UM School of Journalism graduate student.

Steve Thompson, executive director of the Cinnabar Foundation, said he enjoyed Rosner’s discussion on how to formulate story ideas, followed by working in groups to generate new ones.

“It helped the scientists begin to understand the difference between a story and a topic,” he said.

Art Woods, an associate professor in the Division of Biological Sciences at UM, said he learned how science journalists create story arcs.

Woods collaborates with Story Lab, a course in the UM graduate program that pairs students with environmental scientists to enhance their understanding of the scientific process. The retreat helped to deepen the Story Lab relationships, he said.

“The one-on-one conversations that grew out of simply being with one another for several days – sharing the same location – were extremely helpful,” said Breana Milldrum, a journalism graduate student. “The conversations were deeper and richer.”

The retreat celebrated the legacy of Ted Smith, the former director of the Kendall Foundation, who died in a hiking accident in the Mission Mountains in 2012.

Smith valued storytellers capable of understanding complex scientific, social and political relationships. He saw a need for robust and engaging narratives that better enable the public to measure the full weight of critical climate, energy and resource decisions.

For more information call UM School of Journalism Communication and Events Coordinator Julia Cummings at 406-243-4366 or email julia.cummings@mso.umt.edu. More information on the graduate program is available at <http://jour.umt.edu/prospective-students/prospective-graduate/default.php>.

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New Research Focuses on Streamwater Chemistry, Landscape Variation

April 22, 2014

MISSOULA – Winsor Lowe, interim director of the University of Montana’s Wildlife Biology Program, co-wrote a research paper published April 21 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on how streamwater chemistry varies across a headwater stream network.

Lowe and co-authors from Virginia Tech, the U.S. Geological Survey, the University of Washington, the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, the University of Connecticut and the U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station examined 664 water samples collected every 10 meters along 32 tributaries of a stream network in the Hubbard Brook Valley of New Hampshire.

Lowe says this would be like looking at any of the Bitterroot Valley creeks by starting at its headwaters high in the mountains and sampling all the small streams that feed into the system as the stream makes its way down to the Bitterroot River.

Headwater streams perform critical functions for downstream ecosystems, but the complexity of their streamwater chemistry is not well understood. Lowe and his co-authors’ findings suggest that in headwater

stream networks many factors influence the streamwater chemistry in different locations along the stream's course, and in complex relationships with the surrounding landscape.

Previous studies of streamwater chemistry generally looked at stream characteristics along one branch, focusing on variation from upstream to downstream. This study's looks at an entire stream network and uses more detailed, high-resolution data to show that important stream characteristics also vary across the entire headwater stream system.

For example, concentrations of biologically important nutrients such as nitrogen and carbon may vary significantly along individual tributaries, but also among tributaries or on east- versus west-facing slopes in the same network.

"These other large scale patterns of variation could be important for water quality monitoring and the management of aquatic species that rely on healthy streams and rivers," Lowe said. "Until now, we have not had the high-resolution data or statistical methods needed to detect these broader patterns of variation."

He notes that this research will give other scientists and land managers a new way to study aquatic ecosystems in headwater stream systems.

The paper, "Network analysis reveals multiscale controls on streamwater chemistry," was written by Kevin J. McGuire, Christian E. Torgersen, Gene E. Likens, Donald C. Buso, Winsor H. Lowe and Scott W. Bailey.

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Alumni, Friends Answer Call to Support UM, Break Fundraising Record

April 22, 2014

MISSOULA – It's been a banner year for the University of Montana Foundation's phonathon, an annual fundraising drive that supports UM's academics, students and activities. Alumni and friends of the University have pledged almost \$315,000 since July 1, 2013. That's \$120,000 more than the past fiscal year and the most the phonathon has brought in since student employees began making calls in 1982.

Over 3,000 donors from across the country have made pledges ranging from \$10 to \$15,000. Their donations support all academic units and areas of campus life, including scholarships, study abroad travel stipends, speaker funds and athletics. A number of donors also give to the Excellence Fund, which allows UM President Royce Engstrom to allocate funds to areas of greatest need.

"Private support is integral to UM's ability to serve its students and the community," said UM Foundation President and CEO Shane Giese. "We are immensely thankful to everyone who has answered the call to make a contribution. We believe every gift makes a difference."

The phonathon has ramped up in recent years and now reaches out to a more diverse range of potential

donors.

“There is so much happening at the University of Montana right now, and I think that motivates people to show their support,” said Molly Adamson, call center manager. “The feedback we’ve received from donors regarding the quality of phone calls has been extremely positive.”

The phonathon call center employs 29 student callers and four supervisors for 12 weeks in the spring and fall. On any given night during the fundraising drive, 14 students are making calls to alumni, donors and parents.

“My favorite part is hearing stories from alumni and knowing that their time here was so memorable,” said Kendra Foster, a student caller who began working for the phonathon in the fall of 2013. “It’s a great opportunity to experience UM’s past and take part in influencing its future.”

There still are a few weeks before this year’s phonathon draws to a close, and Adamson is confident that her team will continue to exceed expectations.

“Our goal was to raise \$280,000 this year, and we’ve already surpassed that. I’m looking forward to seeing how far we can go.”

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Traveling Exhibition Featuring Contemporary Alaska Native Art Visits MMAC

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Committed to offering the highest quality art, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture presents “This is Not A Silent Movie: Four Contemporary Alaska Native Artists,” featuring works by Sonya Kelliher-Combs, Susie Silook, Da-ka-xeen Mehner and Nicholas Galanin. The exhibition will be on view May 1-July 5 in the Meloy and Paxson galleries located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at the University of Montana.

The community is invited to an opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, in the PAR/TV Center Lobby. Julie Farnham, collections registrar at the Anchorage Museum, will deliver remarks at 5:45 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Kelliher-Combs, Silook, Mehner and Galanin are four Alaska Native artists who create contemporary installation-based work that explores gender, memory, race, nationality and cultural heritage. These artists seek new ways to speak about tradition and explore the conditions of art, identity and history. Though each

artist's work is rooted in a lifelong immersion in their respective craft traditions, their multimedia installations dissolve the boundaries between contemporary and traditional arts.

The exhibition title comes from author Sherman Alexie, who encourages audiences to shift their notions of Native peoples away from narrow, stereotypical views. He states, "This is not a silent movie, our voices will save our lives."

In her work, Kelliher-Combs (Iñupiaq/Athabascan) offers a chronicle of an ongoing struggle for self-definition and identity. She creates a stretched "skin" using thick layers of acrylic polymer or polyurethane embedded with scraps of clothing, hair, fur, beluga intestine, walrus stomach and other found materials. This investigation into her struggle for self-definition and identity examines cultural traditions and questions accepted notions of beauty.

Galanin (Tlingit/Aleut) comes from a long line of Northwest Coast artists, starting with his great-grandfather. He uses his heritage to confront contemporary issues – especially as they relate to appropriation, categorization, economics, cultural identity and visual representation. As an artist, he allows the concept of a work to determine his choice of medium. He uses visual experiences to navigate the politics of cultural representation and inspire constructive dialogue with viewers. In 2013, Galanin received a major award from United States Artists, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the work of living American artists.

Silook (Yupik/Iñupiaq) uses the ancestral ivory dolls of Saint Lawrence, traditionally carved by men, as the basis of her work. She critiques the legacies of colonization in the Arctic and the ongoing sexual abuse and violence perpetrated against Native women in rural and urban communities in Alaska and elsewhere. In 2007, Silook received an award from United States Artists.

Mehner's (Tlingit/N'ishga) work examines his multicultural heritage and accompanying social expectations and definitions. He draws upon his family's stories to study the constructs of Native American identity and reclamation of the Tlingit language.

Funding for this exhibition is provided by the Western States Arts Federation and the National Endowment for the Arts. This exhibition was organized by the Craft & Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles, in partnership with the Anchorage Museum in Alaska.

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 exhibition are available. Call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu to request images.

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UM Named Princeton Review 'Green College' for Fifth Time

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Just in time for Earth Day, the Princeton Review again named the University of Montana one of the nation’s most environmentally responsible “green colleges.”

This is the fifth consecutive year UM has made “The Princeton Review’s Guide to 332 Green Colleges.” The list profiles institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada that demonstrate notable commitments to sustainability in their academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.

“UM’s recognition is a good reminder that we are one of the green colleges in North America,” said Cherie Peacock, UM’s sustainability coordinator. “This is important to consider in these lean budget times, and it is important for us to make conscious choices to maintain and enhance our sustainability-related curriculum and programs.”

UM’s profile praises the University’s location, student organizations such as Climate Action Now and UM’s Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology. The Green Thread faculty sustainability workshop, the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund, the Farm to College Program, the College of Forestry and Conservation and the

Environmental Studies program also are recognized as part of UM's green commitment.

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

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UM Hosts 12th Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Faculty, students and researchers from around the world will gather to participate in the 12th annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at the University of Montana Tuesday through Thursday, April 22-24.

The conference, hosted by the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center at UM, will feature several panels and presentations on the history, culture, politics and religion of China, the Middle East, and Central and Southwest Asia.

All events will be held in the University Center Theater and are free and open to the public. The schedule is:

- **Tuesday, 12:30-2 p.m.:** Central Southwest Asia Student Scholar Panel: “From Boston to Baghdad: The West and the Middle East Through the Lens of Time.” Presenters: UM students James Papai, Chelsea Pierce, Brian Wemple, Ethan Ryan and Eric Yeager; moderator: Carson Blake.
- **Tuesday, 2:30-4 p.m.:** Russo-Central Asian Relations Before and After Annexation: “Russia and Central

Asia: Northern-Southern Trade from the 17th Century to the Crimean War.” Presenter: UM student Kyeann Sayer. “Russia and Central Asia from the Great Game to the First World War.” Presenter and moderator: UM Professor Robert Greene.

- **Tuesday, 7-9 p.m.:** “The Uyghurs: An Identity Crisis in China’s Borderlands.” Presenter: Henryk Szadziewski, Uyghur Human Rights Project senior researcher; moderator: UM Senior Eurasian Affairs Researcher Steven Levine.
- **Wednesday, noon-2 p.m.:** “Uyghurs in China: Inside and Outside Perspectives.” Presenter: Berlin University of the Arts student Nijat Hushur; moderator: Associate Professor of anthropology Ardeshir Kia.
- **Wednesday, 2:30-4 p.m.:** “Ancient Central Asia and its Impact on the Samanid Golden Age.” Presenter: Ardeshir Kia; moderator: Brian Wemple.
- **Wednesday, 7-9 p.m.:** “Palestine and the Arab Spring.” Presenter: Shukri Abed, Al-Quds University, Jerusalem; moderator: UM Arabic language and culture Lecturer Samir Bitar.
- **Thursday, 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m.:** “Past Israel-Palestine: Potential Syntheses of Reconciliation in the 21st Century.” Presenters: Bitar, Shukri Abed, Missoula County Public Schools Arabic Teacher Brendan Work, Wemple; moderator: Bitar.
- **Thursday, 12:25-1:30 p.m.:** Central Southwest Asia Student Scholar Panel: “Central Asia Through the Ages: Ancient Traditions to Contemporary Issues.” Presenters: UM students Chris Hanson, Henry Collins, Larry Himes, Michael Covel, Michael Capozzoli; moderator: Kia.
- **Thursday, 1:40-2:50 p.m.:** “Syria: A Proxy War in a New Global Order.” Presenter: Fadi Al-Batal, Bimand Inc. CEO; moderator: Bitar.
- **Thursday, 3-5 p.m.:** China and the Middle East in the New Era: “Middle East Affairs and the Construction of New Models of Great Power Relations Between China and the United States;” presenter Liu Zhongmin, Shanghai International Studies University. “China’s Mediation Diplomacy in the Middle East: From Noninterference to Regional Governance;” presenter: Sun Degang, Shanghai International Studies University. “Religious Challenges Toward China’s Military Activities in the Middle East;” presenters: Niu Song, Shanghai International Studies University, and Sisu Pan, UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center. Moderator: Zhen Cao, UM Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Department senior lecturer.

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Visiting Carillonneur to Help UM Students Ring in Final Week of Classes

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Celebrated carillon and organ artist Tin-Shi Tam will perform a free carillon recital at noon Monday, May 5, from the University of Montana clock tower in Main Hall. The music can be heard from the UM Oval and will ring in the last week of regular classes for spring semester.

The recital will feature works by Johann Christian Bach, Ronald Barnes, Wang Hui-Ran, Federico Mompou and Scott Joplin.

