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UM Hosts National Conservation Biology Conference

June 30, 2014

MISSOULA – More than 900 leading conservation scientists and practitioners from across the continent will gather at the University of Montana for workshops, short courses, symposia and field trips Sunday through Wednesday, July 13-16.

The UM Wildlife Biology Program and the Montana Chapter of the Society for Conservation Biology will co-host the second North America Congress for Conservation Biology. A broad range of scientists will present the latest in conservation research and unveil new initiatives and solutions to challenges including habitat loss, conservation across borders and threats from oil sands production in Canada.

The conference theme is “Challenging Conservation Boundaries.” The biennial NACCB provides a forum for presenting and discussing new research and developments in conservation science, and Missoula provides a great venue for the discussion of these topics.

The conference kicks off Sunday, July 13, with an interactive session called “Conservation Tapas: Small Bites of Big Issues,” which features a fast-paced panel of leading journalists and scientists.

Three conference plenaries are scheduled as follows:

- **8-9:30 a.m. Monday, July 14:** “Conservation Biology, Politics and Policy – What Does It Take for Science and Scientists to Make a Difference?” Session panelists are Director of Fish and Wildlife Service Dan Ashe, GEOS Institute Chief Scientist Dominick DellaSala, Biotechnology Industry Organization President and CEO James C. Greenwood, Portland State University faculty member David Johns, Turner Endangered Species Fund Executive Director Mike Phillips and UM wildlife biology professor emeritus Bob Ream.
- **8-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 15:** “Conservation Across National Borders.” Session panelists are Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative President Karsten Heuer, Montana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy Director Richard Jeo and Borderlands Restoration founder and CEO H. Ronald Pulliam.
- **8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 16:** “The Consequences of Thinking Big: Conservation Across Cultures for Landscape-scale Results.” Session panelists are researcher Eleanor Sterling (moderator), research scholar Leo Douglas, University of Washington faculty member Kiki Jenkins, Traditional Ecological Knowledge at Qqs Projects Society Director Jess Housty, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations Renewable Resources Manager Linaya Workman and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Division of Fish, Wildlife, Recreation and Conservation Education Specialist Germaine White.

The conference will open its doors to the general public on Monday, July 14, for a free screening of two family-friendly films from the International Wildlife Film Festival. Two “top picks” from the festival, “The Mystery of Eels” and “Touching the Wild,” will be screened at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. There is a suggested donation of \$2.

Earlier the same day, Regents Professor Emeritus of Biology and Missoula community member Fred Allendorf will be honored for his fundamental role in the genesis of conservation genetics and his contributions to the conservation of imperiled species. Allendorf is one of a handful of people who founded the field of conservation genetics. He was one of the first to apply genetics to real-world conservation problems, and he has continued to advance the application of genetics, and now genomics, to pressing conservation problems.

The closing reception, open to meeting participants and guests, will be held at Caras Park and will feature UM faculty member M. Sanjayan, who is a leading global conservation scientist, writer and Emmy-nominated news contributor. His work focuses on the role of conservation in improving human wellbeing, wildlife and the environment.

For more information on the conference and a full schedule of events, including session times and locations, visit <http://www.xcdsystem.com/scbna/website/>.

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UM Hires New College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences Dean

June 30, 2014

MISSOULA – Reed Humphrey will not have to move far when he takes the helm of the University of Montana’s College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences.

Provost Perry Brown recently announced that Humphrey has accepted the position of dean of the college.

Humphrey, formerly professor and chair of the UM School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was selected for the position after an extensive national search. He will begin his new duties July 1. He replaces David Forbes, who retired at the end of June after serving the University for 26 years.

“It’s a distinct honor to be appointed dean and a privilege to follow Dave Forbes, from whom I learned much in my eight years as chair of the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science,” Humphrey said. “I look forward to extending the reach of the college as we meet the health care needs of the region through preparing new health care professionals, partnering with the hospitals and clinics, and conducting relevant research that

moves the health sciences forward.”

“Reed is a man of ideas and a person who gets things done,” Brown said. “He has a very broad perspective on the health professions and he will lead the college in new directions – enhancing its prominence and building on a strong foundation that has been established by retiring Dean David Forbes.”

Humphrey has taught UM physical therapy students and served as the school’s chair since 2006. From 2012 to 2013, he served as the interim associate dean for planning and development within the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences.

Humphrey also is the founding director of the Neural Injury Center at UM, a collaborative of expertise on campus that empowers students with traumatic brain and other neural injuries to access support and services from departments and colleges across campus.

Before coming to UM, he was a professor at Idaho State University’s Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy and associate professor of physical therapy and physiology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

His recent accolades include receiving the prestigious Award of Excellence from the American Association of Cardiovascular & Pulmonary Rehabilitation in 2007 for his scholarship focused on exercise and end-stage heart failure, and he has been an invited speaker for scientific conferences across the nation and around the world. Humphrey, a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, also was elected as a Master Fellow of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation in 2012 and took sabbatical leave in 2013 to work with the Salk Institute for Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation in Salzburg, Austria.

