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Missoula Business Drive Supports UM Excellence Fund

September 29, 2014

MISSOULA – Once again, Missoula business leaders are coming together to raise funds for the University of Montana.

For 30 years, local businesses have recognized that supporting the University, Missoula’s largest engine of growth, fosters the city’s development. This year, the Missoula Business Drive formally begins Sept. 30.

“The thousands of students enrolled at UM make a huge impact on our local economy,” said Vicki Corwin, vice president of Stewart Title, who is chairing the 2014 campaign. “I give because supporting UM means supporting our community.”

Donations to the Missoula Business Drive are directed to the University of Montana Excellence Fund. This unrestricted fund supports a wide variety of student learning activities, such as helping students travel abroad or attend conferences, providing a stipend for stellar guest speakers or prize money for student competitions.

Earlier this year the Excellence Fund sent a team of UM students to Jacksonville, Fla., for the International
Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, where they won first place.

“It’s likely that we wouldn’t have gone without the travel grant,” said Neil Bennett, a UM graduate student in economics and the team’s coach. “Receiving the money meant a lot to us, and we are very grateful for it.”

Their story is just one of many. Donors to the Missoula Business Drive have impacted thousands of students over the years and contributions of any size make a big difference.

“Every gift matters,” said Tara Vinson, associate director of annual giving at the UM Foundation. “We are grateful for the generosity of all our donors. They truly make a big impact.”

Donors may make contributions online at http://supportum.org/guidetogiving/annualgifts/Missoulabizdrive/default.php, by calling Vinson at 406-243-2575 or emailing tara.vinson@mso.umt.edu.

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Seventh Annual ‘Pianissimo!’ Concerts to Take Place at UM

September 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Music will present the seventh annual “Pianissimo!” concerts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11, in the Music Recital Hall. This high-energy show boasts two different programs, nine pianos and more than 25 pianists.

“Each year I try to make the program bigger and better than the year before,” says UM piano faculty member and “Pianissimo!” organizer Christopher Hahn. “For those who have attended previous events, you'll know that's quite a feat.”

According to Hahn, this year will include a wide variety of music and styles, including “Let it Go” from the Disney movie “Frozen,” selections by Lady Gaga and the Piano Guys, classics such as “Islamey” and “Flight of the Bumble Bee,” and masterworks by composers Liszt and Rachmaninoff, to name a few.

The performance will feature some of Missoula’s most well-known and distinguished pianists. Performers will include UM faculty members Hahn and Steven Hesla – who were responsible for the wildly popular downtown yellow piano – Nancy Cooper and Barbara Blegen; community members Dorothy Beck-Peterson, Scott
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Billadeau, Aneta Panusz, Adrienne Dussault, Molly Morrison, Charlotte Kasl, Heidi Waegle and Paul Nonnenmacher; as well as many current students in the piano program at UM.

Special guests will include Missoula Symphony Chorale Director Dean Peterson and Missoula Mayor John Engen, who will make a cameo appearance in one of the shows. “You'll just have to come to both to see which one,” quips Hahn.

This year “Pianissimo!” has partnered with local ice cream shop Big Dipper, which will create a specialty flavor in honor of the concert. The ice cream will debut Sept. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m., along with pianists performing on-site.

“It'll be a vanilla ice cream with brownie bits and a chocolate swirl,” said Bryan Hickey of Big Dipper, “keeping with the ebony and ivory theme.”

“Pianissimo!” is a benefit concert for the UM Keyboard Society, and funds raised will help piano students attend conferences, fund performance travel, sponsor events and bring in guest artists for the “Celebrate Piano” series. Proceeds also will help with maintenance and care for the pianos at UM, providing instruments that will continue to attract the best students to the University's music program.

For more information on “Pianissimo!” or any of the five concerts in the “Celebrate Piano” series, contact Hahn at UM's School of Music at 406-243-6490. Season and single tickets can be purchased online at griztix.com, at the UM Arts Box Office or by calling 406-243-4581. Purchasing tickets in advance is highly recommended, as shows tend to sell out.

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MISSOULA For the first time since 2002, the University of Montana Foundation awarded the Order of the Grizzly, its highest honor. Tom Cotter, who gave millions to support student scholarships at the University of Montana, is the 2014 recipient and was honored posthumously at the Foundation's President's Club and Heritage Society Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Cotter passed away July 16. His daughter, Mary Ann Cotter, accepted the award on his behalf.

“It is a great honor and privilege to bestow this award on so deserving an individual,” said Shane Giese, president and CEO of the UM Foundation. “Tom showed a keen understanding of the ways in which education can change a life, and his generosity will impact Montana students for generations to come. We are thankful for his life and saddened by his loss.”

In March 2014, Cotter committed a substantial figure from his estate to fund scholarships for students who graduate from Montana high schools.
In a recent UM Foundation newsletter article, Cotter explained why philanthropy was so important to him: “I never could have made it without my education, and I want to see if I can help upgrade the situations of students who want the chance to learn. I have such a love for Montana and the University and have always felt that students could be very good recipients of my money.”

As a boy, Cotter helped his parents raise livestock on their ranch in Townsend. He said this experience gave him a work ethic that stayed with him throughout his life.

At age 16, he dropped out of school and joined the Merchant Marines. After a tour in the Pacific during World War II, he returned home to earn his high school diploma before enrolling at the University of Montana in 1948. He was a Sigma Chi (his uncle had been a charter member) and received his bachelor’s degree in 1953 and his master’s in 1955, both in sociology. After two years in the Army Counterintelligence Corps and nearly a decade at Boeing, Cotter joined Merrill Lynch in 1965. Eventually, he joined the investment firm that became Franklin Templeton, and later retired after 20 years of service.

His family settled in Palo Alto, Calif., where his wife, Neva, resides today. Their daughter, Mary Ann, graduated from Palo Alto High School and then followed in her father’s footsteps by attending UM.

The UM Foundation established the Order of the Grizzly in 1965 to honor individuals who sustained an active interest in Montana and whose accomplishments contribute to the welfare of the state, nation and world. Past recipients include Sen. Mike Mansfield, actress Myra Loy and Llewellyn Callaway, who was the publisher of Newsweek in the 1960s.

The award is now conferred on those who have made a significant impact on the University through their leadership and philanthropy. Recipients are awarded a bronze miniature statue of a grizzly bear, the mascot of the University, sculpted by former Professor Rudy Autio.

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Late September Heat Breaks Western Montana Records

September 26, 2014

MISSOULA – The Montana Climate Office reports the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration weather stations measured record-setting high temperatures across western Montana on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Temperatures exceeded the historical average maximum temperature for late September by nine to 15 degrees in some parts of the state. Temperatures ranged from maximums of 85 to 92 degrees across Helena, Missoula, Kalispell, Butte and in counties near the Canadian border.

Missoula’s weather stations measured a record 92 degrees on Tuesday and Wednesday. The previous record of 90 degrees was set in 2001.

Helena hit 91 degrees on Wednesday, three degrees above its 88-degree record set in 2009.

Kalispell also jumped three degrees above its hottest temperature. On Wednesday, the northwestern Montana weather station hit 89 degrees. The previous record of 86 degrees was set back in 2001.
Butte matched its 2009 record of 85 degrees on Wednesday.

The Montana Climate Office, based at the University of Montana, provides relevant science-based climate records to Montanans. For more information, call Montana Climate Office State Climatologist Kelsey Jencso at 406-243-6793, email state.climatologist@umontana.edu or visit http://www.climate.umt.edu/.

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UM Yearbooks Now Available Online

September 25, 2014

MISSOULA – Just in time for Homecoming, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana has placed all 72 UM yearbooks online at http://scholarworks.umt.edu/sentinel/.