Tam, the Cownie Professor of Music, university carillonneur and chair of the keyboard division at Iowa State University, has performed recitals in Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe and the U.S. She has been a featured carillon recitalist at several international festivals and conferences.

As an active clinician, she has delivered master classes, lectures and educational programs extensively. Her recent lectures have focused on bells and bell music in China and music for carillon and orchestra. Her carillon CD, "The Bells of Iowa State," was released in 2004.

UM's carillon features 47 bells. It chimes on every hour and half-hour, and music is played live at noon Monday through Friday.

For more information call UM School of Music Adjunct Assistant Professor Nancy Cooper at 406-243-6889 or email nancy.cooper@umontana.edu.

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Korea Society to Visit UM, Host Events Exploring Korea and Legacy of Mansfield

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will host The Korea Society Monday through Wednesday, April 28-30, for dialogue on past and present Korea, and the life and legacy of former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield. All events are free and open to the public.

The schedule of events is:

- **Monday, 12:10-1 p.m.:** “Memories of the Korean War: Stories and Artifacts,” an exhibition of items that convey the service and sacrifice of Korean War veterans, presented by The Korea Society Senior Vice President Stephen Noerper; Mansfield Center Conference Room.
- **Tuesday, 7 p.m.:** “Korea and Northeast Asia: Challenges and Opportunities,” a discussion of Korea’s current status, presented by former Ambassador to South Korea Thomas Hubbard, former Ambassador to Mongolia and current The Korea Society President Mark Minton, UM Mansfield Director Abraham Kim, and Noerper; Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

Wednesday, 7 p.m.: “Life and Legacy of Mike Mansfield,” a discussion featuring Hubbard and Minton, who worked for Mansfield when he served as ambassador to Japan; former Congressman Pat Williams, who helped Mansfield forge legislation in Washington, D.C.; and founding director of the Mansfield Center UM Professor Emeritus Paul Lauren; Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The discussion will be followed by a light reception.

Artifacts and stories shared on April 28 are from The Korea Society’s collection of more than 9,000 objects from the Korean War that convey the everyday experiences of those who served in Korea. These items are part of a temporary display in the Mansfield Library on loan from The Korea Society.

The April 29 discussion will turn an eye toward Korea’s growth in regional and global leadership; current concerns by way of North Korea; China and Japan; opportunities for collaboration between the U.S. and Korea on global problems; and challenges ahead as Korea expands and as unification remains a Cold War challenge.

The Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of Mansfield and his wife, Maureen. The center houses programs that focus on peoples and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs, the core interests and hallmarks of Mansfield’s career. For more information, visit www.umt.edu/mansfield.

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UM Students Honored at Research Awards Ceremony

April 21, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana awarded the top oral, poster and art exhibition presenters from the UM Conference on Undergraduate Research and the Graduate Student Research Conference during a ceremony Monday, April 21.

The conferences were held earlier this month, and winners were decided by judges' ratings and comments. UM President Engstrom congratulated winners and presented individual awards at the ceremony. Each award winner received a \$100 gift certificate to The Bookstore at UM.

The undergraduate research award winners for oral presentations are:

- Humanities: David Schaad from Portland, Ore., senior, environmental studies; abstract title: "Environmental Justice & HydroAysén: Pristine Waters to Power Santiago, Multinational Mining Interests in Chile." Faculty mentor: Daniel Spencer.
- Life Sciences: Jeanette Comstock from Missoula, senior, human biology; abstract title: "The Role of RNase Y in Gene Regulation During Transmission of *B. burgdorferi*." Faculty

mentor: Scott Samuels.

- Physical Sciences: Benjamin Campbell from Cut Bank, sophomore, computer science; abstract title: "Modular Abstraction of Complex Real Time Analysis."

Faculty mentor: Joel Henry.

- Social Sciences: Jesse Desrosier from Browning, sophomore, anthropology; abstract title: "Second Language Acquisition in Blackfeet Rhythm." Faculty mentor: Mizuki Miyashita.
- Visual & Performing Arts: Brooke Carlisle from Hillsboro, Ore., senior, wildlife biology; abstract title: "Dancing Through the Lens." Faculty mentor: Heidi Jones Eggert.

The undergraduate research award winners for poster presentations are:

- Life Sciences: Sarah Hendricks from Missoula, senior, human biology; abstract title: "Evaluating neurite outgrowth and signal integration in response to NGF and GDNF in neuroblastoma cell lines." Faculty mentor: Mark Grimes.
- Physical Sciences: Pamela Lavering from Polson, senior, geosciences; abstract title: "Stratigraphic and Sedimentologic Analysis of the Bear Gulch Limestone (Mississippian-Pennsylvanian) near Grass Range, Montana." Faculty mentor: Marc Hendrix.
- Social Sciences: Jill Sharp from Sidney, senior, accounting; abstract title: "Donors to Social Welfare Organizations: Are they avoiding gift tax?" Faculty mentor: Joshua Herbold.

The "Best in Show" undergraduate research award winner for the painting and print exhibition is:

- David Sampson from Corvallis, senior, art; Title of work: "eleutheromania." Medium: woodcut relief print. Faculty mentor: MaryAnn Bonjorni.

The Graduate Student Research Conference winners are:

- Jean "Ali" Church from Gatlinburg, Tenn., social work, "A Poverello emergency shelter resident's hierarchy of needs." Faculty mentor: James Caringi.
- Rachel Dalton from Muskegon, Mich., biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, "Characterization of rare genetic variation in CYP2D6 using human liver microsomes." Faculty mentor: Erica Woodahl.
- Chelsea Morales from Harlem, biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences, "Exploring views of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes about pharmacogenetics research and its translation into tribal health clinics." Faculty mentor: Erica Woodahl.
- Kate Morris from Bigfork, theatre and dance, "Writing memory with our bodies: Explorations in student-devised theatre." Faculty mentor: Bernadette Sweeney.
- Megan K. Nasto from San Ramon, Calif., ecosystem and conservation sciences, "Symbiotic dinitrogen fixation enhances soil phosphorus acquisition strategies in tropical forests." Faculty mentor: Cory Cleveland.
- Kathryn Oost from Seattle, psychology, "Getting physical: How prejudice can impact the health of lesbian and bisexual women." Faculty mentor: Bryan Cochran.
- Jeremy Reed from Marshall, English, "Zadie Smith's ritual interest: NW in a postsecular lens." Faculty mentor: Brady Harrison.
- John Stegmaier from Brighton, Mich., society and conservation, "Emerging models in environmental volunteerism: The domestic vol." Faculty mentor: Libby Metcalf.

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UM Entrepreneurship Club Seeks Applicants for Bear Den Project

April 18, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana's Entrepreneurship Club, in partnership with UM's Blackstone Launchpad and the Associated Students of UM, recently launched a first-of-its-kind program in Missoula.

The Bear Den project is focused on bringing entrepreneurs and idea leaders into several three-person residential suites to live together and collaborate on business ideas.

"The idea is similar to what millionaires are doing in San Francisco," said Austin Walker, president of the club. "They purchase a mansion and lease out the rooms to aspiring entrepreneurs – or people with great ideas – in hopes they are able to launch a business using the other entrepreneurial housemates, each with their own skill set, to perform work."

The housing is available fall 2014 and is located in the University Villages, near the UM Golf Course. The apartments are newer than most of the other student housing and are priced affordably in comparison to other Missoula options.

The club currently is seeking interested applicants to participate in the Bear Den project. Interested participants are encouraged to apply by April 23 by emailing a description of their skill sets or business ideas to eclub.um@gmail.com. Students participating in this program will earn at least one credit for their work/ideas throughout the semester.

“This program isn’t just for business majors,” Walker said. “We are seeking a large mix of majors and ideas.”

For more information on the UM Entrepreneurship Club visit <https://www.facebook.com/EClub.UMT>. For more information on Bear Den, call Walker at 406-231-8370 or email austin1.walker@umconnect.umt.edu.

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Local Writers to Share Nature Stories During Free Event

April 17, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s environmental writing magazine, *Camas: The Nature of the West*, will host its first annual "Prairie Songs," a reading event that celebrates the abundance of nature writing in western Montana. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, at the Top Hat Lounge located at 134 W. Front St. in downtown Missoula.

Local writers will share stories that are reminiscent of the beauty, loss and joy that define human relationships with the places we love. The environmental storytelling event will feature prose and poetry by Sheryl Noethe, Josh Slotnick, Richard Manning, Bryce Andrews, David James Duncan, Annick Smith, Phil Condon and Janisse Ray.

Founded by UM environmental studies graduate students in 1992, *Camas* is a biannual environmental literary magazine that continues to be produced by students in UM’s Environmental Studies Program. The magazine encourages dialogue on environmental and cultural issues in the West; celebrates the people who work, study, write and live here; and provides an opportunity for students and emerging writers to publish their work alongside established environmental authors.

Camas is published bi-annually with winter and summer installments. Each issue emerges from a distinct theme that is meant to be a starting point for conversation and inspiration.

For more information on the "Prairie Songs" event, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/655816221134117/>.
For more information about *Camas: The Nature of the West*, visit <http://www.umt.edu/camas/>.

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\$5 Million Gift for UM Scholarships to Benefit Generations of Students

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana received \$5 million this week to endow a scholarship fund for Montana students with financial need. The gift came from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

“We are tremendously grateful for this gift that will enable many Montana students to receive a transformational education at the University of Montana,” President Royce C. Engstrom said. “This amazing act of generosity will change lives.”

The gift includes \$144,000 for scholarships to be awarded to next fall’s freshmen. Twelve students will receive \$3,000 scholarships that are renewable for four years.

The remainder of the gift will be placed in an endowment. The University of Montana Foundation typically begins distributing funds from an endowment within 12 to 18 months after a gift is received and placed in the investment pool. The proceeds from the invested funds yield the scholarships.

The donor is working with the UM Foundation to determine the size of the scholarships that will be awarded

through the endowment.

“The size of this gift will impact generations of Montanans,” said Shane Giese, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. “The donor has demonstrated a great deal of trust in the University and more importantly, the value of investing in students.”

Since July 2013, the University and the UM Foundation have been working to increase the number of scholarships and fellowships through the Investing in Student Success Initiative. The initiative also focuses on increasing support for the Davidson Honors College, Global Leadership Initiative, a Learning Commons at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and facilities for student-athletes.

The addition of the \$5 million gift brings the total contributed toward Investing in Student Success to \$20.2 million. The majority of the gifts received will go toward scholarships and fellowships.

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UM Club to Host First Irish Hurling Tournament April 19

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Griz Hurlers will host the inaugural McEneaney Cup Hurling Tournament at noon Saturday, April 19, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The event is free and open to the public.

Hurling is an ancient Irish game based on single-person combat and has been played for more than 3,000 years. It is the world's fastest field sport.

"It was a game played by the great heroes of Ireland, champions like Cuchulainn and Fionn Mac Cumhail, who showed their warrior mettle through their exploits on the hurling field," said Traolach O'Riordain, director the UM Irish Studies Program. "No game in Ireland has been as celebrated in song and story like hurling. It is the national game."

This is the first year UM students have organized a hurling club, one of the few in the country. They will play in the U.S. national championship next month in New York, but first they invite the community to see Montana's first hurling tournament.

The Griz Hurlers will compete against other teams from the Western U.S. to vie for the McEneaney Cup, which was donated by local hurling enthusiasts Terry and Karen McEneaney.

The club includes Irish exchange students and American players.

“The Fulbright teachers, language and law students from Ireland have added style to the power and strength of Montana’s homegrown players,” said O’Riordain.

For more information call visiting Fulbright teacher Naoise Waldron at 406-239-3318 or email naoise45@gmail.com.

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Former Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Panetta to Lecture at UM

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Law will host former Secretary of Defense and CIA Director Leon E. Panetta for “A Conversation with Secretary Leon E. Panetta” at noon Thursday, April 24, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. The event is the 2014 Jones-Tamm Lecture, and is free and open to the public.

The conversation will feature Panetta and attorney Robert S. Bennett, a friend of the UM School of Law and member of the Jones-Tamm Committee.

Panetta served under President Barack Obama as the 23rd secretary of defense. During his time in that position he oversaw the final removal of American troops from Iraq and the beginning of troop withdrawal from Afghanistan. He led the efforts to develop a new defense strategy to advance greater agility, protect national security and meet fiscal discipline, opened new opportunities for everyone to serve in the military and protect benefits for wounded soldiers and their families.

Before joining the Department of Defense, Panetta served as director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, and represented California’s 16th – now 17th – Congressional District

from 1977 to 1993, serving as House Budget Committee chairman during his final four years in Congress. He also is co-director of the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy. He holds bachelor's and law degrees from Santa Clara University.