Humphrey earned a Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the University of Pittsburgh and two master’s degrees; a Master of Science in Physical Therapy from the VCU Medical College of Virginia and a Master of Arts in Health and Exercise Science from Wake Forest University. He received his Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education from the University of Pittsburgh.

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UM Hires New Associate Provost For Dynamic Learning

June 27, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has hired Nathan Lindsay as the new associate provost for dynamic learning. Lindsay will begin his new duties at UM in August.

Lindsay joins UM from the Provost's Office at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, his master's from Indiana University and his Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Michigan.

"Nathan brings to UM a passion for higher education administration and broad experience in both academic affairs and student affairs," said UM Provost Perry Brown. "He is a national leader in program assessment, which is an area where he will be really valuable to UM over the next few years as we continue to expand our assessment activities. We are really fortunate to have him join UM."

For more information call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689 or email officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu.

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UM Students Earn Degrees

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has 2,362 students who were degree candidates for spring semester 2014. The total includes 179 certificates, 256 associate degrees, four education specialists, 1,259 bachelor's degrees, 345 master's degrees, 74 juris doctorates and 245 doctoral degrees. There were 176 candidates for double degrees. The Montana students listed below were UM degree candidates for spring semester 2014.

An “**” after the student’s name indicates the student is expected to complete degree requirements and graduate with honors by achieving a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher. A “***” after the student’s name indicates the student is expected to complete degree requirements and graduate with high honors by achieving a 3.7 GPA or higher.

Official awarding of a degree and any official graduation with honors or graduation with high honors designation is not made until degree candidates have completed their final term of enrollment and have met all specific requirements.

To view the list of in-state students who are degree candidates for spring semester 2014, visit

http://www.umt.edu/urelations/info/Deans%20and%20Grads%20lists/Grads_spring_2014.pdf.

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SpectrUM Science Learning Tent at Arlee Celebration Earns National Distinction

June 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area and its community partners on the Flathead Indian Reservation recently received an honorable mention in the Noyce Foundation’s Bright Lights Community Engagement Awards competition.

The distinction honors spectrUM’s work with educators and scientists on the Flathead Reservation to orchestrate K-12 science, technology, engineering and math programming, including the Science Learning Tent at the 116th Arlee Celebration Powwow, which will take place Thursday through Saturday, July 3-5.

The Bright Lights Award honors U.S. science centers, children’s museums and natural history museums that excel at engaging with their local communities through STEM outreach activities. SpectrUM and the Flathead Reservation are one of nine nationwide museum partnerships recognized with this prestigious award. Nearly 100 partners applied for the recognition. The award carries a cash prize.

The annual Arlee Celebration Powwow serves as a cultural highlight for the three tribes on the reservation, and for visitors from around the country. The Science Learning Tent will feature interactive exhibits from spectrUM's museum; hands-on science activities led by local "near-peer" high school students and college interns in the Confederated Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai Tribes Tribal Health Department's Healthcare Warriors Camp program; and guided demonstrations with STEM leaders and role models from the Flathead Reservation and from UM.

Supported by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, each day of the Science Learning Tent will include a different theme. The schedule is:

- Thursday, July 3: health sciences and careers
- Friday, July 4: environmental sciences and careers
- Saturday, July 5: innovation and robotics

Tent hours will be from noon to 7 p.m. each day. The Science Learning Tent will culminate with an Astronomy Family Science Night from 9 to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, July 5.

SpectrUM's Flathead Reservation Community Advisory Group members provide a diversity of expertise and cultural perspectives. Its partners include Tribal Health and Human Services, Ronan Elementary School, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Wildlife Management Program and Salish Kootenai College.

To date, spectrUM has served more than 6,000 students on the Flathead Reservation. With this award, the museum and spectrUM's Flathead Reservation Community Advisory Group plan to bring hands-on science exhibitions to every school on the reservation annually; provide a free field-trip bus to transport students from the reservation to spectrUM's Missoula museum; and offer competitive mini-grants to reservation schools for innovative, culturally appropriate STEM programming.

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. Since 2006, its educators have driven more than 26,245 miles to bring exhibitions and programs to 65 different schools in 25 Montana counties and all seven Montana Indian reservations. All together the mobile science programs have served more than 38,879 people, 30 percent of whom are Native American and 75 percent of whom are from rural communities.

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include SciGirls, NISE Network, Western Montana Area Health Education Center, the Noyce Foundation, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation 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. 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.

The 116th annual Arlee Celebration will take place Wednesday through Sunday, July 2-6. For more information about the powwow, please visit <http://www.arleepowwow.com/index.html>.