The Sentinel yearbooks range from 1904 to 1972 and 1987 to 1989. They are online in ScholarWorks, UM's open-access repository service that showcases and preserves published and unpublished works by UM students, faculty, staff and departments.

The text of each yearbook is fully searchable, and they include photographs and stories that document all aspects of life at UM, providing a rich source for history and culture of the University.

The yearbooks cover annual events such as Aber Day, the Foresters' Ball and the Griz-Cat football game, as well as student government, Greek life, intramurals, Homecoming, student organizations and much more.

Wendy Walker, UM digital initiatives librarian, said they are asking individuals or groups to sponsor a yearbook. These donations will help the library maintain and preserve the collection over time.

“We will acknowledge the sponsor names and include their favorite memory of UM, if they choose to provide one, alongside the online yearbook they choose to sponsor,” Walker said. “We hope that making these
yearbooks widely available fosters both good research and good memories.”

Those interested in sponsoring should call Walker at 406-243-6004 or email wendy.walker@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Through personal profiles, debates and political analysis, MontanaPBS and Montana Public Radio (MTPR) will help Montanans get to know their United States Congress candidates beyond the advertising and sound bites.

Two documentaries profiling the U.S. House and U.S. Senate candidates will broadcast at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, on MontanaPBS. “Lone Representative: Zinke or Lewis” will profile House candidates John Lewis and Ryan Zinke.

Producer Anna Rau said neither candidate has much political experience. “This race is very much about personality and the candidates’ beliefs, since there is very little political record to dig through,” she said. “So the show focuses on their ethics, their upbringing and their political philosophies to inform voters.”

At 7:30 p.m. the U.S. Senate candidate profile “From Both Sides: Curtis vs. Daines” will introduce Amanda Curtis and Steven Daines as individuals, said producer Katie Gilbertson.
“But the candidates also talk about issues they believe Montanans want them to focus on in D.C., and they answer to past votes they’ve taken,” Gilbertson said.

In addition to these two programs, MontanaPBS and MTPR will partner with Montana Television Network stations to broadcast debates between Lewis and Zinke on Saturday, Oct. 4, and Curtis and Daines on Monday, Oct. 20. Both programs will begin at 6 p.m.

The debates will be followed by political analysis. Students and faculty from the UM School of Journalism will provide fact-checking analysis after the Senate debate. The debates also will broadcast on Yellowstone Public Radio.

MontanaPBS and MTPR will broadcast live election coverage on Tuesday, Nov. 4. On Nov. 5, MontanaPBS will review the election with a half-hour special that analyzes the results – from Montana’s Congressional delegation to the State House.

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New Journalism Fund Seeks to Enhance Conservation Coverage in the Crown

September 25, 2014

MISSOULA – Stories of climate, communities and conservation in the Crown of the Continent will be the focus of a new journalism fund at the University of Montana.

The Crown Reporting Fund will support graduate students in UM’s Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism program as they pursue stories in the Glacier National Park area of Montana and Canada. It also will fund a mentoring program that teams students with veteran editors familiar with the field.

The innovative mentoring model is made possible by a generous gift in memory of Ted Smith, a tireless and strategic advocate for climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation. Smith, a philanthropy leader and a former smokejumper, died hiking in the Mission Mountains in 2012.

The goal of the Crown Reporting Fund is to inform public understanding of landscape-level conservation, conflicting demands for natural resources and community efforts to build climate resilience in the Rocky Mountain region of Montana, Alberta, Canada, and British Columbia, Canada.
“UM is uniquely situated in a world-class laboratory for environmental science and natural resource journalism,” Journalism Dean Larry Abramson said. “We’re looking to leverage the region’s natural systems, research programs and conservation initiatives to produce quality, on-the-ground reporting.”

While the students will report stories in the field, their mentors will recommend sources, edit drafts and help place the final product in a regional or national publication. Both students and their mentors will receive a stipend and travel funds.

“In our mentors, we are looking for professional journalists with a strong track record covering science, conservation or natural resource policy and management,” said Henriette Lowisch, journalism school graduate program director.

Each team will produce one in-depth story, with formats ranging from text features to photo, audio, video and multimedia packages.

In addition to providing practical training, the project aims to create networks of knowledge and common purpose between emerging journalists, research scientists, conservation advocates and other stakeholders in the Crown region.

Ted Smith’s family has provided funding to start the program with two teams for the 2015 cycle. Additional donations are being sought in support of the Crown Reporting Fund.

Now in its fourth year, the master’s program in Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism trains the next generation of journalists to combine a sound understanding of science and policy with storytelling skills that engage broad audiences across diverse media platforms. For more information visit http://jour.umt.edu/graduate.

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SpectrUM to Bring Motion Exhibit to Rocky Boy, Box Elder

September 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular “Motion” exhibit to Rocky Boy and Box Elder on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 29-30.

Rocky Boy schoolchildren will participate in guided field trips of the exhibit on Sept. 29, where it will be set up in the Rocky Boy Elementary School gymnasium. On Sept. 30, Box Elder schoolchildren will tour the exhibit at the Box Elder High School gymnasium, followed by a free family science night from 5 to 7 p.m. which is open to the public.

Highlights of “Motion” include a giant turntable from the San Francisco Exploratorium, a Bernoulli Blower and a flight simulator. Children and families will explore concepts of mass and gravity, spinning, air pressure and Newton’s laws of motion.

Since 2007, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to more than 26 counties and all seven Montana reservations.
“We travel hands-on science around the state, transforming gymnasiums and cafeterias into powerful science learning centers that help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries,” said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director.

“Motion” is also on display at the spectrUM Discovery Area at 218 E. Front St. in downtown Missoula from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $3.50 per person.

For more information or to book a school visit, call SpectrUM’s STEM Education Program Manager Jessie Herbert at 406-728-7836 or visit http://www.spectrum.umt.edu.

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Merriam-Frontier Writing Competition Open to UM Students

September 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The Creative Writing Program at the University of Montana is now accepting submissions for the 2014 Merriam-Frontier Award.

The annual writing competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UM during fall semester 2014. The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and consists of a $500 prize and publication of the winning entry as a chapbook.

Submissions are limited to one per student and must include a cover page with the title of the manuscript, name, email, phone number and address. All entries must be delivered to Liberal Arts Building Room 133 by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17.

The manuscripts will be judged by a committee of local writers. A winner will be announced Feb. 6, 2015, and will be invited to give a public reading.

Entries must be previously unpublished works that qualify in one of the following categories:
Poetry: 20 to 25 poems

Fiction: two or more stories (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)

Creative nonfiction: two or more essays (40 to 60 double-spaced pages)

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

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UM InPsych Program Earns $1.2M Grant

September 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Department of Psychology recently received a five-year, $1.2 million federal grant to continue its highly successful Indians Into Psychology (InPsych) Program.

The grant, awarded by Indian Health Service, will provide financial support and unique educational opportunities for Native American students as they pursue degrees in clinical psychology.

“It has been an honor and a privilege to direct the program here at the University of Montana for the past 16 years,” InPsych Program Director Gyda Swaney said.

Swaney attributes the success of the InPsych Program to the caliber of Native students involved and the training and mentorship the students receive from the UM Department of Psychology faculty.

Since the InPsych Program’s inception in 1998, UM has awarded eight doctorates in clinical psychology to Native American students. Currently, seven Native American graduate students are pursuing their doctorate degrees in clinical psychology at UM. Additionally, five participants in the undergraduate summer program have completed or are completing their doctorates at universities nationwide.

The InPsych Program was established as part of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and seeks to provide...
summer programs to expose Native American students to the various fields of psychology, stipends for students to pursue careers in clinical psychology, tribal community outreach and health professions recruitment. The program also aims to develop affiliation agreements with tribal colleges and universities to enhance Native students’ education and, ultimately, provide psychological services to under-served Native American communities by providing training opportunities for psychology graduate students in those communities.