The UM School of Law established the Jones-Tamm Lecture Series in 1997 to honor the memory of William B. Jones and Edward A. Tamm, two distinguished federal judges with strong ties to Montana. Jones practiced in the state from 1931 to 1937 during the early years of his career, while Tamm graduated from Butte Central High School and studied at Carroll College in Helena and UM before embarking on his judicial career in Washington, D.C.

Though they spent the majority of their careers in Washington, D.C., Jones and Tamm never forgot their Montana connections, and the lecture series named for them now attracts leading jurists and scholars to UM to address relevant legal topics, such as judicial ethics, judicial decision-making, and selection and education of judges.

For more information, call Carla Caballero-Jackson, the law school's director of external relations, at 406-243-6254 or e-mail carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu.

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UM Student Wins Prestigious Truman Scholarship

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MISSOULA – University of Montana student Mara Menahan has won a Truman Scholarship, a prestigious national award that provides top U.S. university student leaders up to \$30,000 for graduate or professional school.

Truman Scholars are selected on the basis of leadership achievements and potential in public service. Menahan, a Davidson Honors College student who majors in environmental studies and geography with minors in climate change studies and wilderness studies, is the University's 14th Truman Scholar.

Fifty-nine students were selected as 2014 Truman Scholars out of 655 candidates from nearly 300 colleges and universities. On top of the \$30,000 scholarship, Truman Scholars receive priority admission and supplemental financial aid at some premier graduate institutions, as well as leadership training, career and graduate school counseling, and internship opportunities with the federal government.

According to the Truman Foundation, the scholarship is firmly rooted in former U.S. President Harry Truman's belief that education promotes the general welfare of our country. The scholarship remains committed to

encouraging future “change agents” of America. Many Truman Scholars go on to serve in public office or as leaders of nonprofit organizations and educators.

Menahan is a graduate of **Helena** High School and the daughter of Mike Menahan and Stacy Tureck of Helena. She plans to fight climate change by addressing urban sprawl through the open-space planning process.

“Mara has been a stand-out student at UM since her freshman year,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “Her broad range of experience and commitment to environmental causes both on and off campus highlight her potential as an innovative leader and thinker who will no doubt achieve great things.”

Menahan’s passionate and professional leadership in a variety of campus and community activities helped her achieve the award. She has been a leader at the UM FLAT –Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology; served as the only undergraduate on the university’s delegation to the UN 2013 Climate Change Conference in Warsaw, Poland; participated in the Bhutan Ride for Climate; served as a moderator for the Community Climate Summit; completed an internship with Montana Audubon to develop visual communication tools to explain the hazards of climate change to the bird population; and interned as a wilderness ranger with the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation. She also served as vice president and women’s captain of the UM Cycling Team.

“The environmental planning to which Mara has dedicated herself requires a broad range of skills – from the scientific to the artistic, from solitary work to complex collaboration across political parties and jurisdictions,” said Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships and advising in the UM Davidson Honors College. “Mara is an exceptionally talented and enthusiastic student.”

The 2014 Truman Scholars will gather for a leadership development program May 22 at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. They will receive their awards in a special ceremony at the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., on May 25.

For a listing of the 2014 Truman Scholars and more information on the program, visit <http://www.truman.gov>.

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UM Dean to Perform at Carnegie Hall

April 16, 2014

MISSOULA – “Practice ... practice ...” is the punchline to the old joke, “How do you get to Carnegie Hall?” That is precisely what Stephen Kalm did in New York City last week in preparation for an April 22 performance at Carnegie Hall.

Kalm is dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts at the University of Montana and a music professor. He will perform in the Harry Partch opera “The Wayward” as part of an inventive series titled “collected stories: hero,” which is curated by Carnegie composer-in-residence David Lang.



For more information about the performance, visit the Carnegie Hall website at <http://bit.ly/1h3EXBG>.

Although this marks his debut in Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall, Kalm has performed in opera and concert at the Lincoln Center, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, throughout the United States and in international festivals in London; Paris; Berlin; Lisbon, Portugal; Copenhagen, Denmark; Avignon, France; and Bern, Switzerland. Next month he will sing the baritone solos in Vaughn Williams' "A Sea Symphony" with the Glacier Symphony in Kalispell.

Kalm first performed "The Wayward" in 1991 at the "Bang On A Can Festival" at Circle in the Square Theatre in New York's Greenwich Village. He also toured a production of "The Wayward" around the United States and Europe. A recording of that production, available on Amazon, was released in 2002 on Wergo Records.

"The Wayward" comprises four mini operas: "Barstow," "San Francisco," "The Letter" and "US Highball." The longest opera, "US Highball," outlines the autobiographical experiences of two hobos on a transcontinental hobo trip from San Francisco to Chicago during the Depression.

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Photo: Stephen Kalm (second from left), dean of UM's College of Visual and Performing Arts, will appear in an upcoming Carnegie Hall performance of "The Wayward."

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Documentary Spotlights Language and Culture Program at UM

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MISSOULA -- Longtime Montana journalist Ian Marquand has written and produced a documentary about the Defense Critical Language and Culture Program at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana.

The documentary “Languages of War ... and Peace” showcases the DCLCP, the top language and culture training center for the U.S. Department of Defense and other government agencies. DCLCP trains personnel in critical languages and in the culture of the regions that are of strategic significance to the U.S. Marquand produced the documentary using a grant from the Greater Montana Foundation.

“The bottom line is, we’ve grown to become the best language and cultural course in the U.S.,” said Donald Loranger, director of the program. “We’ve broadened our base to include other languages – Korean and Chinese – and we’re the school of choice for people who want to be fluent, which you need to do to win the hearts and minds of people.”

The faculty of DCLCP are professional native linguist instructors who bringing their “in-country” experience with

their lessons. Most of the courses award UM college credits upon successful completion.

To view the documentary, visit <http://youtu.be/PQYjxArroCg>. To request a hard copy of the documentary, call Daphne Felker at 406-243-3608. Information on DCLCP can be found at www.umt.edu/dclcp.

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Thompson Falls, Eureka Students Explore Health Care Fields at Kalispell Regional

April 16, 2014

MISSOULA – Thirty-five **Thompson Falls** High School freshmen and 58 **Eureka** Middle School eighth graders will travel to **Kalispell** on Thursday, April 24, to take part in the R.E.A.C.H. program hosted at Kalispell Regional Medical Center.

R.E.A.C.H., which stands for Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare, was developed by the Montana Area Health Education Center in 2007. The Western Montana AHEC R.E.A.C.H. program provides an opportunity for students to have hands-on exposure to latest equipment, practices and procedures in the health care industry. Students will spend a full day at Kalispell Regional, where they will work in teams and rotate through a variety of departments for a close-up view of health care provider job duties, daily practice, policy and procedures, and the education and training required for the positions.

Monica Peterson, student program coordinator with KRMC, will choreograph the day's events to include student activities at radiology, pathology, rehabilitation, lab, respiratory therapy, midwifery, emergency room and ALERT Air Ambulance. KRMC will host lunch for the students.

Kalispell Regional offers programs to local students in an effort to expose youth to the health care industry.

“Western Montana AHEC and Kalispell Regional are well aware that the health care workforce in Montana is a key component to the economic viability of the state, as well as a vital factor in sustaining the health of our rural communities,” Peterson said.

According to Western Montana AHEC, the largest industry in Montana exhibiting the fastest growing occupational job growth is health care, with an annual estimated vacancy rate of 1,300 positions. To fill these positions and meet this need, programs such as R.E.A.C.H. have been developed to give students early exposure to health care industry and the many health care career choices available.

Western Montana AHEC, located on the University of Montana campus, coordinates R.E.A.C.H. programs at hospitals throughout the seven-county western region of Montana. There are four Montana AHEC regional offices and a program office located on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman. R.E.A.C.H. is one of several K-12 Pipeline Programs that Montana AHEC provides to schools and communities throughout the state. The Pipeline Programs fulfill a portion of Montana AHEC’s mission to connect students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.

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UM Launches Transportation Study

April 16, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana and the UDASH bus system are launching a collaborative transportation study to plan for improving transit service to campus, easing traffic and parking pressure, and ensuring efficient access to the preferred Missoula College site on East Broadway.

The UM Transportation Study will launch with two meetings on Tuesday, April 22: from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in University Center Room 332, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Lewis and Clark Villages Community Room located at 3000 South Higgins Ave. Both meetings are free and open to the public.

The Associated Students of UM, the city of Missoula, Mountain Line and UM have contributed a combined \$103,000 to the study, which includes focus groups, meetings and online surveys.

“The University and ASUM are committed to a thorough public process,” said Peggy Kuhr, UM’s vice president for integrated communications. “We encourage students, faculty, staff and community members to participate fully in the meetings next week.”

ASUM’s Office of Transportation operates the UDASH bus system – one of a handful of student-run transit systems in the country. Founded by student referendum in 1999, UDASH now provides more than 400,000 rides per year. Mountain Line provides nearly 1 million rides annually and has experienced record growth in

recent years.

Mountain Line's new Bolt service stops at the University every 15 minutes. More frequency offers more convenience, which leads to more riders, said Mountain Line General Manager Michael Tree. And more riders allow the agencies to provide better transit service.

Both bus services are hoping to gather recommendations for improved collaboration.

"Mountain Line and UDASH provided more than 1.4 million rides last year, and more than half of those rides were taken by University students, faculty or staff," said Jordan Hess, ASUM Office of Transportation director. "We're both trying to do the same thing – get riders to their destinations quickly and safely – and we're looking for ways to work together."

The city of Missoula long has been interested in the same goals.

"This is a great opportunity for the University of Montana, its students and the city of Missoula, through Mountain Line, to work for the greater good and better serve our shared constituents," said Mayor John Engen. "Our study is a step on the path to delivering the best transportation options of any small city in the United States."

UDASH and Mountain Line together provide enough transit service to qualify for Small Transit Intensive Cities funding through the Federal Transit Administration. Through STIC funding, cities can become eligible for additional performance-based funding. According to Hess, the study could help ASUM and Mountain Line meet more performance metrics to receive STIC funding for future enhancements.

The process also includes a review of other transportation needs. As UM prepares to build a new Missoula College campus, the University and ASUM want to make sure the transportation system provides the right number of buses at the right time, along with the ideal mix of bike and vehicle parking spaces. The University has selected a preferred site for a new Missoula College building on East Broadway, and that site now is under evaluation as part of an environmental assessment process.

Better transit service also helps alleviate parking congestion and cut down on the need to construct new parking spaces. According to Hess, it costs significantly less much to improve transit service to accommodate commuters than it does to construct new parking for them.

The transportation study will be conducted by Nelson\Nygaard of San Francisco. The firm has extensive experience in campus transportation planning and recently prepared short- and long-range plans for Mountain Line.

For more information visit <http://umt.edu/transportation/study> or email transportation.study@umontana.edu.

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17 UM Students Display Art During B.F.A. Senior Thesis Exhibition

April 15, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Art will present the 2014 Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition. The exhibit will be on display in the UM Gallery of Visual Arts April 30 through May 16 and in the University Center Gallery April 28 through May 16.

Both galleries will host opening receptions on Thursday, May 1. The UC Gallery reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m., and the Gallery of Visual Arts reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Both galleries will host Commencement receptions from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, May 16.

The annual B.F.A. Senior Thesis Exhibition is a diverse array of media and content. This year, many of the students explore issues of identity and gender issues in their work. Due to the large number of students, 12 artists will exhibit in the Gallery of Visual Arts and five will exhibit in the UC Gallery. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, installation art, photography and ceramics will be featured. All events are free and open to the public.

All Bachelor of Fine Arts candidates in the UM School of Art are required to participate in the Senior Thesis

Exhibition. Each student will display a body of work that reflects their chosen media.

Participating artists in the Gallery of Visual Arts are Margaret Boelman, Charlotte Dysthe, Syd Faul, Cody Hilleboe, Jeannette Keller, Gabriel Kerber, Kristina Myers Rollins, Morgan Rollins, John Ryan, Alex Sugiri, Tracy Warneke-Klepzig and Anthony Yazzie. Participating artists in the UC Gallery are Roseline Cadotte-Vaile, Breanna deMontigny, Amanda Easton, Kelsey McDonough, and Charnay Murphy.

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

For more information call the Gallery of Visual Arts at 406-243-2813 or email galleries.visarts@umontana.edu, or call the UC Gallery at 406-243-5564 or email ucgallery@mso.umt.edu. Additional information can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/art>.