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Dropkick Murphys to Perform at Adams Center Sept. 24

June 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Adams Center and 96.3 The Blaze present American Celtic punk band Dropkick Murphys in Missoula on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with a concert time of 7:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, June 27. The cost is \$30 for the general admission show with a UM student price of \$20. Ticket fees are not included in this price. Tickets are available at all GrizTix outlets, online at <http://www.griztix.com> or by phone at 406-243-4051. Student tickets are available only at the Adams Center Box Office or the University Center Source. A valid Griz Card must be presented.

Dropkick Murphys produce high-energy songs with a working-class appeal, infusing classic punk with a unique Celtic sound featuring bagpipes, tin whistle, bodhran, accordion, banjo and more.

The band's single "Shipping Up to Boston" was featured in the 2006 Academy Award-winning film "The Departed," and became a platinum seller and one of the group's best-known songs. Their eighth full-length album, "Signed and Sealed in Blood," was released in January 2013 and has sold more than 100,000 copies.

No ticket refunds or exchanges will be granted, and no professional cameras or recording devices are allowed into the concert.

Missoula radio station 96.3 The Blaze celebrated its 14th anniversary this past April. In addition to Dropkick Murphys, the station plays top rock bands such as Nirvana, Metallica and Volbeat. The station is part of Townsquare Media, a local media company specializing in radio, digital and live event media, with listeners across western Montana.

For more information call Adams Center Events and Promotions Coordinator Adrien Wingard at 406-243-5403 or email adrien.wingard@mso.umt.edu.

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Students Make UM Dean's List

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MISSOULA – At the University of Montana, 2,917 students made the spring semester 2014 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. No grades of C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, NC or NCR are allowed.

The UM students listed below made the spring semester 2014 Dean's List. A "*" in the "Honors" column indicates a grade-point average of 4.0. An "*" indicates that a GPA of greater than 3.5 but less than 4.0 was earned.

To view the list of in-state students who made the Dean's List, visit

http://www.umt.edu/urelations/info/Deans%20and%20Grads%20lists/Deans%20List_spring_2014_in-state_.pdf.

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Mansfield Library Celebrates 50 Years of Civil Rights Act

June 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The Civil Rights Act was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson on July 2, 1964. Fifty years later, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana will celebrate the anniversary of one of the most important and influential pieces of American legislation with a limited-time exhibit.

The exhibit, titled “Civil Rights Act of 1964,” will trace the history and impact of civil rights legislation through government documents, the papers of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and broadcast remarks by President Johnson to the nation upon signing the Civil Rights Act.

The exhibit will be on display in the main floor foyer of the library during regular hours through July 18. It is free and open to the public.

Mansfield played a vital role in guiding the divided Senate in approving the legislation. His involvement is well documented in his papers, which are housed at the library, along with a token of his impact on the legislation: One of the pens Johnson used to sign the Civil Rights Act was gifted to Mansfield, and now is on display with the exhibit.

An essay about Mansfield's role in the passage of the Civil Rights Act is available online at <http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/mansfield/essays/civil-rights?destination=node/9>.

For more information call Donna McCrea, head of Archives and Special Collections at Mansfield Library, at 406-243-4403 or email donna.mccrea@umontana.edu.

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UM Part of National Network Aiming to Increase Native Participation in STEM Careers

June 25, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana is part of a new national network that recently received a three-year, \$2.4 million grant to increase the number of indigenous Americans obtaining advanced degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation announced June 23 that it is forming a three-year collaboration with the Montana University System, which includes UM, Montana State University and Montana Tech; as well as the University of Alaska, the University of Arizona and Purdue University.

The new national network, the Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership, aims to strengthen and expand successful initiatives at each of the four partners to recruit, train and graduate American Indian and Alaska Native students in STEM disciplines.

“When it comes to meeting the needs of American Indian and Alaska Native students, Alaska, Arizona,

Montana and Purdue are truly exemplary programs,” said Elizabeth Boylan, program director at the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. “Now they’re coming together to forge new opportunities and expand their already measurable impact.”

“The Sloan Indigenous Graduate Partnership will allow us to further the efforts of the University of Montana and the Montana University System in recruiting and retaining Indigenous students,” said Aaron Thomas, chemistry associate professor and the director of Indigenous Research and STEM Education at UM. “The funding allows Native graduate students the opportunity to focus on their graduate work while creating a supportive Native community.”

According to Boylan, most of the \$2.4 million in grant funds will go directly to American Indian and Alaska Native students in the form of stipends, providing support to an estimated 59 graduate students and 20 doctoral students.

Other funds will support programming, recruitment and retention activities; the collaborative development and sharing of best practices for the recruitment and support of American Indian/Alaska Native graduate students; and the creation of professional development opportunities such as student exchange programs.