For more information, call InPsych Program Director Gyda Swaney at 406-243-5630 or email gyda.swaney@umontana.edu.

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UM Creative Writing Program Hosts Walter Kirn

September 24, 2014

MISSOULA – Author Walter Kirn will be at the University of Montana to read his fiction on Friday, Oct. 3, as part of the Fall 2014 UM Creative Writing Program Visiting Writer Series. The reading will take place at 7 p.m. in the Dell Brown Room of Turner Hall and is free and open to the public.

Kirn is the author of eight books, most notably "Up In the Air," which was made into a movie starring George Clooney, and "Blood Will Out," a memoir of his friendship with a Rockefeller imposter and convicted murder.


Other visiting writers who will read as part of the fall series are poet Jennifer Moxley on Oct. 24 and nonfiction author Bernard Cooper on Nov. 21. These events also are free and open to the public.

For more information email Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu
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New System Provides Access to 14 Academic Libraries in Montana Through One Search

September 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The collection holdings of 14 academic libraries in Montana are now available through a single online search, thanks to an unprecedented statewide partnership. The new system is made possible by a collaborative effort of the libraries of the four campuses of the University of Montana and the four campuses of Montana State University, as well as private colleges, tribal colleges and a community college.

The system is designed to improve discovery of library resources, empowering students and faculty to fulfill their information needs from sources across the state, according to Shali Zhang, dean of libraries at UM, and Kenning Arlitsch, dean of the library at MSU. It also represents a cooperative effort never before seen among libraries across Montana, they added.

“Working closely with our colleagues at the MSU Library, we are now providing users with easy access to library holdings beyond UM and its affiliated libraries, which will significantly enrich their library experience and enable them to receive needed library materials more efficiently than before,” Zhang said.
The discovery system is powered by software called Primo from a major library vendor, Ex Libris, and is designed to search across the 14 libraries’ catalogs, databases and e-resource subscriptions, making them all discoverable in one interface.

Benefits include a dramatically expanded discovery of library resources; a service that recommends relevant articles, based on usage data; the ability for users to save and organize items found during a search session; and the ability for users to save queries, set up alerts for new results and expand their search to discover citation data not held in participating libraries’ collections.

“The collaborative implementation of this new discovery tool is the first step to realizing one accessible library collection for students and faculty at academic institutions across the state,” Arlitsch said.

The Montana University System will seek support from the 2015 Legislature to fund a back-end management system that will enable cooperative collection development, one-click access to electronic resources and reciprocal borrowing privileges for all students, staff and faculty across all campuses.

The new system will give researchers unprecedented systemwide access to a vast array of resources, according to Brent Roberts, director of the library at MSU-Billings.

“This is a major step toward a long-cherished dream of uniting academic library collections across Big Sky Country and bringing a dizzying array of resources as close as a researcher's phone or tablet,” Roberts said.

Montana Tech’s library director, Scott Juskiewicz, said the collaboration will help serve the educational needs of Montanans.

“Montana Tech is pleased to participate in a joint collaboration that expands the depth and breadth of content available in this powerful discovery tool for all of our students, faculty, staff and researchers,” Juskiewicz said.

“I’m delighted to see the academic libraries of Montana joining so many other academic institutions that are migrating to Primo,” said Mark Triest, president of Ex Libris North America. “To see a state's higher-education network adopt Primo validates our strategy of delivering open, content neutral systems, supporting increased collaboration and returning control of the user experience to the library.”

The new system is live at most of the participating institutions and will be operational at the remaining institutions in the coming months. Examples of the new discovery system may be searched at www.lib.umt.edu and www.lib.montana.edu.

Institutions participating in the new system are:

- University of Montana
- Helena College UM
- Montana Tech
- UM Western
- Carroll College
- Chief Dull Knife College
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- Dawson Community College
- Great Falls College MSU
- Little Big Horn College
- Montana State University
- MSU-Billings
- MSU-Northern
- Rocky Mountain College
- University of Great Falls

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Mansfield Library Receives National Leadership Grant

September 23, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana recently received a $49,343 National Leadership Grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Electronic Irish Research Experience, or EIRE, will serve as a national model for conveying the diaspora experience through an effective combination of primary source content and scholarly context.

During the project, partners, advisory board members and consultants will design a community- and learning-focused platform to convey the Irish-American experience. EIRE will establish and support collaborations between international libraries, archives, universities and academic programs to identify and gather materials that build community and preserve cultural heritage.

“The Mansfield Library has continued supporting the UM learning and research mission and engaging in knowledge creation through collaborative projects such as this one with other campus units and external cultural institutions,” said Library Dean Shali Zhang. “This federal award gives us an excellent opportunity to plan and design an electronic platform that conveys the Irish-American experience. This model will indeed help
enhance educational experiences for the UM community and beyond."

National Leadership Grants for Libraries support projects that address challenges faced by the library and archive fields and that have the potential to advance practice in those fields.

"Libraries are changing to meet the evolving learning, social and informational landscapes of their communities," said Susan Hildreth, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. "These grants reflect truly creative thinking by library and archive professionals – along with their university, professional association and local government partners – that will ensure the continued role of libraries as community anchors for generations to come."

"We're very pleased to have received this grant," said UM Associate Professor and Project Director Julie Biando Edwards. "It was exciting to conceptualize the project in the grant-writing stages and we're looking forward to exploring what we can develop. EIRE is truly a collaborative project that we hope will build community and preserve cultural heritage."

Partners in the project include Traolach O'Riordain of UM's Irish Studies Program, Ellen Crain of the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives and Colette McKenna of the Boole Library at University College Cork, Ireland.

"From the point of view of Irish Studies, the EIRE project will contribute greatly to our mission of informing the community of the very powerful influence the Irish of Montana exerted in their adopted state and on the course of history in Ireland," O'Riordain said. "The role of the Irish of America in the creation of modern Ireland is an area that is attracting a lot more attention in recent years, so the EIRE project is both very timely and relevant."

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MISSOULA – The Montana Law Review will dedicate this year’s Honorable James R. Browning Symposium at the University of Montana to emerging federalism issues through moderated panel discussions. This year’s symposium, “The Future of Federalism: What Will be Retained and What Surrendered,” will take place Thursday and Friday, Oct. 2-3, in the University Center Ballroom. Registration is not required and events are free and open to the public.

The event will feature highly regarded national, regional and local speakers and panelists. The full list of panelists can be found online at http://scholarship.law.umt.edu/browning/symposia/2014/.

The symposium schedule is:

**Thursday, Oct. 2**

- **6-7 p.m.**: Opening keynote address, George Mason University School of Law Professor Ilya Somin, UM School of Law Room 101.
Friday, Oct. 3

(All events in UC North Ballroom)

- **10:20 a.m.-noon**: Panel discussion, Cooperative (and Uncooperative) Federalism at Tribal, State and Local Levels.
- **1-2:30 p.m.**: Panel discussion, Federal and State Conflicts: Preemption and Commandeering.
- **2:45-4:15 p.m.**: Panel discussion, Commerce, Taxing, Spending and Coercion after NFIB v. Sebelius.
- **4:30-5:30 p.m.**: Closing keynote address, New York University School of Law Professor Roderick Hills Jr.

The biennial symposium honors Judge James R. Browning, United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, who was raised in Belt and graduated from the UM School of Law in 1941. Browning was a member of the first editorial board of the Montana Law Review and served as editor-in-chief. In September of 1961, President John F. Kennedy appointed Browning to the 9th Circuit, where he served until his retirement. Prior to joining the court, Browning served as clerk of the United States Supreme Court. Browning died May 5, 2012.