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SpectrUM's Motion Exhibit Travels to Browning

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MISSOULA – Motion, one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area's popular traveling exhibitions, will visit **Browning** Wednesday and Thursday, April 23-24.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities that explore the wonders of physics and engineering, Motion will transform the Browning Middle School Gym into an interactive science museum. Highlights of the exhibition include a larger-than-life spinning turntable, a gravity well, Bernoulli Blower, flying cups and spectrUM's ever-popular flight simulator.

Families and friends also are invited to attend the school's Family Science Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday. During Family Science Night, Browning students will be able to share spectrUM's Motion exhibit and many other community activities with family, friends and neighbors. On Thursday, spectrUM educators will lead in-school field trips to the exhibit from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive exhibits. According to spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM's mobile outreach is to "help inspire

Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”

Since 2006, spectrUM has driven more than 22,100 miles to bring educators, exhibitions and programs to 60 different schools in 23 Montana counties, including all seven Montana Indian reservations. SpectrUM's mobile science programs have served more than 34,080 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent are from rural communities.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula.

SpectrUM annually serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming. National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana AHEC and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,500 Montana children.

This stop on spectrUM's mobile science tour is powered by the Montana GEAR UP Program.

The spectrUM Discovery Area, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM's mobile tour can call 406-243-STEM.

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Professor Wins 2013 Wildland Fire Leadership Award

April 15, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana Professor Carl Seielstad recently earned the 2013 Paul Gleason Lead by Example Award from a national interagency wildfire committee.

The Lead by Example Award is given to firefighters who are exceptional mentors and leaders. In selecting him for the award, the National Wildfire Coordinating Group leadership subcommittee noted Seielstad's visionary leadership. He is the first UM faculty member to receive the honor.

Seielstad has more than 20 years of operational fire experience as a Hotshot crew member, smoke jumper and type 3 incident commander. He earned his doctorate from UM in 2003, is a faculty member in the College of Forestry and Conservation and a research program leader at the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis.

Casey Teske, fire scientist at the National Center for Landscape Fire Analysis, nominated Seielstad for the award.

According to UM graduate student Tyson Atkinson, not all universities understand the dilemma students face in scheduling and training for school versus fighting fire.

“Carl has made that tension the essence of his efforts at UM,” Atkinson said. “In his vision, learning opportunities in the field are vital to giving students the principles and values of a motivated and safe wildland firefighter.

“Carl’s unique ability to cross scientific and management boundaries have had major impacts on the careers of those fortunate enough to work with him.”

In 2008, Seielstad established the prescribed fire practicum, a service-learning course for undergraduate and graduate students. He partners with The Nature Conservancy in Georgia to bring six to 10 students to the southeastern United States each January to run prescribed burns that restore longleaf pine habitat. More than 50 UM students have participated in the prescribed fire practicum.

In 2011, Seielstad led the College of Forestry and Conservation to establish and gain approval for a minor in wildland fire sciences and management. Since autumn semester 2013, UM students can work toward a minor in fire science and management or a bachelor’s in science of resource conservation with a wildland fire emphasis.

Seielstad advises 10 graduate students annually and is the adviser of the student chapter of the Association for Fire Ecology. Originally from West Virginia, he completed his bachelor’s degree at Dartmouth College and earned his master’s degree in geography from the University of Georgia. He most recently jumped from the McCall Smokejumper base in McCall, Idaho, and has served as incident commander on various wildfires, including the Conger fire outside Seeley Lake in 2007, and the Langille fire in Washington state in 2009.

The award is named for Paul Gleason, who was a wildland fire leader whose career spanned several decades before he died in 2003. Among many accomplishments, he developed the LCES concept (Lookout, Communication, Escape Routes, Safety Zones) that is now a foundation of firefighter safety.

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Celebrate Earth Week with UM, Community Events April 19-27

April 14, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana invites the public to participate in annual Earth Week activities Saturday through Sunday, April 19-27, on campus and around the community.

Earth Week kicks off April 19 with Earth Service Day and the Ecopentathlon. Service opportunities include river cleanup, prairie restoration on Mount Sentinel, sorting recyclables at UM's Recycling Shed, stenciling storm drains at UM, and repairing bikes at Free Cycles. The river cleanup is coordinated by the Clark Fork Coalition.

"In the Ecopentathlon, Ecopentathletes ride their bikes from event to event and volunteer at all the service activities," said organizer Vicki Watson, a professor in UM's Environmental Studies Program. Visit <http://www.umt.edu/earthday> for times and locations of the service projects.

April 19 also is Dig Day for 1,000 New Gardens, a UM student group that partners with the community to put food gardens into Missoula yards. Participants will meet at noon at Kiwanis Park to join a garden crew.

After a hard day working for the Earth, participants are invited enjoy the Earth Service Day Dance from 7:30 to

11 p.m. at the Union Hall, located at 208 E. Main St. The event features easy folk dances and old-time fiddle music by a local band. All the dances are taught, and no experience or partner is needed. Earth Service Day workers and children age 15 or younger get in free, or admission costs \$9 for the general public and \$6 for students.

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, and will be celebrated with a Sustainability Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Center. Following the fair, Reinvest MT will hold a gathering on the UM Oval to build support for switching from fossil fuel to clean, green energy sources. The event is free and open to the public.

Other activities are planned throughout the week, including a barbecue at the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, tours and workshops in the UM Dining Campus Garden, more service projects and the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project's annual Earth Celebration in Caras Park.

A full schedule of events is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/earthday>. For more information call Watson at 406-243-5153 or email vicki.watson@umontana.edu.

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Montana Public Radio Releases Spring Pledge Week Results

April 14, 2014

MISSOULA – The cats, dogs, chickens, horses, sheep, bunnies and other critters finished the Montana Public Radio’s annual spring fundraiser in a flurry of furry fun during “Pet Wars” on Sunday, April 13. Listener pledges totaled \$554,116 at midnight, concluding the eight-day event that raised 85 percent of the \$650,000 goal.

Dogs won “Pet Wars” with 1,745 votes, and cats came in second at 1,480. This year in addition to pledging for pets, listeners also posted pictures and comments about their pets on the MTPR Facebook events page and Twitter feed using the hashtags #petwars, #teamdog, #teamcat and several others.

“It was really fun to be able to see pictures of the pets – a nice compliment to the ‘Pet Wars’ event,” said Joan Richarde, MTPR program host and Pet Wars co-anchor.

The biggest hour of the weeklong event occurred between noon and 1 p.m. on the final Sunday, with \$18,386 in pledges made before the deadline for a \$5,000 matching challenge.

“As we were talking about the challenge on-air, we began calling it a big monster challenge, and then the listeners began calling it that, too,” said Fundraising Director Linda Talbott.

“That kind of informal atmosphere and levity are in keeping with the MTPR’s founding vision, to keep the fun in the fundraising,” MTPR Station Manager William Marcus said.

Supporters made a total of 4,810 pledges during the week, and about 2,800 unique thank-you gifts were offered by listeners and businesses. The gifts included weekend cabin getaways, home-cooked dinners, handmade hats, baked goods, pet treats, raft trips, books, CDs and live goats.

Program Director Michael Marsolek and all the senior staff at the station will read the listener comments and suggestions regarding program preferences.

MTPR is a public service of the University of Montana and broadcasts to western and central Montana from Missoula studios through transmitters in Missoula, Hamilton, Kalispell, Whitefish, Polson, Libby, Butte, Dillon, Helena and Great Falls.

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UM Dining Wins Gold Sustainability Award

April 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana learned April 11 that UM Dining has won the Gold 2014 Sustainability Award, given by the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS).

The Sustainability Awards recognize and honor member institutions each year that have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the promotion and implementation of environmental sustainability, specifically as it relates to campus dining operations.

“This award validates our educational and outreach efforts that we continue to provide UM students, faculty and staff regarding our ongoing portfolio of sustainable practices,” said Mark LoParco, director of UM Dining.

UM Dining will be recognized with this award at the national NACUFS conference in Baltimore on July 10.

The NACUFS Sustainability Awards support the globally accepted triple bottom line philosophy – also known as “people, planet, profit” – a method of evaluating operational performance by measuring financial success, as well as environmental sustainability and social responsibility.

More than 55 colleges and universities across North America submitted entries in four categories, including procurement practices, outreach and education, waste management, and energy and water conservation. Each

entry was judged by a team of collegiate dining professionals, including foodservice directors and sustainability coordinators.

“Sustainability is a growing trend in food service,” said committee chair Sheryl Kidwell of the University of Kansas. “Dining services play a pivotal role in the overall sustainability goals of a campus.”

Each year’s winning entries are displayed at the NACUFS national conference and award winners are publicly recognized. A Grand Prize winner is announced at the annual NACUFS national conference. All winners also receive recognition with a feature article in NACUFS’ magazine, Campus Dining Today.

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SpectrUM's Brain Exhibit Travels to Fort Benton

April 11, 2014

MISSOULA – Brain: the World inside Your Head, one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area's popular traveling exhibitions, will make a stop in Fort Benton Monday and Tuesday, April 14-15.

The exhibition will transform the Fort Benton Elementary School gym into a world-class science museum. Highlights include an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and Mind Flex Duel, an activity that allows visitors to move a ball using just their brain waves.

Families and friends also are invited to attend Family Science Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday in the Fort Benton Elementary School gym, where students will be able to share spectrUM's Brain exhibition and activities with family, friends and neighbors.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive exhibits. According to spectrUM director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM's mobile outreach is to "help inspire Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries."

Since 2006, spectrUM has driven more than 22,100 miles to bring educators, exhibitions and programs to 60 different schools in 23 Montana counties, including all seven Montana Indian reservations. All together, the mobile science programs have served more than 34,080 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent are from rural communities.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming.

National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program.

Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,200 Montana children annually. This stop on spectrUM's mobile science tour is powered by Chouteau County PEAK, which is funded through a 21st Century Learning Grant.

SpectrUM's new downtown museum, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM's mobile tour can call 406-728-STEM.

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Largest Easter Egg Hunt in the Region Held at UM April 19

April 11, 2014

MISSOULA – The Easter Bunny and Monte will look on as thousands of colorful eggs and candy are scooped up by western Montana children Saturday, April 19, when the Mountain Broadcasting Foundation hosts the 14th annual Easter Eggstravaganza on the University of Montana Oval.

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

The event is free and open to the public, and Mountain Line will provide free bus rides all day. Because of a large volume of UM events taking place April 19, participants are encouraged to bike, bus, carpool or walk to campus. Mountain Line's Saturday route schedules can be found online at <http://www.mountainline.com/maps-schedules/route-schedules/>.

There will be separate age-group sections for 0-2, 3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9 age groups. One lucky child in each age group who finds an egg with a special coupon will win a brand-new bicycle.

Children also can find special eggs with certificates that will bring them back to campus. UM has donated educational opportunities for children, including UM soccer and basketball camps, children's dance lessons with UM Theatre & Dance, a year membership to spectrUM Discovery Area, free day passes to spectrUM, free entrance to the Kyi-Yo Celebration and more.

"This is one of our favorite events to produce for the community," said Sheila Callahan, president of Mountain Broadcasting Foundation, which has taken over producing this event for the community. "So many generous donations from UM departments and businesses in the Missoula community make this event truly unique and super fun for the kids."

During the event, parents can enter a free raffle for gift certificates to area businesses.

KPAX chief weather forecaster Erin Yost and 102.5 Mountain FM radio morning personality Rick Sanders will emcee the event. The Easter Bunny, as well as mascots Monte, Bolt and Red will be on hand for the fun. At noon near the Grizzly Bear statue, kids can explore with spectrUM Discovery Area, learn more about the Kyi-Yo Celebration and take a tour of a Mountain Line bus.

The Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza is organized by the Mountain Broadcasting Foundation with help from UM's University Relations and generous sponsorship from local businesses. Volunteers from the community and UM Advocates will help spread candy and eggs across the Oval the morning of the hunt. UM and Missoula Sentinel High School students and Mountain FM staff helped fill eggs leading up to the event. The Sweets Barn, located in Lolo and downtown Missoula, donated 30,000 pieces of candy that will be spread over the four acres of Oval lawn. Additional support on campus and at the event will come from KBGA Radio, the student-run station at UM.

NorthWestern Energy, The Sweets Barn and Mountain102.5 FM are the major sponsors of this year's Eggstravaganza.

Additional cash sponsors include Missoula Federal Credit Union, Freemasons Lodge No. 13, Eastgate Rental, Culligan Water, Republic Services of Montana, Merrill Lynch and Garlington, Lohn & Robinson.

University Relations also received in-kind donations of candy, prizes and coupons for free items or admission from 41 local businesses and organizations.