American Indian and Alaska Native students traditionally have been underrepresented in graduate education. Though they make up 1.2 percent of the U.S. population, American Indians earned just 0.3 percent of all doctorates in 2012, less than the 0.5 percent share earned 20 years earlier. In engineering and all science fields other than the social sciences, only 48 research doctorates went to American Indian/Alaska Natives in 2012, among the 11,764 awarded to all U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

According to the Sloan Foundation, the 20 doctoral students who will be funded by the SIGP over the three-year grant will contribute meaningfully to diversifying the national STEM workforce with additional American Indian and Alaska Native graduate-degree holders.

This historically low level of participation is due in part to the unique challenges graduate study poses to American Indian students, which often include feelings of cultural and social isolation. The national SIGP network aims to reduce these difficulties by creating supportive, welcoming environments. In addition, scholarships help students focus on degree completion, reducing or eliminating the need to earn extra money for living expenses.

More than 200 American Indian/Alaska Native students have been part of individual SIGP campus programs to date, and according to Boylan, graduates are providing expertise and leadership important to their communities.

“We are at a significant transition point in the history of the SIGP,” she said. “The campuses are now funded to work cooperatively to leverage their individual efforts into a national presence, to enhance mentoring and professional development across the network, and to continue enabling indigenous American graduate students to succeed in STEM master’s and Ph.D. programs. We are pleased to have the SIGP as one of the signature elements of Sloan’s STEM Higher Education program.”

The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation was established in 1934 by Alfred Pritchard Sloan Jr., then-president and chief executive officer of the General Motors Corporation. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation is a philanthropic, not-for-

profit, grant-making institution that supports original research and education in science, technology, engineering, mathematics and economics. This grant was funded through the foundation's STEM Higher Education program, which aims to increase the quality diversity of U.S. higher education in STEM fields.

For more information about UM's involvement, call Thomas at 406-243-2052 or email aaron.thomas@umontana.edu.

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Major UM Math Conference Offers Public Lecture

June 25, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of Mathematics will host a free public lecture Thursday, June 26, as part of the 2014 Pacific Northwest Mathematical Association of America annual conference.

The lecture, “Chaos Games and Fractal Images,” will be held at 8 p.m. in Interdisciplinary Science Building Room110. Math Professor Robert Devaney of Boston University will present, and a small reception will follow the event.

Organized by Kelly McKinnie, UM associate professor of mathematics, the conference will bring in prominent mathematicians from the Pacific Northwest and around the country.

“We are excited to host so many world class mathematicians at our conference,” said Eric Chesebro, UM associate professor of mathematics. “We are lucky to have a chance to speak with them and hear their creative ideas and insight into problems of interest to mathematicians in the Northwest.”

The full conference runs June 26-28. Other prominent mathematicians attending include Ravi Vakil of Stanford

University and Skip Garibaldi of Emory University and the Insitute of Pure and Applied Mathematics at the University of California, Los Angeles. For a full schedule of events, visit

<http://cas.umt.edu/math/pnwmaa/program.php>.

For more information about the conference, email McKinnie at kelly.mckinnie@mso.umt.edu. For more about the MAA Pacific Northwest Section, visit <http://sections.maa.org/pnw/>.

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Western Montana High School Students to Spend Week Exploring Health Care Fields

June 20, 2014

MISSOULA – Twenty-six western Montana high school juniors and seniors have been selected to take part in Missoula MedStart: An Exploration of HealthCare Careers, which will take place Sunday through Friday, June 22-27, on the University of Montana campus.

Activities during camp will include tours of GlaxoSmithKline and Rocky Mountain Laboratories in **Hamilton**, a full day of job shadowing at 12 local health care facilities and an overnight at Salish Kootenai College in **Pablo**.

Participants also will hear presentations from professionals on the UM campus, including from Laboratory Animal Resources, the biochemistry and anthropology programs, the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, the psychology and social work departments, Missoula College, Enrollment Services, the Undergraduate Advising Center and Financial Aid office. Scientific dissection and experimental sessions will be led by UM graduate students and new Family Medicine Residency of Western Montana residents.

During the two overnight sessions in Pablo, which are coordinated by SKC faculty member Heather Paulsen, students will explore Native herbal remedies, attend a presentation by Lake County Search & Rescue, participate in Native cultural games and attend SKC medical and dental simulation sessions. The two-day program will conclude with a tour of St. Luke Community Healthcare. The SKC MedStart special sessions are made possible through a SKC School of Nursing, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and Indian Health Services workforce development grant.

Montana Area Health Education Center and MHA: An Association of Healthcare Providers host three one-week MedStart programs every year on the UM campus, on the Great Falls College campus and at Montana State University-Billings. Each spring, applicants are selected based on academic achievement, teacher recommendations and their interest in pursuing a career in the health care field. First-generation college students and those from rural areas are encouraged to apply.