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UM Student Veterans Oral Histories Now Available

September 22, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana has released a collection of Student Veterans Oral Histories.

The collection is available in ScholarWorks through the library’s website and as part of the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. This was a collaborative project with the University’s VETS Office, the School of Journalism and the library.

Student veterans volunteered for the project through their connections with the VETS Office and were interviewed by students enrolled in Assistant Professor Jule Banville’s intermediate audio class in the journalism school during autumn semester 2013.

Professor Sue Samson of the library and liaison to the veterans and the journalism school facilitated the project and provided information literacy instruction to the intermediate audio students.

The primary goal of this project was to recognize the wide range of experience that student veterans bring to
campus as they transition from military to student life. It also provided the student interviewers the opportunity to learn about student veterans while completing an in-depth 30-minute interview that they were required to condense into a 3-minute ready-for-radio presentation.

Student journalists prepared for the interviews by learning about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and about the military units in which the veterans were active. These oral histories reveal the realities of student veteran experiences – each one a fascinating account that provides a wealth of knowledge about life in the military.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana enrollment numbers show a 6.4 percent increase in freshmen students on the Mountain Campus for fall semester 2014, according to the UM Office of Planning, Budgeting and Analysis.

Total UM headcount enrollment was down 3.9 percent from the previous fall – a decline that University officials had expected, given the past two years of smaller incoming classes and large graduating classes of recent years.

Overall, the fall 2014 headcount enrollment is 13,952, which is 573 fewer than a year ago. New freshman students totaled 1,597 on the Mountain Campus for fall 2014 – an increase of 96 students. The total headcount for freshmen on the Mountain Campus and Missoula College campuses is 2,002 – an increase of 59 students.

“We're excited to welcome all our new and returning students and especially glad to see an increase in the number of new students,” said President Royce Engstrom. “The University has worked hard these past two years to increase the scholarships we offer students and to improve our outreach to prospective high school students in Montana and across the country.”

On the Mountain Campus, UM also saw an increase in the average high school GPA for new entering freshmen. The fall 2014 average is 3.31, compared with 3.27 for the previous fall.
New resident and nonresident freshmen numbers both increased on the Mountain Campus. For incoming resident freshmen on the Mountain Campus, UM shows an increase of 4.5 percent in headcount over the previous fall. For nonresident freshmen, UM shows an increase of 9.7 percent in headcount.

For graduate students, the fall 2014 enrollment is 2,260, compared with the previous fall enrollment of 2,271.

Missoula College enrollment for fall 2014 declined 9 percent to 2,245 students. Last month, the University broke ground for a new Missoula College building east of the Mountain Campus along the Clark Fork River.

“We are confident that the new building will be attractive to future students and to current and future employers in Missoula and our region,” Engstrom said.

The total UM enrollment of 13,952 translates into an unofficial overall student full-time equivalent (FTE) of 11,651. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate credits.

Last week, U.S. News & World Report ranked the University of Montana at 194 among the top 200 colleges and universities in the nation. It is the only Montana institution to rank in the top 200.

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Rez Dogs & A Lady Bring Stand-Up Comedy to UM

September 22, 2014

MISSOULA – Comedy troupe Rez Dogs & A Lady will perform at the University of Montana at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

The stand-up comedy performance is part of an inspirational all-Native comedy tour. The four troupe members are part of 49 Laughs Comedy, which was co-founded by Navajo comedy duo “James and Ernie Comedy.”

Rez Dogs & A Lady comedians are Adrianne Chalepah, Ernest “Ernie” Tsosie, Pax Harvey and James Junes.

A comedian, filmmaker and writer, Chalepah is a young Native American female entertainer from Anadarko, Okla. She’s been featured in the Sept./Oct. 2011 Issue of Native Peoples magazine as the leading Native female comedian in America. She’s also been a guest star on the late-night television show “The After After Party” with host Steven Michael Quezada, and in 2012, she was honored to open up for first lady Michelle Obama at a campaign event in Colorado.

Tsosie is a co-founder and owner of the popular and award-winning “James & Ernie Comedy” duo as well as
49 Laughs Comedy. He has held roles in movies such as “Thief of Time,” “Turquoise Rose,” “Mile Post 398” and “James & Ernie Comedy,” among others.

Junes has been doing comedy for more than a decade as a solo comedy act, guest speaker, actor and as part of the award-winning duo “James and Ernie Comedy.”

Harvey recently made his acting debut in the cult favorite “More Than Frybread.”

For more information on 49 Laughs visit [http://www.49laughscomedy.com/](http://www.49laughscomedy.com/).

The Missoula performance is part of UM’s Native American & Minority Health and Cultural Competency Lecture Series. For more information on the event or the series call Wilena Old Person at 406-243-4097 or email wilena.oldperson@umontana.edu.

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UM to Launch American Indian Web Portal

September 22, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana has launched a new Web portal called the American Indian Gateway during the 2014 Homecoming Week. It can be found at http://www.umt.edu/aig.

American Indian Gateway highlights “all things Native” at UM in one convenient place. It will serve as one-stop shopping for those interested in American Indian-related programs on campus.

The American Indian Gateway provides access to University websites that feature academic programs with a Native focus, research related to American Indian communities, American Indian faculty and staff members, student programs and clubs, Alumni Relations, the University’s Strategic and Diversity Plans, and current news and events across campus and within the Missoula community.

The American Indian Gateway grew out of the UM Diversity Plan’s initiative to “increase visibility of diversity at the University of Montana.” Its creation was spearheaded by David Beck in the Native American Studies Department and Rosalyn LaPier in the Environmental Studies program. Members of the American Indian Support and Development Council assisted in its development. AISDC is an informal group of faculty and staff
that meet monthly to share information about American Indian programs on campus.

“The American Indian Gateway was designed to link Griz Nation to a variety of useful resources related to American Indian programs on campus,” LaPier says. “It will be a great way to stay connected.”

The site was funded by the UM Provost Office and designed by UM’s Spectral Fusion.

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College of Forestry & Conservation to Honor Four Alumni During Homecoming

September 22, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation will host a celebration honoring four forestry alumni during the 2014 UM Homecoming festivities. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, near the High Wheels located north of the Forestry Building.

This year’s College of Forestry and Conservation distinguished alumni are Russell Graham ’72 of Moscow, Idaho; Peter Leech, ’65 of Meredith, N.H.; and Zane Smith ’55 of Springfield, Ore. Jim Durglo ’97 of St. Ignatius is the recipient of this year’s College of Forestry and Conservation Distinguished Native American Alumni award.

Graham has more than 39 years of research experience with the Rocky Mountain Research Station. He holds master’s and doctorate degrees in silviculture from the University of Idaho. Graham has published more than 210 scholarly articles with his principle research focusing on long-term forest productivity and landscape processes. He led the Hayman Fire (Colorado) Study Team and a team that reviewed the Fourmile Canyon Fire, one of the most costly fires in Colorado’s history. For 38 years he has been in charge of the Priest River and Deception Creek experimental forests of northern Idaho and has been in charge of the Boise Basin (southern Idaho) and Black Hills (South Dakota) experimental forests.
Leech, a 1965 graduate of the Montana School of Forestry, was commissioned through the Army ROTC Program and immediately went on active duty. He served for 14 years with overseas service in Vietnam and Korea. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for valor, two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge and Parachutist's Badge. In 1979, Leech joined Weyerhaeuser Company's Southern Timberlands Division serving in a variety of operating forestry positions in Oklahoma and later in Mississippi and Alabama. He established the Sustainable Forestry Initiative programs in both Mississippi and Alabama. In 2001, he received the Mississippi Forestry Association's President's Citation. In his final job assignment Leech created the environmental management system for Weyerhaeuser's million-acre Mississippi/Alabama Region Tree Farm.