"Missoula has so much to offer young families and children," Callahan said. "Many of those fun activities or beloved treats from area businesses can be found inside of eggs at this year's Eggstravaganza. Because of their generosity, we are able to continue this cherished community event."

For more information call Callahan at 406-880-1025 or email sheila@mtnbdc.com.

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SpectrUM 'Pop-up Museum' Draws Hundreds to Nanoscience

April 11, 2014

MISSOULA – What happens when you slide a magnet along a tube filled with magnetic ferrofluid? How do medical researchers use nanotechnology to fight cancer?

Visitors to the Missoula Public Library can find out for themselves at a fun, hands-on pop-up museum hosted by the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area. Featuring a nanoscience exhibition created by the Minnesota Science Museum the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network, this playful pop-up museum invites children of all ages to explore the fascinating world of nanotechnology. The free exhibit lets visitors build a giant carbon nanotube, “balance our nano future” on a tippy table, and learn about exciting career possibilities in nanotechnology.

The pop-up museum is the result of a pilot partnership between spectrUM and the Missoula Public Library.

“We are extremely pleased to have the Nanoscience Exhibition in the Children’s Department and welcome the opportunity to offer another learning experience to the Missoula community,” said Pam Carlton, Missoula Public Library children’s librarian. “In just the first two weeks after the exhibit arrived, we have had hundreds of

children and adults stop in and explore. Our partnership with spectrum Discovery Area is one we hope continues far into the future.”

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, spectrUM is an interactive science center that annually serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming. The Nanoscience Exhibit will make spectrUM’s hands-on science outreach available to the Missoula Public Library’s 1,600 daily visitors, including 400 children.

“We’re in the business of exciting the next generation of Missoulians about science, technology, engineering and math,” said spectrUM Director Holly Truitt. “And, we’re equally committed to putting them on the fast track to higher education. We can’t think of a better partner in these efforts than the Missoula Public Library, which offers a vibrant community space grounded in learning and exploration for all ages.”

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UM Advocates Host Semi-Annual World's Largest Garage Sale April 26

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – Garage sale vendors and shoppers are invited to the University of Montana's World's Largest Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 26, in the UM Parking Garage.

The garage sale is hosted by the UM Advocates, a campus service organization. It will be held on the first two levels of the parking garage next to the Mansfield Library on the east side of campus.

Vendors can rent two parking spaces for \$25 and additional spaces for \$10 each. Each parking space is 9 feet by 18 feet. Vendor setup begins at 7:30 a.m.

More than 50 UM Advocates members volunteer for campus functions such as Homecoming and new-student orientation. They host the World's Largest Garage Sale as a fundraiser every autumn and spring semester. Sales attract nearly 100 sellers and thousands of shoppers.

Vendor registration forms are available online at <http://life.umt.edu/umadv/garage-sale.php> or at The Source in the University Center.

For more information call UM Advocates Coordinators Shaun Bummer or Merridy Preble at 406-243-5874 or email advocates@mso.umt.edu.

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UM to Celebrate National Student Employment Week April 13-19

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will acknowledge the value of student employees and the benefits students derive from employment during National Student Employment Week, April 13-19.

All student employees will receive a Student Employee Appreciation Bookmark from their UM supervisors honoring them for their contributions to the University. Many campus employers will celebrate student employees by offering rewards for presenting the bookmarks at their office locations. Go to <http://www.umt.edu/nsew> to see what campus employers are offering.

The Office of Career Services and the Division of Student Affairs, in partnership with UM Dining Services, Residence Life, the University Center, the Mansfield Library, the Adams Center, Campus Recreation and the UM Foundation will host the 12th annual Student Employee of the Year reception. The event, which honors all the student employee nominees, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17. In addition, Career Services will award a \$500 scholarship to the UM Student Employee of the Year.

Students who work on campus become more engaged with campus activities and organizations, which can be

a factor in higher student retention rates and persistence to graduation; gain hands-on experience to increase employability and apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings; have more frequent interactions with fellow students, staff, faculty and other professionals; and have opportunities to earn money to help pay for their education.

For more information on National Student Employment Week, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator in UM's Office of Career Services, at 406-243-2239 or email janay.whisman@umontana.edu. For more information, or for ideas about how to celebrate your student workers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/nsew>. General information regarding student employment at UM can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/studentjobs>.

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Joan Baez Concert Coming to UM

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – Internationally renowned musician Joan Baez will perform at the University of Montana Dennison Theatre on Thursday, July 17, courtesy of UM Productions.

Tickets go sale at 8 a.m. Monday, April 14. They cost \$40 in advance and \$42 day of show and are available at all GrizTix locations, including Southgate Mall, Worden's Market, the Source in the University Center, MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office. Tickets also can be purchased by calling 406-243-4051 or toll free 1-888-MONTANA or visiting <http://www.griztix.com>.

Joan Baez is a major musical and political force. She marched on the front lines of the civil rights movement with Martin Luther King Jr., inspired Vaclav Havel in his fight for a Czech Republic, sang on the first Amnesty International tour and stood alongside Nelson Mandela when the world celebrated his 90th birthday in London's Hyde Park.

Her earliest recordings fed a host of traditional ballads into the rock vernacular, before she introduced Bob Dylan to the world in 1963 and focused on awareness on songwriters ranging from Woody Guthrie and Phil Ochs to Richard Farina and many more.

Her latest studio album in five years is titled "Day After Tomorrow." Baez says the album "speaks to the

essence of who I am in the same way as these songs that have been the enduring backbone of my repertoire for the past 50 years.”

For more information visit <http://www.umproductions.org>, <http://www.joanbaez.com>, call Heather Krebsbach at 406-243-4719, or email marketing@umproductions.org.

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UM FLAT Hosts Barbecue to Celebrate Earth Week

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology, better known as the UM FLAT house, invites the UM and Missoula communities to its annual Earth Week Barbecue from 3 to 6 p.m. Friday, April 25, at 633 S. 5th St. E.

The event will feature local food with both meat and vegetarian options, live music, a silent auction and demonstrations of exciting new sustainable projects. The silent auction will feature a variety of handmade items and some big-ticket surprises.

Attendees can enjoy food and wander around the house and property to see what the UM FLAT students have worked on this year: native plant landscaping, a new greenhouse, a renovated chicken run with a new flock of chickens, worm composting and more.

Admission is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$3 to \$5 if you plan to eat.

For more information call UM student Nick Triolo at 909-809-1523 or email nicktriolo@gmail.com.

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UM Receives Baucus Papers, Plans Institute

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – Max Baucus, Montana’s longest-serving U.S. senator, has departed to become ambassador to China, but a significant portion of his legacy will remain with the University of Montana.

On April 10, Baucus announced he would donate his official papers to UM’s Archives and Special Collections. In addition, the Baucus Institute for Public Policy and Service will be established at the UM School of Law if approved by the state Board of Regents.

“As Mel and I considered where to place our papers and the work we hope to do after leaving government service, the University of Montana, located in the neighborhood where I first campaigned and home to the School of Law, rose to the top of the list,” Baucus said.

Baucus will donate \$850,000 of his remaining campaign funds to the UM Foundation to cover the cost of archiving his papers.

“This is a proud day for the University of Montana,” UM President Royce C. Engstrom said. “Our relationship

with Ambassador Baucus advances our goal of building a University focused on leadership and distinctive opportunities for our students, faculty and staff. Senator, and now Ambassador, Baucus' contributions will form a strong basis for education and scholarship in the decades to come."

Donna McCrea, head of Archives and Special Collections at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, said the Baucus papers will be an important addition to the library's holdings.

"The significance of the acquisition of Ambassador Baucus' papers cannot be overstated," McCrea said. "When combined with our existing collections, it brings together more than 100 years of U.S. congressional history at UM and makes it all available for students, faculty, staff and national and even international scholars. We are thrilled by his generosity."

The planned Baucus Institute for Public Policy and Service will be nonpartisan and cross-disciplinary. It will be placed at the School of Law, where Baucus was a member of the board of visitors. Baucus, along with the entire Montana delegation at the time, was instrumental in securing federal funding for the school's last building campaign. Baucus also has been a strong supporter of the school, including working with U.S. presidents of both parties to nominate many of its graduates to the federal bench.

The institute will be funded through private contributions. It will include the creation of a Baucus Fellows Program, open to both undergraduate and graduate students, as well as a new lecture series.

Baucus intends for the institute to continue the work of his Montana Economic Development Summits, which brought together more than 1,000 of the state's economic development officials and business people in recent years. "The Montana Economic Summit is something that demonstrates what we can do as Montanans when we sit down and work together," Baucus said. "I am excited about opportunity to work with the UM School of Business Administration and other units on campus to continue this important work."

"The School of Law has enjoyed a longstanding relationship with Ambassador Baucus," law school Dean Irma S. Russell said. "From the Montana Tax Institute to our China summer program, this new effort holds real promise for the school as we continue to build a premier regional law school with a national and global reach."

More details about the proposed institute will be announced in the coming months.

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UM Earns Silver Rating for Sustainability Achievements

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana recently earned a STARS Silver Rating in recognition of their sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, is a new program that measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

“Students, faculty and staff worked together to compile the data and create campuswide awareness of UM’s sustainability accomplishments,” said UM Sustainability Coordinator Cherie Peacock.

Peacock and student Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke taught students enrolled in the environmental studies course Sustainability Evaluation and Monitoring to gather STARS data. Through student interaction, faculty and staff members also learned about STARS, resulting in new collaborations and some immediate improvements stemming from individual initiative.

“UM is a sustainability leader, and we are the first in our region to complete STARS,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “UM expresses our commitment to sustainability through our strategic plan, our pledge to carbon

neutrality by 2020, and as a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment. I believe UM's STARS report is an accurate reflection of the important work underway and UM's commitment to sustainability."

AASHE's STARS program is the only one of its kind that involves publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance. Participants report achievements in three overall areas: education and research; operations and planning; and administration and engagement.

"STARS was developed by the campus sustainability community to provide high standards for recognizing campus sustainability efforts," said AASHE Executive Director Stephanie Herrera. "The University of Montana has demonstrated a substantial commitment to sustainability by achieving a STARS Silver Rating and is to be congratulated for its efforts."

This program is open to all institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Canada, and the criteria that determine a STARS rating are transparent and accessible to anyone. Because STARS is a program based on credits earned, it allows for both internal comparisons as well as comparisons with similar institutions.

"We are very proud to have achieved a STARS rating for our sustainability accomplishments," Peacock said. "We look forward to improving our sustainability efforts and measuring our success through the STARS program."

AASHE is an association of colleges and universities that works to create a sustainable future. AASHE's mission is to empower higher education to lead the sustainability transformation. For more information about AASHE, visit <http://www.aashe.org/>. For more information about the STARS program, visit <https://stars.aashe.org/>.

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UM Student Wins Prestigious Udall Scholarship

April 10, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana sophomore Hope Radford won a \$5,000 2014 Udall Scholarship, contributing to a new No. 37 legacy by becoming the 37th Udall Scholar in the school’s history.

At the start of her Community, Consumption and Environment class on Thursday morning, Radford was surprised by UM President Royce Engstrom  and faculty and staff members who had supported her Udall application. The group congratulated Radford, and she was presented with her own No. 37 Griz jersey to acknowledge her achievement.

“UM has strong athletic and academic traditions, and we thought it would be fun to reward our 37th Udall Scholar with a No. 37 jersey, which represents Montana excellence on the football field,” said Cary Shimek, UM University Relations communications manager and presenter of the jersey. “Now 37 represents excellence in the classroom, as well.”

Radford, of Colorado Springs, Colo., is majoring in resource conservation with minors in climate change studies

and international development studies. She is the daughter of Bill and Margaret Radford of Colorado Springs and is a graduate of Mitchell High School. She plans a career in sustainable international agriculture.

Radford will gather with other 2014 Udall Scholars Aug. 5-10 in Tucson, Ariz., to receive her award and meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

Another UM student, Corey Bressler of Duluth, Ga., received an honorable mention from the Udall Foundation. Bressler is a junior majoring in environmental studies with a minor in communication studies. He is the son of Kelly and John Bressler of Duluth and is a graduate of Northview High School. He plans a career focused on building renewable energy coalitions.

"We're extremely proud to honor another Udall Scholar and an honorable mention winner this year," Engstrom said. "UM's history of Udall Scholars is a testament not only to our students, but to the University's commitment to educational excellence in environmental studies, Native American studies and health care professions."

Udall Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment, health care or tribal public policy, as well as their leadership potential and academic achievement. The review committee awarded 50 scholars and 50 honorable mentions.