MedStart began at MSU-Bozeman, in 2004, as "U-Doc," a program which initially hosted 10 students. Montana, and the nation as a whole, is facing a health care workforce shortage. To develop the next generation of health care professionals, the Montana AHEC system organized the MedStart summer program as one way to foster students' interest in pursuing careers in health care.

The goal is to provide students with the support and resources needed to enter and succeed in the health care industry, thereby, ultimately addressing Montana's health care workforce shortage. MedStart prepares students for careers in health care, which shows the fastest occupational job growth in Montana, provides access to Montana University System financial aid resources, promotes prebaccalaureate degrees allowing for ready entry into the health care field, and fuels the economic viability of rural Montana.

This year, 73 students will attend Montana MedStart programs, 62 of whom were selected for scholarships. Scholarships to the 2014 program were made possible through GEAR UP Montana, Jobs for Montana Graduates, Montana Educational Talent Search, Frontier Medicine Better Health Partnership, Pacific Source, The Washington Foundation, ALPS, Providence Health & Services, Community Medical Center, Clark Fork Valley Hospital and Gardiner Public Schools.

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UM Journalism Announces High-Profile Professorship

June 16, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Journalism has created a second visiting professorship that will allow the school to bring a high-profile journalist to campus each spring semester to teach a course to advanced journalism students and to mentor students at the Montana Kaimin newspaper.

Since 2001 the school has had the T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professorship, named in honor of a young graduate who died earlier that year in an accident. A succession of exceptional journalists has spent fall semester at UM, teaching and mentoring journalism students.

This week, the friends and family of Anthony Pollner announced a second endowment that will expand the program to spring semester. The fall professorship has had writing and reporting as its focus. The new professorship will feature accomplished journalists working in the areas of visual storytelling, online journalism or the business of journalism.

Some of the top names in journalism have held the Pollner professorship, including Pulitzer Prize winners Eli Saslow, Tamara Jones, Maurice Possley and John Woestendiek. Two-time National Magazine Award winner

Chris Jones, a writer for Esquire and columnist at ESPN, also was a Pollner professor, as was innovative editor Jonathan Weber. The fall 2014 Pollner professor will be William Glaberson, who for many years covered legal issues at The New York Times.

Interim Dean Denise Dowling says expanding the Pollner professorship to a second semester will bring new voices and vision to the school. "The fall semester professor will continue to concentrate on writing and reporting, the heart and soul of journalism," she said. "This new spring professorship will allow students and faculty to learn more about cutting-edge design, multimedia and business models to expand our knowledge of the ever-changing world of journalism."

"This expansion of the Pollner professorship is a significant gift that can only enhance the excellent education received by our journalism students," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "It will be exciting for our students to learn from leaders in such a dynamic and changing field."

The family also announced the creation of the Carol Van Valkenburg Endowed Scholarship, which will support an editor of the Montana Kaimin by funding full tuition and fees every year for the student. It is named for former journalism faculty member and longtime Kaimin adviser Van Valkenburg, who has spearheaded the Pollner professorship program since its inception. She also was a mentor to Anthony Pollner.

Van Valkenburg, who retired from the journalism school at the end of 2011, continues to coordinate the selection of the Pollner professors. Applications for the spring 2015 professorship will be accepted through July 11. For more information visit <http://jour.umt.edu/about/faculty/pollner/default.php>.

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Demand for Public Transportation to Trails, Rivers, Lakes Seen as Feasible

June 12, 2014

MISSOULA – A new study conducted by the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana’s College of Forestry and Conservation found there is a demand for public transportation to and from trailheads as well as river- and lake-access sites throughout the Top 10 Scenic Drives in the tri-state area of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

The project was supported in part by a National Scenic Byway Grant through the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation and funded through the Yellowstone Business Partnership.

Public comment is being sought on the draft report and is due by 10 p.m. MDT, Friday, June 20. The report can be found online at <http://www.yellowstonebusiness.org/programs/top-10-scenic-drives-in-the-northern-rockies>.

The Buses For Byways project seeks to determine ways to provide recreation access to those who desire or require public transportation services along the Top 10 Scenic Drives in the Northern Rockies.

A multistate consortium of drive coordinators and mobility managers teamed with researchers from the ITRR to

conduct a four-season survey of tourism suppliers, ski resorts, outfitters and guides who transport guests and/or staff as part of their operations. Supply and demand data have been analyzed and recommendations presented in the report, which describes how rural transportation providers might be integrated into an efficient regional network to serve more byway travelers.

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UM Journalism Students Win Five Emmy Awards

June 10, 2014

MISSOULA – The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has awarded five University of Montana journalism projects student Emmy Awards for excellence in broadcast journalism. The Northwest Chapter held its 51st annual Emmy ceremony at the Hilton Conference Center Saturday, June 7, in Seatac, Wash.