Smith retired from the U.S. Air Force Ready Reserve and from the U.S. Forest Service, where he worked for 34 years. He was a district ranger, forest supervisor, the national director of recreation and wilderness and the regional forester for California, Hawaii and Micronesia. For 10 years he worked as a natural resources consultant for Ecologically Sustainable Development, Inc. and Overseas Private Investment Corporation in Russia, Mongolia, China and Argentina. Zane served the state of Oregon for 12 years as its Fish and Wildlife commissioner. He served on the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board and was a member of the Recreation Trails Council. Zane also held longtime volunteer positions with the American Forests and as the USDA representative to the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Durglo is a member of the Confederated Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai tribes. He has more than 30 years of experience in wildland fire, forest planning and management, and environmental compliance. He has been the forest manager for the CSKT since 2003 and is the chair of the Inter-tribal Timber Council's operations committee and the Salish Kootenai College board of directors.

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UM College of Forestry and Conservation Unveils Murals by Local Artist Hadley Ferguson

September 22, 2014

MISSOULA – Local artist and 1999 University of Montana School of Art alumna Hadley Ferguson completed three new murals for UM's Forestry Building. The college will unveil the murals to alumni, faculty, staff and students at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, on the first floor of the Forestry Building.

The series of paintings, titled “Views on Forest Conservation and Management: 2014 and Beyond,” represents the college’s present and future student and research activities. The murals were commissioned to celebrate the school’s 100th anniversary and to complement six murals in the building painted by Shorty Shope in the 1930s and 1950s.

Ferguson painted “The Heart of Missoula” murals on Broadway Ave. in Missoula and recently was selected to paint the new Montana Women’s Mural for the state capitol building in Helena. She is a Missoula native.

The murals will be installed on the second floor of UM’s Forestry Building and will be part of the permanent
collection of UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture.

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UM Announces Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series

September 18, 2014

MISSOULA – Three University of Montana faculty members will share their expertise with the public during the annual Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, beginning with English Professor Joanna Klink at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in Turner Hall’s Dell Brown Room. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Klink’s presentation, “Listening to Poems: A Reading and Lecture,” will highlight “the essential strangeness of poetry – its power to move you even when it doesn’t make sense.” She will also read from her forthcoming book, “Excerpts from a Secret Prophecy.”

Klink’s poems have appeared in many anthologies, most recently “The Penguin Anthology of Twentieth-Century Poetry.” She has received several awards and fellowships for her work. Klink teaches in the Creative Writing Program at UM.

UM communication studies Professor Alan Sillars will present his lecture, “Miscommunication and Misperception in Family Conflicts: Lessons from Research,” at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the University Center North Ballroom. The lecture will discuss areas of misunderstanding that commonly occur in family
arguments, highlighting findings from studies of marital and parent-adolescent relationships.

Sillars has taught courses at UM related to interpersonal communication, conflict processes and family relationships for 29 years. He has received several awards for his work. Most recently, he was selected for the Mark L. Knapp Award honoring contributions to the study of interpersonal communication.

Joel Berger, who worked at Smithsonian’s National Zoo for seven years and serves as UM’s John J. Craighead Chair and professor of wildlife conservation, will highlight the necessity of seeing through the eyes of animals in his lecture, “In the Pavilion of Snow-Oxen: Big Animals in an Increasingly Peopled World.” He will present at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, in UC North Ballroom.

Berger’s lecture will discuss how increasing human populations challenge the preservation of wild places and wildlife that require large landscapes. Berger has received lifetime achievement awards from the Society of Conservation Biology and the American Society of Mammalogists and is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. He has written five books.

For more information on the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series, call the UM Provost’s Office at 406-243-4689, email officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu, or visit http://www.umt.edu/provost/events/PDFLS/default.php.

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Reconnect at UM Homecoming Sept. 21–27

September 18, 2014

MISSOULA – The community is invited to join the festivities at the University of Montana’s 2014 Homecoming Week, set for Sept. 21-27 with a full schedule of traditional events.

This year’s Homecoming theme – “Montana is Griz Territory” – commemorates the establishment of Montana Territory 150 years ago and celebrates Grizzly pride throughout the state.

Homecoming Week kicks off from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at the Southgate Mall Clock Court with appearances by the UM Marching Band drum line, cheerleaders, dance team and Monte. The Kickoff Celebration and other Homecoming events are sponsored by Southgate Mall, Missoula’s 102.5 Mountain FM, Liberty Mutual Insurance, the Holiday Inn Downtown, the University and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

The Homecoming Art Fair runs 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Sept. 25-26, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, in the University Center Atrium.

The public is invited to attend the Homecoming Dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson...
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Center. The cost is $7.53 per person.

The 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be honored at an awards program and reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, in the UC Ballroom. The 2014 recipients are Charles Hood, Denise Juneau, Elizabeth Vinson Kohlstaedt, Jim Murray and Eric Sprunk.

The All-Alumni Social and Dance begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Downtown. Music will be provided by the Alumni Jazz Band from 7 to 9 p.m., with a break to see the UM Marching Band perform between 9 and 9:30 p.m. Three-Eared Dog will play from 10 p.m. to midnight, while the Alumni Jazz Band moves to Brooks and Brown Bar and Grill at 200 S. Pattee St. The event is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets underway at 8 p.m. Friday on the UM Oval with the lighting of the M at dusk. Join head football coach Mick Delaney, Grizzly cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and Monte for a bonfire, Singing on the Steps and a fireworks display.

The seventh annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the intersection of Higgins and Broadway downtown just before the Homecoming Parade.

The annual Homecoming Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and travels south on Higgins to University Avenue. Parade applications may be submitted online at http://www.grizalum.com until 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12. This year’s honorary parade marshal is Sally Mauk, former news director of Montana Public Radio.

Alumni are invited to join fellow Griz fans at the UMAA-sponsored Alumni Homecoming Tailgate from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the River Bowl, on the east side of parking lot M and near the Vren Street footbridge. Drop by before the football game to enjoy food, beverages and prize drawings.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Northern Colorado Bears at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

For a complete schedule of Homecoming events, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association at 406-243-5211 or visit http://www.grizalum.com.

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Two New Exhibitions Featuring Tools as Objects Open at UM

September 18, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Gallery of Visual Arts will present two new exhibits that explore the notion of tools as objects. Stephen Glueckert’s “We Use Them To Do Things” and Chad Steve’s “Re/Creation” will be displayed Tuesday, Sept. 30, through Thursday, Oct. 30.

An opening reception will be held for the exhibition from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, in the Gallery of Visual Arts on the first floor of the Social Science Building. That event will include a 6 p.m. gallery talk by Glueckert. Steve will present his talk from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the same gallery.
Drawings on paper and directly on the wall, in addition to sculptural drawing machines, will be featured in “We Use Them To Do Things.” These works are a part of an ongoing drawing series that explores the ways people make marks and the tools (real and imagined) that might be of assistance in making those marks.

Glueckert’s sculptural work is known for its kinetic properties and audience participation. He has created interactive, sculptural drawing machines for the past 20 years. However, these new machines are the first to be electrified, and viewers are welcome to turn the switches on and off to observe the kinetics of drawing.

He has an extensive career as an artist, educator and curator and currently serves as the curator of art for the Missoula Art Museum. He has taught art in Idaho, Washington and Montana, including five years as a UM adjunct assistant professor. In 1998, he taught at the University of Papua New Guinea in Port Moresby and conducted workshops in Australia. He has participated in more than 200 group and solo exhibitions and was a recipient of a Montana Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship. "The drawings on the gallery walls are simply a temporal homage to tools that are familiar to us and cemented in our conscience," Glueckert said.