For more information call Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships and advising for the UM Davidson Honors College, at 406-243-6140 or email laure.pengellydrake@umontana.edu.

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Photo: From left, UM President Royce Engstrom and Davidson Honors College Director of External Scholarships and Advising Laure Pengelly Drake watch as sophomore Hope Radford is presented a No. 37 Griz football jersey in her Community, Consumption and Environment class on Thursday, April 10, by UM University Relations Communications Manager Cary Shimek. Radford is UM's 37th Udall Scholar, and University Relations and The M Store donated the Griz legacy jersey to celebrate her achievement. Photo by Todd Goodrich

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Rivertop Renewables Accelerates Commercialization with \$26 Million From Investors

April 09, 2014

Rivertop to accelerate commercialization of novel, sustainable chemicals for consumer products and industrial applications

MISSOULA, Mont. -- Rivertop Renewables (rivertop.com), a Montana-based producer of novel chemicals derived from natural plant sugars, today announced that it has raised \$26 million from Cargill (cargill.com), First Green Partners (firstgreenpartners.com) and existing investors.

Rivertop's new partners represent world-class leaders in agriculture, finance and industrial products. Their contributions will enable Rivertop to commence commercial production of a new class of high-performance chemicals targeted at consumer product and industrial markets.

"This major financing milestone allows us to scale our platform technology and provide a whole new set of products to customers seeking a competitive advantage in the marketplace," said Mike Knauf, CEO of Rivertop.

"Our novel chemicals will enable our customers and partners to innovate within their own product lines with new functionality, cost-performance advantages and sustainability."

Rivertop will leverage these funds and an existing manufacturing relationship to produce market development quantities of salts of glucaric acid for select customers. In addition, it will complete construction and begin operations at a semi-works facility at its headquarters in Missoula, where it will optimize its process for world-scale deployment. Rivertop plans to hire more than 20 employees in the next 12 months to support commercial development, effectively doubling the size of its workforce.

Rivertop is the anchor tenant at the Montana Technology Enterprise Center, a University of Montana business incubator in Missoula. The company resulted from the research of Don Kiely, a UM professor emeritus of chemistry.

"Rivertop's technology opens new opportunities in the renewable carbon value-chain by unleashing a platform technology with broad applicability," said Doug Cameron, Co-President and Director of First Green Partners. We're seeing increased demand for bio-based chemicals amongst the major consumer products companies, and Rivertop is well-positioned to take advantage of this trend."

Rivertop's initial focus will be on commercializing opportunities in the dishwasher detergent and corrosion inhibitor markets. The company will explore additional opportunities from among several large industries including home and personal care products, oil and gas, building and infrastructure, agriculture and food. Access to applications in these markets is enabled by Rivertop's platform technology which can utilize a range of sugars and sugar alcohols to produce the corresponding "sugar acids." These sugar acids possess a range of properties and will be newly available to industry.

"Cargill's investment in Rivertop is strategic given the compatibility of our expertise and resources in multiple feedstocks, worldwide facilities and access to key industries," said Brian Silvey, Vice President of Corn Milling North America at Cargill. "We are impressed by the broad applicability of the Rivertop platform to address multiple billion dollar market segments."

About Rivertop Renewables

Based in Missoula, Montana, Rivertop Renewables is a producer of novel chemicals derived from renewable feedstocks. Merging proven science with a focus on sustainability, Rivertop Renewables is creating an abundant and economical supply of novel, biodegradable and non-toxic chemicals and bio-products derived from sugars. For more information, visit rivertop.com.

About First Green Partners:

First Green Partners is an enterprise focused on commercializing advanced technologies in the carbon value chain. First Green invests in early-stage companies that focus on developing methods of converting renewable carbon, such as non-food biomass and carbon dioxide to fuels and chemicals, and applications of clean or green technologies in the conventional energy process, otherwise known as green-black technologies. The Company was formed in 2011 and is headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For more information, visit

www.firstgreenpartners.com.

About Cargill:

Cargill is an international producer and marketer of food, agricultural, financial and industrial products and services. Founded in 1865, the privately held company employs 142,000 people in 65 countries. Cargill helps customers succeed through collaboration and innovation, and is committed to applying its global knowledge and experience to help meet economic, environmental and social challenges wherever it does business. For more information, visit Cargill.com and its [news center](#).

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IPHARM to Host Low-Cost Health Screenings in Red Lodge

April 09, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s IPHARM program – ImProving Health Among Rural Montanans – and Red Lodge Drug will offer free and low-cost health screenings from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 30, to Red Lodge-area residents. Screenings will be held at 211 N. Broadway Ave. in Red Lodge.

Participants can receive the following tests during the Red Lodge visit:

- **Bone density, free:** This test checks the health of your bones. It is useful for men and women over age 30. The test uses ultrasound, is painless and requires a bare foot.
- **Cholesterol panel, \$15:** This test requires a 12-hour fast. It takes about 15 minutes and the results include levels for “good” (HDL) and “bad” (LDL) cholesterol, total cholesterol and triglycerides. Participants are asked to drink plenty of water before this test.
- **HbA1c, \$15:** This test checks how well a participant’s blood glucose level has been under control over about three months. Fasting is not required for this test.

Participants will receive their results immediately, and UM faculty members or students will help them understand the results and may recommend follow-up actions with a health care provider, if necessary. Free blood pressure readings also will be provided. Call 406-446-1017 to make an appointment for a screening.

Health care professionals, UM faculty members and students work together with community members to provide IPHARM services at a low cost. The program also serves as a valuable teaching tool for fourth-year pharmacy students, as well as nursing, physical therapy and social work students. IPHARM has traveled more than 115,000 miles, seen more than 15,000 patients and performed more than 21,800 health screenings since 2003.

For more information call Rachael Zins, IPHARM clinical pharmacist, at 406-243-2339 or email rachael.zins@mso.umt.edu.

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Public Invited To Celebrate Native Heritage, Culture During Annual Kyi-Yo Pow-Wow

April 08, 2014

MISSOULA – Some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America will gather at the University of Montana for the 46th annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 18-19, at the University of Montana’s Adams Center.

The annual pow-wow celebration unifies Native Americans from across the nation in an event full of dancing, singing and story sharing. The theme of this year’s event is “Seven Generations.”

“We want to leave the world a better place for all our people who have yet to walk this world,” said Amber Shaffer, Kyi-yo student group member. “The event’s theme remembers the decisions made three generations behind us, and helps us to think about how our decisions now will affect three generations ahead of us.”

The first Grand Entry event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday. Saturday Grand Entry times are noon and 7 p.m. A children’s village will take place all day Saturday at the Adams Center. A traditional feed, which is free and

open to the public, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Missoula County Fairgrounds, located at 1101 S. Ave. W.

Head dancers this year are UM student Rodney First Strike and UM alumna Marshalene Last Star. More information is available on the Kyi-Yo website at <http://cas.umt.edu/kyiyo/>.

A general-admission session pass costs \$5 and weekend passes cost \$12. One session will be offered on Friday and two sessions will be offered on Saturday. Seniors age 65 and older and children age 6 and younger get in free. Dancer registration costs \$5 and drum registration for 10 passes costs \$50. Tickets and passes can be purchased at the door, online at <http://www.griztix.com>, at all GrizTix locations or by calling 406-243-4051.

Because of a large number of events happening on campus Saturday, April 19, pow-wow participants are encouraged to park in the Adams Center Lot P.

The Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association plays an integral role in promoting the cultural traditions and customs of all Native Americans. Through many extra-curricular activities during the year, Kyi-Yo hopes to engage the faculty and students of UM in the cultural identities of Native Americans to support cultural diversity on campus. Kyi-Yo is open to all students, as well as any community members who wish to become members. The club is a chartered member of the Associated Students of UM.

The annual pow-wow is produced by the student group and costs about \$60,000. The club aims to one day operate the pow-wow from an endowed fund. Currently, funding comes from donations, door admissions and fundraising events such as the Coldwater Grizzly Dip, which was held this past December on the Oval.

“We have been working hard to create some annual fundraisers the club can rely on year after year,” Shaffer said.

For more information on pow-wow events, call Shaffer at 406-370-1559 or email amber.shaffer@gmail.com.

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Conference to Discuss Autism Treatment

April 08, 2014

MISSOULA – A University of Montana student group will host a conference titled “Twelve Habits of Effective Practitioners Who Work with Clients on the Autism Spectrum” on Saturday, May 3.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is designed for pre-service and in-service professionals. Visit <https://pd4montana.hrmpplus.net/> to register.

Ann Garfinkle, an associate professor in UM's Department of Curriculum and Instruction, will speak about how to be an effective interventionist when working with people who have autism. Garfinkle is an esteemed interventionist, researcher and presenter.

Participants will learn the diagnostic features of autistic spectrum disorder and how individuals with ASD learn. They also will discuss evidence-based comprehensive and individual treatment for clients with ASD and ways to interact with clients when not targeting specific treatment outcomes.

This is the second annual conference hosted by Students in Communication and Hearing Working in Action – Montana (SCHWA-MT) in partnership with the UM RiteCare Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic. SCHWA is a student group in the communicative sciences and disorders department. The group's work is highly philanthropic and meets the needs of the community.

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1491s Member to Deliver Lecture on Native Imagery at UM

April 07, 2014

MISSOULA – Migizi Pensoneau of the 1491s will deliver a lecture titled “Intent, Reception and the Reclamation of Native Imagery” from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the University Center Theater at the University of Montana. The lecture is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow in the UC Grand Foyer on the third floor.

As a member of the American Indian artist collective and self-described “sacred clowns” the 1491s, Pensoneau has visited dozens of reservation and urban Native communities, working to reclaim the narrative of America’s Native peoples in both modern and historical contexts. Using humor to disarm and educate, his body of work tackles issues large and small, general and specific, and tells stories relevant to Pensoneau’s own experience and those of the communities with which he has worked.

His lecture is part of the Native American and Minority Health & Cultural Competency Lecture Series. It is sponsored by the UM Native American Center of Excellence, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and American Indian Student Services.

More information on the 1491s is available online at <http://1491s.com/>. For more information on the lecture, call Salena Hill, Native American Center of Excellence program coordinator in the UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy, at 406-243-2768 or email salena.hill@umontana.edu.

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Research Takes Center Stage at UM April 11-15

April 07, 2014

MISSOULA – From vaccines to book burning and poetry to economics, the University of Montana will delve into many areas of research and creative scholarship during “II2014 – Innovation and Imagination 2014.” During the course of four days, UM’s research and creative scholarship will take center stage.

“I’m very pleased with this year’s lineup of high-caliber speakers and presenters,” said Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship. “The events we have planned will really showcase the high level of entrepreneurship, research and creative scholarship being accomplished by our students and faculty.”

During a luncheon update slated for 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday, April 14, Larry Simkins, CEO and president of The Washington Companies and Washington Business Services Inc., will deliver an update on the Main Street Montana Project. Commissioned by Gov. Steve Bullock and co-chaired by Simkins and Bill Johnstone, the plan outlines a bottom-up, self-sustaining blueprint to support the creation, recruitment and retention of Montana jobs. UM alumna and Lt. Gov. Angela McLean will provide an introduction at the luncheon.

“The research and entrepreneurship being conducted at UM strongly supports the goals of the governor’s Main Street Montana Project,” Whittenburg said, “and our educational priorities are supportive of the governor’s educational agenda as outlined by Lt. Gov. McLean. I am proud that they have agreed to speak at this year’s event.”

Monday’s events will conclude with a keynote address. Following the University’s Charter Day announcement of a major new initiative surrounding research on the human brain – an effort that spans many campus disciplines – the keynote address will be delivered by brain expert Randy Blakely. Blakely directs the Vanderbilt/NIMH Silvio O. Conte Center for Basic Neuroscience Research and is the Allan D. Pass Professor of Pharmacology and Psychiatry at Vanderbilt University.

All events are free and open to the public. A full schedule follows:

Friday, April 11

- **UM Conference on Undergraduate Research:** 9 a.m.-5 p.m., third floor of the University Center. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/ugresearch/>.

Saturday, April 12

- **UM Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., third floor of the University Center and in the UC Commons on the second floor of the UC. For more information visit <http://scholarworks.umt.edu/gsrc/>.