A weekly news program, “UM News,” earned an Emmy in the best newscast category. The program, produced by seniors in the UM School of Journalism Department of Radio-Television, airs on ABC/Fox and CBS stations during the fall semester. “UM News” is produced in the advanced video reporting, photography and directing courses taught by Professor Ray Ekness and Radio/TV Department Chair Ray Fanning.

“It’s really gratifying to see our student work honored at this prestigious ceremony,” Fanning said. “We’re very proud to know the UM School of Journalism is producing outstanding young journalists whose work ranks as the best in the region.”

In the general news category, Anna Cole of **Carstairs, Alberta**, and Conor Ballantyne of **Plains** got the nod for their story “Grizzly Personal Safety.” The story, which aired as part of “UM News,” looked at the steps being

taken on campus to improve safety for students including a program that uses a golf cart to give students rides home at night.

The arts and entertainment Emmy also went to a story produced for "UM News." Lauren Robinson of **Billings** and Nina Sveinson of **West Yellowstone** earned the award for a feature on a stage play involving puppets. The story told of the physical challenges faced by actors in the play "Avenue Q," using the puppets as their primary means of expression.

Sveinson won a second Emmy for best student writer. She submitted two news pieces for judging, including a story on how Grizzly football affects western Montana's economy and a story about a "Trick or Eat" program that benefits the Missoula Food Bank.

A program produced for MontanaPBS won in the long-form, nonfiction category. "Climate Changing Business" profiled a number of Montana businesses adapting or benefiting due to Montana's climate changes. Students in Adjunct Professor John Twiggs' advanced video storytelling course reported, recorded, wrote and edited the program, which aired in October 2013.

The Emmy Awards honor excellence in television news, documentary, entertainment and individual achievement. The Northwest Chapter represents television professionals in Montana, Idaho, Oregon, Washington and Alaska.

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UM to Host International Child Phonology Conference

June 10, 2014

MISSOULA –The University of Montana Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders will host the 2014 International Child Phonology Conference on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17-18, in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center.

Organized by Amy Glaspey, CSD chair and associate professor, this conference will be the first of its kind in Montana and will provide a unique opportunity for both faculty and students within the department.

“The International Child Phonology Conference is an exciting event for anyone interested in hearing and language and their impacts on childhood development,” said CSD graduate student Jessica Camp.

Also drawing students is the opportunity to collaborate across research projects and topics. CSD graduate student Isabel Archilla is looking forward to the networking at the conference.

“It is a great way to begin developing working relationships with other established clinicians and researchers from around the world,” she said. “That is something not only great for our campus and community but also for

the state of Montana as a whole.”

The conference provides a unique opportunity to expand on skills and knowledge outside the classroom, as well as learn about best practices and procedures used by communicative science professionals around globe. Previous ICPC conferences have been held on university campuses in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and in other international locations.

“The ICPC provides opportunities for collaboration between University of Montana researchers, experts in the field and students through oral presentations, poster presentations and discussions,” Glaspey said. “The information and research presented will be highly beneficial to fellow researchers, research partners, graduate students and anyone in our community that works with children in the areas of speech, language or hearing difficulties.”

Registration for the 2014 International Child Phonology Conference can be completed online at <https://www.xcdsystem.com/ICPC/attendee/index.cfm?ID=sSk9U5o>. Activities for presenters and participants will begin Monday, June 16, and the conference itself will begin on Tuesday, June 17.

For more information about the International Child Phonology Conference or the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, please visit <http://www.coehs.umt.edu/> or call 406-243-2363.

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UM Journalism Students Take First, Second in 'College Pulitzer Prizes'

June 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Two recent graduates of the University of Montana School of Journalism have earned top honors in the national Hearst Journalism Awards Program. Chris Allen of **Missoula** and Ruth Eddy of **Oak Park, Ill.**, earned first and second place, respectively, in the radio news category of the national competition, sometimes called the Pulitzer Prizes of college journalism.

The two were invited to the live event in Washington, D.C., based upon their strong showing in the preliminary competition during the academic year. The 54th annual Hearst Championships hosted 29 winners from monthly competitions to demonstrate their abilities in rigorous on-the-spot assignments.

The radio competitors were asked to create a story about politicians bypassing mainstream media and using social media or other means to share their message. Competitors had one day to research, find and conduct interviews, write and record. They used a second day to edit their pieces. Media professionals judged the work, and awards were given at a dinner and gala at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., on June 5.

As the winners were announced, the presenter commented on the strength of the journalism program at UM in light of the many finalists the University has sent to the Hearst competition over the years. Last year, UM graduate Sam Wilson won the multimedia competition and Jessica Murri took second in the radio news category.