Ceramic sculpture that references tools and objects used for recreation will be featured in “Re/Creation.” Missoula’s Steve was inspired by objects of function that he is not familiar with, which often create memories of similar objects from his past in an attempt to interpret function. The form of the
sculptures suggests functional associations based on the viewer's individual background and experience.

Steve is a current artist-in-residence at The Clay Studio of Missoula. He has taught as an adjunct lecturer at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, and has presented numerous workshops in both Hawaii and Montana. His work has been featured in numerous national group exhibitions.

For more information call Mallory at 406-243-2813 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu. Information about the Gallery of Visual Arts is available online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

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MISSOULA – Award-winning journalist William Glaberson will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism’s annual T. Anthony Pollner Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in the University Center Theater.

Glaberson, UM’s 2014 Pollner Distinguished Professor, will present “News in the Age of Snowden: What Investigations of Leaks to Reporters Tell Us About the World.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

Glaberson worked at The New York Times from 1987 to 2013, covering law, social issues, the media and business. He covered some of the biggest stories during that time, including the Guantanamo terror courts, the Unabomber trial and the Bush v. Gore election challenge. His multipart series in 2013 about the failures of the court system in the Bronx was described by the Times in an editorial as a powerful series that “painted a devastating portrait of lackadaisical court culture in which the main actors in the Bronx seem utterly paralyzed or incompetent.”

His work at the Times earned him a number of awards, including the Daniel Pearl Investigative Award, as well as several Pulitzer Prize nominations. He holds a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia University and a
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juris doctorate from the Albany Law School of Union University. Glaberson also reported for Business Week Magazine and the New York Law Journal.

This semester, Glaberson serves as the 14th Pollner Professor, a professorship created in 2001 in memory of T. Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism alumnus who died two years after graduating. The Pollner endowment allows the school to bring a distinguished journalist to campus for a full semester to teach a course and to mentor students at the Montana Kaimin newspaper. This year the family expanded the endowment to allow the school to have two Pollner professors annually, one for each semester. Media design expert Ron Reason will be the spring 2015 Pollner Professor.

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MISSOULA – Artist Sandra Dal Poggetto and author Mark Stevens will engage in a dynamic roundtable discussion about the state of contemporary art at the University of Montana on Thursday, Sept. 25. The event is set for 5 p.m. in the Masquer Theatre, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

The talk will be followed by a public reception at 5:45 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center lobby. The event, which will include food and live music by Beth Lo and David Horgan, is free and open to the public.

Dal Poggetto is featured in a solo exhibition, “Sandra Dal Poggetto: Meditations on the Field,” on view at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture through Sept. 27 in the Meloy and Paxson galleries, located in the PAR/TV Center. The exhibit includes large-scale paintings from her “American Fork” series with related work and selections from the MMAC Permanent Collection.
Dal Poggetto’s abstract images draw on and deconstruct Euro-American pictorial language and American Indian visual traditions to consider the landscape and our relationship to it. She often incorporates elements of the western landscape into her art, including hide and feathers from animals to reference a particular locale.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and critic Mark Stevens has long championed Dal Poggetto’s work, which he describes as “truthful reflection[s] of our culture’s complex relation to the landscape of the West.” Stevens is a contributing editor and former art critic for New York Magazine.

He co-wrote, with his wife Annalyn Swan, the first major biography of Willem de Kooning (1904-1997), one of the most important artists of the 20th century, whose name is synonymous with Abstract Expressionism. “De Kooning: An American Master” took a decade to write, was named as one of the 10 best books of 2005 by The New York Times and went on to win The Los Angeles Times prize in biography, the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize. Hailed by Janet Maslin of The New York Times as “smart and unflinching, remarkably lucid and a sweeping, authoritative biography,” it was immediately recognized as definitive and universally praised for making a mysterious artist more accessible.

Prior to writing for New York Magazine, Stevens was art critic for The New Republic and Newsweek and has written for Vanity Fair, The New York Times and The New Yorker. He was named a 2007-08 fellow at New York Public Library’s Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers to research the British artist Francis Bacon (1909-1992) in anticipation of a forthcoming biography from Knopf Publishing.

Stevens and Swan are the recipients of a research grant from the Trustees of the Estate of John Edwards (a subsidiary of the Francis Bacon Estate) and have been given full access to Bacon’s archives and papers. The duo recently spoke at a symposium consisting of international scholars organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in conjunction with “Francis Bacon: A Centenary Retrospective,” marking the 100th anniversary of the artist’s birth.

Dal Poggetto and Stevens will discuss Guy Davenport’s influential essay “The Symbol of the Archaic” from his 1981 collection of essays, “The Geography of the Imagination.” “The Symbol of the Archaic” makes the connection between the birth of Modernist painting and archeological and ethnographic objects, noting that the influence of the latter culminated in Picasso’s famous painting “Les Demoiselle D’Avignon” and fell out of favor after Abstract Expressionism. Dal Poggetto selected both historical and contemporary objects from the MMAC Permanent Collection to provide context and reinforce themes in her artwork.

“As I walk the land that is Montana, something happens to my understanding of art history,” Dal Poggetto said. “The Euro-American point of view breaks down, the iconic horizon dissolves. Parts, details, surprises flood in from all directions and the circle of the horizon surrounds me.” This is the feeling that she strives to replicate in her paintings.

Dal Poggetto was born in Sonoma, Calif. She received master’s degree in painting and drawing from San Francisco State University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Davis, with honors in art studio. She has traveled and studied extensively in Italy. Her solo exhibitions include the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture, Spokane, Wash.; Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings; Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.; Holter Museum of Art, Helena; University of California, Davis; and Dana Reich Gallery and Peter Koch Printers, both in San Francisco. In addition, she has received the Helene Wurlitzer Painting Fellowship, a Pouch Cove Foundation Residence, a Ucross Foundation Residency and was recently invited to Playa, an artist residency.
in southeastern Oregon.

MMAC’s academic year gallery hours, which run through May 16, 2015, are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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UM School of Journalism Celebrates Centennial

September 17, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Journalism will celebrate 100 years with a lineup of events Friday through Monday, Sept. 26-29, aligned with UM’s Homecoming Week. About 300 alumni are expected to return to campus for the special events, and the School of Journalism invites the media to attend.

“I’ve heard a lot about our alumni since I arrived,” new UM School of Journalism Dean Larry Abramson said. “Now I finally get to meet the people who helped build this great school. I can’t wait.”

UM School of Journalism alumnus Mayor John Engen will be the master of ceremonies for the All-Alumni and Friends Party on Friday night. The Alumni Showcase at 9:30 a.m. features Thomas Nybo ’95, international photojournalist, reporter and documentary filmmaker; Nate Schweber ’01, freelance writer and reporter for The New York Times and Al-Jazeera; Elyse Hughes ’06, production coordinator for PBS’s “Finding Your Roots,” and other distinguished alumni.

The schedule is:
Friday, Sept. 26

- **All day** – Don Anderson Hall Open House.
- **8 a.m.-4 p.m.** – Check-In, Don Anderson Hall First Floor.
- **9:30-11 a.m.** – Centennial Alumni Showcase, Don Anderson Hall Rooms 210/316.
- **11 a.m. and 1 p.m.** – Don Anderson Hall, Stone Hall, KBGA and KUFM Tours, meet in Don Anderson Hall First Floor Lobby.
- **3 p.m.** – All Deans Tribute, Don Anderson Hall Room 210.
- **3:30 p.m.** – Charlie Hood Distinguished Alumnus Ceremony, Don Anderson Hall Room 201.
- **4 p.m.** – Dean Stone Dedication & special unveiling, Don Anderson Hall Room 201.
- **7 p.m.** – All-Alumni and Friends Party, UM Adams Center.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- **9 a.m.** – Homecoming Parade, Downtown Missoula.
- **11 a.m.** – Tailgate Party, Don Anderson Hall Lawn.
- **1 p.m.** – UM vs. Northern Colorado Football Game, Washington-Grizzly Stadium.
- **7 p.m.** – Kaimin Reunion Party, Holiday Inn Downtown.