Monday, April 14

- **Regional Partner Session:** “Vaccines Adjuvants and Research at GSK,” Jay Evans, Preclinical Innovation GSK. 10:30-11:15 a.m., Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room.
- **Luncheon:** “Main Street Montana Update,” address by Larry R. Simkins, CEO and president of The Washington Companies and Washington Business Services, Inc. Introduction by Lt. Gov. Angela McLean. 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Adams Center Sky Club.
- **Session 1:** “Economic Impact of UM Research and Creative Scholarship,” Patrick Barkey, director, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research. 1-1:45 p.m., Adams Center Sky Club.
- **Session 2:** “UM Research Session: A Collaborative Conversation to Improve Rural Health Outcomes.” Panel Discussion: Erin Bills, coordinator at Area Health Education Center and Montana Office of Rural Health; Craig Ravesloot, director of rural health policy research at the Rural Institute; Curtis Noonan, UM associate professor of epidemiology, UM Center for Environmental Health Sciences; and Charlene “Charlie” Winters, Montana State University College of Nursing. The session will be moderated by Martin Blair, executive director of the Rural Institute. 2-3 p.m., Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room.
- **Session 3:** “UM Creative Scholarship Session: Biblioclasm: The Beginnings of Book Burning,” Nathaniel Levto, associate professor, UM Liberal Studies Program. 3:15-4:15 p.m., Mansfield Library Theta Rho

Room.

- **Reception:** Provided by UM Dining, 4:15-5 p.m., Skaggs Building Lobby.
- **Keynote Presentation:** Randy Blakely, Vanderbilt University Allan D. Bass Pharmacology Professor, Psychiatry Professor, director of Vanderbilt/NIMH Silvio O. Conte Center for Basic Neuroscience Research and Neurochemistry faculty coordinator of Basic Neuroscience Services Core. 5:15-6:30 p.m., Skaggs Building Room 169.

Tuesday, April 15

- **Poetry-for-Lunch:** Poetry reading will celebrate April as Poetry Month and undergraduate creative writing and fine arts. The reading will launch publication of the 2014 Oval Literary Magazine. Noon-1 p.m. Mansfield Library Lobby.

For more information on “II2014 – Innovation and Imagination 2014” events, call Whittenburg at 406-243-6670 or email scott.whittenburg@umontana.edu.

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Montana Supreme Court to Hear Case at UM

April 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The Montana Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a case about land-use regulation near Whitefish on Friday, April 11, at the University of Montana.

The session will start at 9:30 a.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre with an introduction to the case. Oral arguments will be 40 minutes for both the appellants and appellees. Hosted by the UM School of Law, the session is free and open to the public.

This case arises from long-term issues between the city of Whitefish and Flathead County regarding land-use regulation in a 2-mile-wide “donut” surrounding Whitefish city limits. In this case, the district court invalidated a 2011 city referendum that repealed a city-county resolution on the subject.

The city appealed, arguing that the post-election challenge to the referendum was filed too late, the district court erred when it determined that the resolution was an administrative act that was not repealable through the referendum process, and the effect of the repeal of the referendum should be to return the city and county to a 2005 agreement under which the city had zoning and planning jurisdiction for the “donut.”

The case is titled “Lyle Phillips, Anne Dee Reno, Turner Askew and Ben Whitten, *Plaintiffs and Appellees*, v. *City of Whitefish, Defendant, Third-Party Plaintiff, and Appellant*, and the *Board of Commissioners of Flathead County, Defendant, Third-Party Defendant and Appellee*, and *Dan Weinberg and Ed McGrew, individually and on behalf of Let Whitefish Vote, a ballot committee lawfully organized under the laws of Montana; Mary Person and Marilyn R. Nelson, Intervenors and Appellants.*”

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April 04, 2014

MISSOULA – Hands on Health, one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area's popular traveling exhibitions, will make a stop in Billings Friday and Saturday, April 11-12.

Transforming school gyms into hands-on science museums, Hands on Health features interactive exhibits and demonstrations that explore topics and careers in the health sciences. Highlights include a giant runny nose that children can diagnose, a health assessment station, a life-size medical teaching torso for simulated surgery activities, and guided cow eyeball and heart dissections.

Orchard Elementary School students will experience Hands on Health on Friday, April 11. On Saturday, April 12, spectrUM will bring the exhibition to the MSU-Billings Extended Campus gymnasium for Chicks in Science, a free festival of science activities and demonstrations for girls in fourth through eighth grade. For more information about Chicks in Science, visit <http://www.msubillings.edu/chicks/>.

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Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programming.

National sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program.

Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 1,200 Montana children annually. Both of these stops on spectrUM's mobile science tour are powered by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation as part of a three-year grant supporting spectrUM's outreach in Montana's Bakken region.

SpectrUM's new downtown museum, located at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person. Teachers or schools interested in booking a field trip to the spectrUM museum or would like to arrange a stop on spectrUM's mobile tour can call 406-728-STEM.

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April 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana's Department of Anthropology and the Montana Museum of Art & Culture will host a lecture by Donald Ryan about the life of world-renowned Norwegian explorer, archaeologist and writer Thor Heyerdahl and Kon Tiki – a raft he used to traverse the Pacific Ocean. The lecture, which will provide an overview of Heyerdahl's contributions as a global citizen and environmental activist, is slated for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 10, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

Ryan is an archaeologist and Faculty Fellow in the Division of Humanities at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., a research associate at the Kon-Tiki Museum in Oslo, Norway, and a Fellow of both The Explorers Club and The Royal Geographical Society.

For several years, Ryan worked closely with the late Heyerdahl, whose open-minded approach to the topic of early human use of the ocean was a hallmark of his research, and who is recognized as one of the great explorers of the 20th century. His bold expeditions, including the famous Kon-Tiki experiment, often caused controversy within the scientific community, and his books inspired a sense of adventure for millions of readers.

The University of Montana's Department of Anthropology is celebrating April as Montana Archaeology Month by presenting lectures on the remarkable historic and prehistoric past.

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Public Invited to 'Montana History in Your Hands' Event

April 03, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of Anthropology is working with Zillastate Realty and the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula to host “Montana History in Your Hands,” a Montana Archaeology Month event at the historic Missoula Mercantile from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 13.

UM graduate and undergraduate students, faculty and staff, and staff from the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula will share their research and artifacts from across the state in celebration of Montana's Archaeology Month. Visitors will participate in a reverse antique roadshow, where they can provide insight about mysterious objects.

Featured artifacts will include items discovered during the Missoula Historic Underground Project's investigations, as well as materials discovered at Fort Missoula that may be reminiscent of the lives of the Buffalo Soldiers stationed at the Fort.

Public tours of the Missoula Mercantile's basement will be offered at 1:30 and 2:45 p.m. as part of the Missoula Historic Underground Project's ongoing outreach. A series of slide shows and large-format

photographs of Missoula's underground spaces will be on display and refreshments will be served.

Access the festivities by using the Pattee Street entrance of the Missoula Mercantile. The University of Montana's Department of Anthropology is celebrating April as Montana Archaeology Month by presenting lectures on the remarkable historic and prehistoric past.

For more information visit <http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/23101.html>, email UM Associate Professor Kelly Dixon at kelly.dixon@mso.umt.edu, call UM Curator of Anthropological Collections Bethany Hauer at 406-239-6986 or email bethany.hauer@mso.umt.edu.

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UM College of Humanities and Sciences to Host Dialogue on Gender

April 03, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana College of Humanities and Sciences will host “Gender in Everyday Life: A Dialogue in Humanities and Sciences” at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in Interdisciplinary Sciences Building Room 110.

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of woman suffrage in Montana, communication studies Professor Sara Hayden and anthropology Professor Kimber McKay will examine the ways in which gender identities and assumptions shape daily experiences in a variety of places and contexts. The dialogue will be moderated by Women’s and Gender Studies Program Co-Chair Anya Jabour.

“The Women’s and Gender Studies Program has been part of the College of Humanities and Sciences for nearly 30 years,” said Chris Comer, dean of the college. “They continue to contribute in significant ways to the discussions of equity and diversity on our campus and in the greater community. It is wonderful to have them shaping the dialogue in this historic year for women’s rights in Montana.”

The event is free and open to the public, and a light reception will follow. For more information call Ian

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'Untrammeled' Film Debut Highlights UM Students' Wilderness Journey

April 03, 2014

MISSOULA – A new film celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act examines the transformative power of untrammeled wilderness on youth and the importance of getting people of all ages into Montana's backcountry.

"Untrammeled," a short documentary film, will premiere at 7:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the University Center Theater at the University of Montana. It is the final event of the 2014 Wilderness Issues Lecture Series hosted by the Wilderness Institute at UM. After the screening, UM students will lead a panel discussion, and Montana musician Jack Gladstone will perform. The event is free and open to the public.

"Untrammeled" is a joint production between the U.S. Forest Service, the Back Country Horsemen of Montana and the UM Wilderness Institute, and aims to invigorate a new generation of wilderness users and stewards.

"We were excited to highlight the Wilderness and Civilization program at UM as a way to invigorate students around the country to celebrate wilderness in time for the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act," said UM

Wilderness Institute Director Natalie Dawson.

High school and college students participated in two separate wilderness-based trips as part of the film projects. A film crew accompanied each group on their trips, with the goal of capturing the transformative power of wilderness on students and leaders. The UM trip took 10 Wilderness and Civilization students on a 12-day backpacking trek through the Bob Marshall Wilderness in the fall.

"This film highlights the importance of these wilderness-based trips for students of any age," said Dawson.

Watch a trailer for "Untrammed" online at <http://vimeo.com/77081280>. For more information call Dawson at 406-552-5550.

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2014 Mansfield Conference to Address the Plight of Human Trafficking

April 03, 2014

MISSOULA – Leading experts, government officials and civic leaders from around the world will gather at the University of Montana Tuesday through Thursday, April 15-17, to discuss the prevalence and challenges of human trafficking during the 2014 Mansfield Conference: “Fight for Hope and Freedom: Human Trafficking, Montana & the World.” The conference will address how people can get involved in the fight against this international crisis.

As many as 27 million people worldwide are trapped in modern-day slavery, and up to 17,500 people are trafficked across the U.S. each year. Human traffickers earn \$32 billion annually. In 2013, the Montana Legislature and the state Attorney General’s office took action to expand local laws, strengthen enforcement and increase awareness of this issue. Despite these encouraging efforts, Montana still has more work to do.

During the conference, four sessions and six workshops will feature guest speakers Lt. Gov. Angela McLean, Montana Attorney General Tim Fox, Sarah Symons of Made by Survivors, James Pond of Transitions Global, Melissa Farley of Prostitution Research and Education, Fiachra Kearney of Global Eye | Counter-Trafficking, Ethan Batstone of Not for Sale, Pralhad Dhakal of The ISIS Foundation, Brittany Vanderhoof of the Polaris Project, Thomas Kim of Justice Ventures International, Teresa Sobieszczyk of UM, Dana Toole of the

Department of Justice, Cyndee Peterson of the U.S. Attorney's Office and Carla Croft of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The conference will be held in the University Center and sessions also will be streamed live online. The schedule follows.

Tuesday, April 15:

- **Documentary: 7-8:30 p.m.** UC Theater. Viewing of "Not My Life" and panel discussion with the Polaris Project.

Wednesday, April 16:

- **Session One: 9:20-10:30 a.m.** UC Ballroom. "What is Human Trafficking? What is Causing it?" Melissa Farley; discussant: Teresa Sobieszczyk; moderator: Kimber Haddix McKay.
- **Session Two: 10:40 a.m.-12:20 p.m.** UC Ballroom. "How Prevalent is Human Trafficking in the United States and Montana?" Dana Toole, Cyndee Peterson and Carla Croft; moderator: Jim Taylor.
- **Special Session: 1:15-2 p.m.** Available online and in the UC Ballroom via livestream. "Fighting Human Trafficking in Montana: Challenges and Opportunities." Montana Attorney General Tim Fox.
- **Session Three: 2:30-4 p.m.** UC Ballroom. "Fighting Human Trafficking with Justice: National and International Fronts." Thomas Kim, Fiachra Kearney and Brittany Vanderhoof; moderator: Sally Mauk.
- **Special Session: 6:10-7:15 p.m.** Available online and in the UC Ballroom via livestream. "Social Entrepreneurship – My Fight, My Journey, My Story Against Human Trafficking." Sarah Symons and Ethan Batstone.
- **Session Four: 7:30-9 p.m.** UC Ballroom. "What About the Victims? Transition & Restoration." James Pond and Pralhad Dhakal; moderator: Bob Seidenschwarz.