Allen won \$5,000 for his first place win, and Eddy earned a \$4,000 prize. Both graduated from the journalism school in May with an emphasis in radio. Both also were employees of KBGA College Radio – Eddy as the news director for the past two years and Allen as a reporter. In addition, Eddy interned with the Montana Radio Company and Montana Public Radio, and Allen will complete an internship at MTPR this summer.

They attribute their success to the hands-on training they received under Assistant Professor Jule Banville. Eddy said, "That lady is such a talented teacher who tells you how you can get better. And we did!"

Banville said, "I'm so thrilled that others saw the promise I've been lucky enough to watch grow these past couple of years. They are two to watch in the radio world, for sure. I'm insanely proud."

UM placed seventh overall in broadcast news during the yearlong competition, eighth in writing, ninth in multimedia and ninth overall. The competition is open to students from 105 accredited schools of journalism.

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Missoula College to Offer Summer CNA Courses

MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana will offer a noncredit certified nursing assistant course this summer.

The training will take place July 28-Aug.15 at the MC East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. Clinical hours will take place at Riverside Healthcare Center, located at 1301 E. Broadway. The course will prepare accepted students for careers in health care under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

The curriculum includes first aid and CPR, training in providing or assisting in client care, use of equipment, documenting and reporting. The coursework and clinical study will provide necessary information and skills needed in long-term, home-care and acute-care settings. Students also will prepare for and complete the Montana Department of Health State Competency CNA Evaluation examination.

Nursing assistant lecture classes will be held from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. weekdays July 28-Aug.12, with the exception of Thursday, July 31. A CPR and first aid training will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 31. Students will participate in a certified nursing assistant clinical from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, and from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15, at Riverside Healthcare Center. Students are asked to bring their lunch.

The course costs \$850, which includes the textbook, CPR/first aid fee, supplies and the state examination fee. Participants do not need to be enrolled UM or MC students, and no previous academic experience is required.

The application deadline is 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 24. Accepted CNA students will need to submit payment by Wednesday, June 30. Application requirements include submitting a copy of current immunization records and copies of an online criminal background check documents. A maximum of 10 students are accepted into the program. Space is limited. The application is available online at

<http://www.mc.umt.edu/outreach/Workforce/CareeTechTrain/cna.html>. To register, call Mary Opitz of the MC Outreach Department at 406-243-7812 or email mary.opitz@umontana.edu.

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Athletic Training Program Wins Seventh Consecutive Public Relations Contest

June 05, 2014

MISSOULA – Students in the University of Montana Athletic Training program recently competed in and won the “Best Student Effort” category of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association’s Public Relations competition for the seventh consecutive year.

March was National Athletic Training Month, and this competition served as one of many ways that NATA worked to promote the profession of athletic training and increase awareness of the role that athletic trainers play in various aspects of work and sports life.

The NATA PR Committee issued a call to NATA members for contest entries and then recognized outstanding public relations achievements by NATA district and state associations, student groups or individuals.

The UM students used social media, set up community fundraisers on campus and in Missoula, created informational bulletin boards and distributed flyers, posters and public service announcements to deliver their message with the theme “We’ve Got Your Back.”

Contest submissions were limited to public relations efforts performed by athletic training groups during the month of March. To be considered, entries had to educate, use proper athletic trainer terminology and could not be self-serving. A significant emphasis was placed on originality.

“Participating in the NATA PR contest each year is an excellent opportunity for our students to gain an understanding regarding the importance of educating others about the athletic training profession at the local, regional and national level,” said Valerie Moody, professor in UM’s Department of Health and Human Performance and director of the Athletic Training program. “It is a great way for our students to connect and collaborate with other health care professionals, coaches, athletes and community members by raising awareness about the importance of having access to a certified athletic trainer.”

The NATA organization currently has more than 35,000 members worldwide and is recognized as the leading professional organization for athletic trainers.

“Winning the National Athletic Trainers Association Public Relations contest is an extraordinary accomplishment for the UM Athletic Training program, considering there are over 350 AT programs in the nation,” said Scott Richter, chair of the UM Department of Health and Human Performance and associate professor of athletic training. “Several AT programs and student groups competing for this award have significantly more students and are located in highly populated regions with greater access to myriad media opportunities, making this winning streak even more meaningful. This accomplishment is a tribute to the superb leadership of Valerie Moody and the high quality of students involved in UM Athletic Training.”

For more information about NATA, the UM Athletic Training program or the UM Department of Health and Human Performance, visit <http://www.coehs.umt.edu/> or call 406-243-4211.

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MOLLI Offers Summer Adventures for Kids and Grandparents

June 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Montana, also known as MOLLI, will host MOLLI Summer Adventures, a grandparent and grandchild camp, on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 24-25.

Learning pairs consist of one adult age 50 or older and one child. The cost of each two-day camp session is \$100 per pair, as well as the nonrefundable annual \$20 MOLLI membership fee if adult participants are not current members.