Monday, Sept. 29


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American Indian Alumni Social to Kick Off Homecoming Weekend

September 17, 2014

MISSOULA — The American Indian Alumni Social for the University of Montana is set for homecoming weekend, on Friday, Sept. 26. The social gathering will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place in The Payne Family Native American Center.

The social promises an evening of reconnection and socialization with fellow Native Griz alumni. It will feature a welcome from the American Indian Alumni Group Committee, as well as a tour of the Payne Center’s recently finished Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute. Light hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar also will be available for attendees.

The UM American Indian Alumni Group was formed in the summer of 2003 and helps alumni stay connected to UM by organizing a number of social events for indigenous graduates throughout the year.

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Gift from Missoula Couple Launches Gifted Education Program at UM

September 12, 2014

MISSOULA – Gifted education in Montana received a boost on Friday. Missoula residents Suzanne and Dave Peterson announced their $1.5 million commitment to the University of Montana’s Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences. Their generous gift will create the Suzanne and Dave Peterson Distinguished Professor of Gifted Education.

“We are incredibly thankful for this gift and the impact it will have on the lives of children everywhere,” said Roberta Evans, dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences. “For years Suzanne has been a leader for the College of Education and Human Sciences, as well as the University of Montana, and this momentous gift memorializes the commitment she and Dave share to improve education across our state, region and nation.”

The new faculty member will specialize in gifted education, an area of growing interest nationwide that has received less...
funding and attention than other kinds of special education. With a specialist in this discipline, UM will become the only university in the Northern Rockies to offer a comprehensive education in the field of personalized learning.

In addition to training tomorrow’s educators, the college will contribute to ongoing research into how and why gifted children are best motivated to succeed.

“It is exciting to think that our gift has the potential to touch so many lives,” Suzanne said. “We have always been supporters of education, and believe that every child deserves the opportunity to maximize their learning potential. If they have the opportunity to be challenged and engaged in the classroom because teachers have the training they need, the possibilities for educational success will be endless.”

The Pettersons, both UM alumni, owned and operated Quality Supply until 2011. Dave Peterson’s father started the business in 1965, with the couple formally taking the reins in 1984. When they retired in 2011, Murdoch’s Ranch and Home Supply purchased the Pettersons’ four Quality Supply stores located in Missoula, Hamilton, Dillon and Butte.

The gift was announced at a reception at UM’s Phyllis J. Washington Education Center on Sept. 12. The ceremony celebrated the Pettersons and the impact of private giving at UM. Speakers included Suzanne and Dave Peterson, Dean Evans and President Royce Engstrom.

The University of Montana Foundation works with generous alumni and friends to raise support for University programs, promote student success and fund prominent faculty positions. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, was a record year for UM, with private support to the University of Montana totaling $53.7 million.

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UM to Celebrate American Indian Heritage Day

September 16, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a full slate of events on Friday, Sept. 26, to celebrate American Indian Heritage Day. All events are free and open to the public, except lunch at the Food Zoo.

The schedule is:

- **7 a.m.:** Sunrise Ceremony, led by Patrick Weaselhead and LeeAnn Johnson, Storytelling Area outside The Payne Family Native American Center.
- **8 a.m.:** Light refreshments, Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Center.
- **8:30 a.m.:** Teepee rising with UM Native American student groups, the Oval.
- **10 a.m.-1 p.m.:** Student Group Information and Crafts Fair: Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Center.
- **Noon:** American Indian Heritage Day Proclamation by UM College of Humanities and Sciences Dean Christopher Comer; includes opening prayer, traditional dancing and drumming; Payne Center.
- **Noon:** The Food Zoo will offer an indigenous menu. Open only to the UM community, regular prices apply, Lommasson Center.
- **12:30 p.m.:** Native American Traditional Games, led by UM Native American Studies Chairman Wade
Davies, the Oval.

For more information on the day’s activities or to volunteer, call Wilena Old Person at 406-243-4097 or email wilena.oldperson@mso.umt.edu.

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UM to Honor Five Distinguished Alumni at Homecoming

September 16, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will honor five alumni with the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards during Homecoming this year, and the colleges and schools from which those alumni graduated also will host special afternoon receptions on Friday, Sept. 26.

This year's distinguished alumni are Eric Sprunk '86 of Beaverton, Ore.; Elizabeth Vinson Kohlstaedt, Ph.D. '89 of Helena; Charles Hood ’61, M.A. '69 (posthumously awarded); Denise Juneau, J.D. '04 of Helena; and James Murray '76 of Washington, D.C.

The reception schedule is:

- **3-4 p.m.**: Sprunk, School of Business Administration, Gallagher Business Building Gianchetta Piazza.
- **3:30-4:30 p.m.**: Jana Hood (Charles), School of Journalism, Don Anderson Hall Room 201.
- **3:45-4:30 p.m.**: Kohlstaedt, College of Humanities and Sciences, The Payne Family Native American Center Room 105.
- **4-5 p.m.**: Juneau and Murray, School of Law, Law Building Main Foyer
Later the same day, the public also is invited to a panel discussion featuring the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. An awards ceremony and reception will follow.

Sprunk, the first chief operating officer in Nike’s history, is responsible for leading all manufacturing, logistics, IT, procurement, and global real estate and facilities. After more than seven years with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Portland, Ore., during which he was promoted early to the level of manager, Sprunk was recruited by Nike as finance director of the Americas region. During the next 20 years, he served the company in various roles, from finance director of Nike Europe to executive vice president of global product and merchandising, becoming one of the youngest people to hold the position of vice president in Nike’s history. Sprunk, who earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration at UM, has served on the School of Business Administration Dean’s Business Advisory Council, National Advisory Board for Grizzly Athletics and the Portland Opportunities Industrialization Center/Rosemary Anderson Board. He spent more than 15 years coaching his children in Little League Baseball, youth basketball and football.

Kohlstaedt, who earned her psychology doctorate at UM, is chief clinical officer of Intermountain, a nonprofit agency that has provided emotional and behavioral health services to children and their families for more than 100 years. As clinical director for more than 24 years, she has facilitated the dramatic growth, diversification and clinical excellence of Intermountain; the education and training of professionals from the United States, Australia and Scotland; and the development of a growing partnership between the agency and UM. Before her appointment at Intermountain, Kohlstaedt worked in private practice in Helena and was an assistant psychologist for St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y. She has written or co-written more than 45 publications and presentations and has appeared in multiple interviews for mainstream media. She served as an adjunct faculty member at Syracuse University, taught at Helena College UM, trained medical interns from SUNY Health Science Center and trained psychology, social work and counseling interns from across Montana.

Hood, who earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in journalism at UM, was a faculty member of the UM School of Journalism for 26 years and served 10 years as dean. He was a widely respected expert on U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield’s life and career, a reporter for United Press International in Helena, and a reporter and editor at the Lewistown Daily News, Great Falls Tribune and Missoulian. He was co-winner of a National Headliner Award in 1975 and has earned recognition from the American Medical Association for his work as a journalist. A leader in promoting international education at UM, he served as exchange professor at Kumamoto University and exchange scholar in journalism at Toyo University in Tokyo. In his retirement, Hood created a journalism exchange between UM and Charles University in the Czech Republic worked for the Prague Post and copyedited for the International Herald Tribune in Paris. He also volunteered as a writing coach and mentor for UM journalism students and served on the advisory board of the Montanan magazine. He died of Parkinson’s disease in 2013.