Thursday, April 17:

- **Workshops Session One: 9-10:15 a.m.** UC third floor. "Human Trafficking in Montana: Trends and Resources from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center" with the Polaris Project; "Using Law Enforcement, Legal Knowledge, and Technology to Fight Human Trafficking: Domestic and International" with Global Eye and Legal Atlas; and "Fighting Human Trafficking with Legal Training and Freedom Business" with Justice Ventures International.
- **Workshops Session Two: 10:30-11:45 a.m.** UC third floor. "Social Entrepreneurship and Human Trafficking" with Made by Survivors; "Best Practices to Restore and Reintegrate Victims" with The ISIS Foundation and Transitions Global; and "Prostitution and Human Trafficking" with Prostitution Research and Education.

- **Workshops Session Three: noon-1:15 p.m.** UC third floor. “Indicators of Human Trafficking in Our Schools and Communities” with the Department of Justice and Montana and U.S. Attorney’s Offices and “Human Trafficking on the Korean Peninsula” with the Korea National University of Education.

Sessions and workshops are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Visit <http://www.mansfieldconference.org> for more information and to register for a seat. The conference is co-sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center and Soroptimist International.

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April 03, 2014

MISSOULA – Brain: The World inside Your Head, one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area's popular traveling exhibitions, will visit Anaconda from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 8. Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, Brain will transform the Anaconda Job Corps gymnasium into an interactive science museum.

Highlights of the exhibition include an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and Mind Flex Duel, an activity that allows visitors to move a ball using just their brain waves. This stop on spectrUM's mobile science tour is powered by the Anaconda Job Corps and is free and open to the public.

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National Geographic Editor to Lecture at UM

April 02, 2014

MISSOULA – Chris Johns, editor-in-chief of National Geographic, will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism’s 57th annual Dean Stone Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 24, in the University Center Theater.

Johns’ lecture is titled “Looking Beyond 125 Years.” The event is free and open to the public.

Johns was named executive vice president and group editorial director of the National Geographic Society in June 2013. He has been editor-in-chief of National Geographic magazine since January 2005, serving as the ninth editor of the magazine since its founding in 1888.

Johns became a National Geographic contract photographer in 1985 and joined the magazine staff in 1995. Before taking over as editor-in-chief, Johns served as senior editor for illustrations and as associate editor.

As a photographer, he produced more than 20 articles for National Geographic, eight of which were cover stories. His defining images are of Africa and its wildlife. He has taken readers down the Zambezi River,

examined the Bushmen's ongoing struggle for cultural survival and provided important documentation of Africa's endangered wildlife. He was named one of the world's 25 most important photographers by American Photo magazine in 2003.

Johns' books include "Valley of Life: Africa's Great Rift," "Hawaii's Hidden Treasures" and "Wild at Heart: Man and Beast in Southern Africa." He wrote the foreword for "In Focus: National Geographic Greatest Portraits" and the introduction to the National Geographic book "100 Days in Photographs: Pivotal Events That Changed the World."

The lecture is named for the first dean of the UM School of Journalism, Arthur Stone. The series brings a renowned journalist to campus each year to mentor journalism students and deliver a public lecture.

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UM Hosts Career Fair for Educators

April 02, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host the Multi-State Educators' Career Fair, where teaching candidates can network with regional, national and international school districts, on Sunday and Monday, April 13-14.

Teacher candidate registration begins at noon Sunday in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center. Teacher candidates can attend Montana school district information sessions, the ice cream social and resume critique sessions until 5 p.m. At 5 p.m., the welcome and strategy session will review what to expect at the career fair, including a mock interview between a school administrator and a teacher candidate.

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

School districts and teacher candidates can register, view a list of attending school districts and find a schedule of events at <http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/EducatorsCF/default.php>.

For more information call the UM Office of Career Services at 406-243-2239.

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Montana Institute on Ecosystems to Present UM Lecture

April 02, 2014

MISSOULA – The final installment of the Montana Institute on Ecosystems Distinguished Visiting Lecturer Series will be held Thursday, April 17, at the University of Montana.

Evan DeLucia is the G. William Arends Professor of Biology and director of the Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Environment at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He will present “Will Reliance on Bioenergy Affect Climate-Regulating Services of Ecosystems?” at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served before the talk.

DeLucia’s research centers on the responses of forest and agro-ecosystems to elevated carbon dioxide and other elements of global change. Using ecological, physiological and genomic approaches, he seeks to understand how global change affects the carbon cycle and the trophic dynamics between plants and insects.

DeLucia was a Bullard Fellow at Harvard University, and in 2002 he was a Fulbright Fellow at Landcare Research in New Zealand. He became a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in

2005. He has served in an advisory capacity to members of the U.S. Congress and the National Academy of Sciences.

The Montana Institute on Ecosystems is a community of scholars and partners with a shared vision to advance ecosystem sciences and related fields. The IoE draws on the extraordinary landscapes of Montana and beyond to understand complex ecosystems, including the interconnectedness of people and nature. Learn more at <http://montanaioe.org>.

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UM Delivers Programs for Students, Children with Autism

April 02, 2014

MISSOULA – April is autism awareness month and The RiteCare Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic at the University of Montana is delivering programs to support UM students, Missoula College students and school-age children with autism or related disorders.

The clinic is promoting autism awareness and inclusion at UM and MC through a new program called Mentoring, Organization and Social Support for Autism Inclusion on Campus, or MOSSAIC.

The program is directed by Jennifer Closson, a RiteCare clinic director of pediatric services, and Bethany Rigles, research associate for UM's Rural Institute. It is in its second year of development and is designed to assist college students on the autism spectrum by offering them free services.

MOSSAIC matches peer mentors, who are juniors and seniors in the UM Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, with mentees who are on the autism spectrum or have similar disorder, and need assistance.

Mentors work with students to develop academic-related skills such as planning, organization, social support, advocacy and prioritization, among others, that are necessary for student success. Students with autism, Asperger syndrome, related disorders, social challenges or organizational challenges are encouraged to inquire about MOSSAIC services.

The RiteCare clinic also offers a program to support school-age children with autism or related disorders in their social-skill development. Youth Engagement Through Intervention, or YETI, employs evidence-based practices. The UM Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders and School Psychology program provide interdisciplinary intervention to support children with autism.

Participants –Yetis –receive individualized attention in working on conversation skills, making friends, telephone skills, dealing with disappointment and telling jokes, among others.

“The Yetis respond favorably to the highly structured and engaging activities,” Closson said.

YETI is offered each semester for eight weeks with space for four to six participants. Each session lasts one and a half hours.

This summer, the clinic will host its second annual YETI Day Camp. This camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 16-20 with space for 10 Yetis.

To learn more about the YETI program or the camp, call Closson or Anisa Goforth, UM assistant professor of psychology, at 406-243-2405; email jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu or anisa.gorforth@mso.umt.edu; or visit their office, located in the lower level of Curry Health Center at 634 Eddy Ave.

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Conference At UM Features Undergraduate Research

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 11, on the third floor of the University Center.

The daylong conference, which is free and open to the public, offers opportunities for UM students of all majors to present their research and creative scholarship through oral presentations, posters, performances and exhibits.

Since 2001, UM has hosted the annual conference, which is organized by the Undergraduate Research Committee with the Davidson Honors College, and sponsored by the UM president and the provost. UMCUR provides an opportunity for undergraduates of all majors to present their research and creative scholarship in a public forum and for students to learn how to get involved in research.

Awards for the top oral presentations and the top posters will be made in five different areas: fine arts, humanities, social sciences, life sciences and physical sciences.

UM Professor John McCutcheon will deliver a keynote address titled "The Hidden Role of Microbes in Animal Health and Nutrition" at 12:20 p.m. in the UC Theater. McCutcheon will explain why, when viewed from a long-term evolutionary perspective, we should not be surprised that animals require interactions with microbes to survive. McCutcheon is an assistant professor in UM's Division of Biological Sciences.

For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/schedule>

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ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center to Host Housing and Community Resources Fair

April 02, 2014

MISSOULA – The ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center will host the annual Housing and Community Resources Fair 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, in the University Center Atrium at the University of Montana.

The event aims to educate current and potential student renters on the different options in Missoula rentals and community resources. In attendance will be property management companies, city agencies that offer services to renters, sustainability organizations, public assistance representatives and University groups.

“We decided to schedule the event later in the semester this year,” said Katherine Brady, director of the Off-Campus Renter Center. “We found that it isn’t until after returning from Spring Break that students realize that the semester is quickly coming to an end. They are eager to suddenly make housing arrangements for next year, as well as the summer months. The Housing and Community Resources Fair is the perfect way for students to see what options are available and to get all of their housing questions answered in one place.”

This event is free and open to students. For more information call Brady at 406-243-2017 or email

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UM to Offer Online Bachelor's Degree in Media Arts

April 14, 2014

MISSOULA – Students in Missoula and afar now can take advantage of the University of Montana's first Bachelor of Arts degree that can be earned fully online. Beginning autumn semester 2014, the UM School of Media Arts will launch its online bachelor's degree in integrated digital media.

The program will allow students to tap their creative potential through the study and artistic application of emerging digital technologies. Courses will focus on interactive media, the Web and Internet, gaming and digital design applications.

School of Media Arts Director Mark Shogren said the online option also will allow students to pursue their degree or even a double major in a more flexible way. Taking advantage of UM's flat spot tuition – no increase in tuition costs between 12 and 18 credits – adding a couple of classes from this innovative new program can help a student diversify their education and work around a busy schedule.

"It's going to be a really dynamic new way to get more bang for your buck," Shogren said.

Shogren imagines two main types of learners will be drawn to the new online program. One includes on-campus students looking to supplement another major with complementary skills through media arts. Another is the distance learner, who either can't make it to Missoula or would rather stay in their community or country to take advantage of a completely digital education.

The degree requires 42 core credits and six elective credits, as well as UM's standard general education credits, which also can be completed online. Distance-learning students will never need to visit campus, but the school will offer a physical connection to the program for local students.

"For students who are here, there will be a lab, opportunities to meet with faculty in person and meet other students," Shogren said. "They'll still be part of the media arts family."

There are no prerequisites for students to enter the program. UM students enrolled in any of the first-year classes can declare the media arts major, and on-campus students are welcome in the online program along with students from across the globe.

"We want to not only create online courses, but online experiences," Shogren said.

For more information on the School of Media Arts online bachelor's degree, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mediaarts/index.php/bachelor-of-arts-online-integrated-digital-media>.

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UM Works to Create Degree Plans for Vets, Revitalize Student Group

April 01, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana is working to bolster veteran support and services on campus, including launching an effort to help students create degree plans and revitalizing the UM chapter of Student Veterans of America.

Several programs at UM have increased their advising services over the past few years with great success. Now, through the direction of the Undergraduate Advising Center, more than 40 advisers across campus will work with students receiving Veterans Affairs Education Benefits. This will help ensure that the veterans or children and spouses of vets have a declared major and a plan to keep on track with their degree.

The VA now requires students to have a degree plan if they receive the Education Benefit, and with supportive advising, students who may come to the University with a variety of skills and transfer credits based on their military experience can plot the best way to get the most from their education.

UM VETS Office Director Shawn Grove said this also will help demonstrate what many other programs on campus are discovering: Strong advising is a boon to students.

“One of the good things about the initiatives with the VA plan is we can hopefully prove that advising does help students,” Grove said.

And for those students who now must create a degree plan but maybe don't know what they want to pursue, the VETS Office is working with the Office of Career Services to help students access career and interest evaluations to help them identify fields that may appeal to them and give them a good idea of career paths, salary expectations and work environments.

Since assuming the director position in mid-December, Grove has worked to improve support for veteran students on campus and also help better connect students to the services that already exist. One thing he said is especially important is for veterans to connect with one another.

The VETS Office, located on the southeast corner of campus, offers a lounge, a computer lab and a place to make that connection, and UM's chapter of the Student Veterans of America recently became active again on campus. This semester, the group held early elections to fill the leadership ranks and recently helped the American Legion and Full Moon Saloon raise about \$3,000 for the Montana Wounded Warriors Program.

“A lot of vets get out of the military and they go from a very tight-knit group of friends with shared experiences to being a college student who is older than a lot of their peers,” said SVA President Craig Misajet. “It can be hard for vets to find new groups of friends, and that is where the student veterans group comes in. We want to provide the same sense of camaraderie the vets had in the service, but in a civilian setting.

The SVA at UM is in place to provide a network of support to vets, from finding new friends to helping someone move,” Misajet said. “Ultimately the veteran will graduate, and when that happens we want them to look back at their involvement in the SVA and say that it helped them get there.”

Several other steps to help veteran students are in the works, including offering online scheduling options to better connect students to services across campus, as well as looking at how best to handle refunds for students or ways to verify vaccination records for those who have served in the military.

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SELL, UM Announce Scholarship Winner for Professional Development Course

February 19, 2014

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 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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