Registration is available online at <http://www.umt.edu/molli> or by calling the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905. The camp offerings are:

- **Amazing Animal Adaptations:** Participants will learn about unique human adaptations, play fun tracking games, learn about bears, visit an osprey banding site and have a special visit from Animal Wonders, an animal rescue organization based out of Potomac. Hosted by the Montana Natural History Center, ages 7-10, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

- **Crack the Case:** Participants will work together to map a “crime scene,” examine fibers under a microscope and dust for fingerprints. Hosted by spectrUM Discovery Area, ages 6-8, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Crime Scene Investigation:** Participants will work together to map a “crime scene,” examine fibers under a microscope, fingerprint suspects and explore blood typing. Hosted by spectrUM Discovery Area, ages 9-13, 2-5:30 p.m.
- **Museum Exploration:** Participants will spend two mornings at the Missoula Art Museum, enjoying the art on view and creating their own. Hosted by MAM, ages 6-12, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Outdoor Recreation: Fishing and Treasure Hunt:** The first day, participants will spend their morning fishing at Silvers Lagoon at McCormick Park. We will focus on rod and reel fishing basics and other skills necessary in angling. All bait and equipment included. The next day, participants will complete a treasure hunt along the Clark Fork River. Hosted by Missoula Parks and Recreation, ages 6-9, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- **Outdoor Recreation: Geocaching and River Float:** Participants will work as a team using GPS devices to navigate around the Riverfront Trails of Missoula in this modern version of a treasure hunt. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which the participants use a Global Positioning System receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called geocaches or caches, anywhere in the world. The next day, participants will see Missoula from a new perspective by rafting the Clark Fork River through town. The float will put in near East Missoula and take out at Silvers Park. Participants will view wildlife, talk about river ecology and enjoy the day on the water. All equipment provided. Hosted by Missoula Parks and Recreation, ages 10-13, 2-5:30 p.m.

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Montana Victim Advocate Academy to Offer Five-Day Training at UM

June 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The Institute of Educational Research and Service, a specialty unit of the University of Montana Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, will host a victim advocate training Sunday through Friday, June 15-20, at UM.

The Basic Academy is for all victim advocates working for governmental or nonprofit agencies. It provides essential victim advocate training across a range of crimes and systems. The intensive training will provide basic knowledge and skills for individuals with less than three years of experience in the field of victim services.

The course is 40 hours over five days and costs \$350 to attend. Register online at http://iers.umt.edu/Montana_Victim_Advocate_Academy/About%20the%20Academy.php.

The curriculum is based on the National Victim Assistance Academy and includes Montana-specific content. Participants will gain knowledge and skills to better serve victims and survivors of crime. IERS Director Rick van den Pol notes the great need for such training.

“For 57 years, IERS has served as a bridge between UM and communities across our state,” he said. “The inaugural offering of the Montana Victim Advocate Academy marks a new professional education offering for advocates statewide.”

In 1995, the Office of Victims of Crime funded the development of a National Victim Assistance Academy to deliver a blend of education and skills-based training through a state-of-the-art curriculum delivered to victim service providers and allied professionals at university campuses across the country.

Using the NVAA as a framework, OVC envisioned that the State Victim Advocate Academies would operate in partnership with academic institutions to develop a comprehensive, fundamental, academic-based and state-specific course of study in victims’ rights and services to meet the entry-level educational and training needs of victim service providers, victim advocates and allied personnel working with victims of crime.

“By adapting the NVAA curriculum to meet the unique needs of Montanans, we will be able to provide a common core of proven advocacy strategies,” van den Pol said. “The faculty of the Montana Academy brings unique expertise to help adapt the national curriculum to meet our cultural, geographic and economic needs.”

Montana’s sparsely populated counties contrast with seven urban centers and the full range of urban challenges. The state also is home to seven Indian reservations, sovereign nations that provide a complex mix of federal, state and tribal jurisdictions. According to John Frederikson, director of the Montana Victim Advocate Academy, the problem to be addressed is that Montana has no centralized training or training criteria for victim advocates.

“For the first time, Montana victim advocates have access to local comprehensive training provided by the best practitioners in the field,” Frederikson said. “The national curriculum provided by the OVC has been modified for the unique needs and situations affecting victim advocacy in Montana. I am exceedingly pleased with the quality and competence of the faculty as well as their excitement in providing this level of training to Montana’s victim advocates.”

The Montana Victims Advocate Academy was funded in 2012 with the purpose of providing research-based, high-quality and sustainable training for victim advocates representing 135 different agencies across the state.

“New-to-the-field advocates will be able to network, experience common learning around victim services and promote communication within the field,” said Nancy Berg, MVAA program coordinator. “We hope the academy will create a better-supported advocacy network that allows better assistance for victims of crime.”

For more information on MVAA or IERS, visit <http://iers.umt.edu/> or call 406-243-4973.

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