Juneau, who earned her law degree at UM, is serving her second term as the superintendent of public instruction for Montana. A member of the Mandan and Hidatsa tribes and descendant of the Blackfeet Tribe, she is the first American Indian woman to serve in a statewide elected office. In 2010, she launched Graduation Matters Montana, a statewide effort that has resulted in increased graduation rates and decreased dropout rates during the past four years. She also created the Montana Schools of Promise initiative, an unprecedented effort to turn around Montana’s lowest-performing schools. In addition to her work with the Montana Office of Public Instruction, Juneau has taught English in public schools and worked as an attorney specializing in federal Indian law. She holds an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Carroll College, was
named Educator of the Year by the National Indian Education Association in 2009, received an Alumni Achievement Award from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2013 and the Alumni Achievement Award from Montana State University in 2013.

Murray, a trial lawyer with a prominent national practice, is the professional development leader of Dickstein Shapiro's Insurance Coverage Group, a member of the firm's executive committee, and past chairman of the firm's pro bono committee. The only insurance coverage attorney to twice be named national MVP in Insurance Coverage by Law360, he has assisted clients in securing well more than $1 billion in insurance recoveries in the past decade. Murray, who earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy, became UM's 20th Rhodes Scholar in 1976, earned two degrees at Oxford University and was a teaching fellow in the philosophy department at Harvard University while earning his law degree. He clerked at the United States Court of Appeals, became a litigation partner at Covington and Burling in Washington, D.C., and served as a special assistant to then-FBI Director William H. Webster. A founding partner of Gordon Murray Tilden in Seattle, Murray served on the Montana State Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee for more than a decade and is a member of UM's College of Humanities and Sciences External Advisory Board.

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Whole-Food Nutrition Born from UM Research Now Available Across Northwest

September 12, 2014

MISSOULA – A whole-food bar born from University of Montana research, ultra-racing trial and error, and Montana-raised beef, has hit the shelves of Fred Meyer stores across the Northwest.

Omnibar, a nutritionally balanced whole-food bar that uses beef for protein as opposed to soy or whey, was conceptualized and prototyped in Montana and refined using technology in Oregon’s Food Innovation Center.

The idea for Omnibar was developed after a conversation between Cooper Burchenal, Montana beef rancher and Brent Ruby, a UM research professor and director of the Montana Center for Work Physiology and Exercise Metabolism. Together, they realized that there was no whole-food nutrition bar on the market that uses animal protein.

Two hours later, the duo became business partners with a sketch of a business plan and a vision to bring a beef-based bar to market. Burchenal was looking for a unique use for the beef from his family’s ranch, and
Ruby, an endurance athlete fatigued by his own nutritional options, was interested in finding a more functional food bar.

"It's basically a dinner plate in a bar," Ruby said. "It combines Montana beef with nut butters, sweet potatoes, grains and dried fruits that's shelf stable, nutritionally balanced and free of preservatives and artificial color and flavors."

Along with providing a new, better, real-food option to groups like military personnel, wildland firefighters and even the Seattle Seahawks, Ruby sees Omnibars competing well with big-brand energy snack options.

“Omnibar meets the nutritional requirements of extreme athletes,” Ruby said. “But it also can provide really good solutions to avid recreationalists or even an on-the-go family."

Omnibars can be found in Fred Meyer locations in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. They also are available in stores throughout Montana. To learn about where Omnibars are sold, visit http://omnibars.com/find-omnibar/.

For more information on Omnibar, call Ruby at 406-396-4382 or email brent.ruby@umontana.edu or brent@omnibars.com. For more information on Fred Meyer carrying Omnibars in their stores, call Omnibar Sales and Marketing Director Anthony Krolchyz at 406-531-5258.

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UM Listed Among Nation’s Top 200 Universities

September 12, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana is ranked in the top 200 colleges and universities across the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report.

In the 2015 Edition of U.S. News’ Best College rankings, UM tied for 194th place. The University last made the list two years ago, when it was ranked 199. UM is the only Montana institution to make it onto the top 200 list this year.

U.S. News released its flagship Best Colleges rankings on Sept. 9 after surveying 1,800 colleges and universities across the nation. Eligible schools are ranked on up to 16 measures of academic excellence such as peer assessment, high school counselor assessment, retention, graduation rate and faculty resources.

“This ranking shows that people recognize the caliber of our extraordinary faculty and staff and the world-class education we offer our students,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “I know the 2015 edition of Best Colleges is used by potential students and their parents, so this ranking helps prompt them to give us a closer look. UM is one of the most special universities in the world, offering our students the blend of a strong liberal

UM also was listed at No. 69 on U.S. News’ national list of Best Colleges for Veterans. That ranking names the best institutions for participation in federal initiatives that help veterans and active-duty service members apply for, pay for and complete their degrees. UM made the list a year ago as well. The full 2015 list is online at [http://bit.ly/1pcbyJD](http://bit.ly/1pcbyJD).

Located in the heart of western Montana’s stunning natural landscape in Missoula, UM was founded in 1893. The University offers academic excellence and unique educational experiences through the integration of liberal arts, the sciences and professional education, with an array of international and interdisciplinary emphases.

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MISSOULA – A new academic focus area on “Traditional Environmental Knowledge” is giving students insight into understanding Native American worldview and environmental knowledge at the University of Montana.

UM’s Environmental Studies program has created the new TEK focus area.

“This focus area explores traditional environmental knowledge within the lives of historic and contemporary Native peoples and their communities,” said Phil Condon, UM Environmental Studies director. “It is the first of its kind in Montana.”

The Environmental Studies program is a diverse, interdisciplinary program that focuses on the concepts of social change and contemporary environmental issues. The program offers both undergraduate and master’s degrees. After students fulfill their core course work, they work closely with a faculty adviser to design their own program based on their interests.

Environmental Studies at UM has about 50 graduate students and 225 undergraduate students, with a small
cohort of Native American students. Students interested in the new TEK focus area will work with the faculty adviser to select relevant course work, internships and possible fieldwork to strengthen their understanding.

“I was fortunate to have learned Blackfeet plant knowledge (or ethnobotany) from my grandmother,” said Rosalyn LaPier, an enrolled Blackfeet and Metis and faculty adviser for the new focus area. “As tribal, state and federal agencies incorporate TEK within their policies and programs, it has become essential for Native and non-Native students to understand TEK’s role in promoting community-based solutions to environmental issues.

“I hope that I can share with students what I learned from my grandmother,” LaPier said. “My family and I continue to gather plants as we have since my childhood. But I can also share my own experiences of living close to the land and how climate change is impacting Montana. Students can then take this learning as they move into the workforce. They can incorporate TEK concepts with Western scientific methods to help address issues such as climate change and other environmental issues in their home communities.”

The Environmental Studies program hired LaPier two years ago to bring her unique blend of personal and professional experiences, and in particular her specialization in traditional environmental knowledge. In addition to decades of learning firsthand from her grandmother, the late Annie Mad Plume Wall, LaPier also has worked nationally and locally with Native advocacy groups.

She currently serves on the Environmental Protection Agency’s National Environmental Justice Advisory Council and the American Indian College Fund’s Building Sustainable Pathways Advisory Committee.

We are excited about the new Traditional Environmental Knowledge focus area,” Condon said. “Environmental Studies at UM seeks to strengthen our courses and community engagement with Native people. The TEK focus adds a new dimension to these relationships.”

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Mansfield Center Launches Fall 2014 Lecture Series

September 10, 2014

MISSOULA – The Mansfield Center at the University of Montana has announced its Fall 2014 Brown Bag Lecture Series for the community. The lectures reflect the center’s mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics.

All sessions will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room unless otherwise noted. The lectures are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:


- **Wednesday, Oct. 15**: “Promoting Tourism Through Shared Cultures in Southeast Asia,” Umaporn Muneenam, lecturer and researcher, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, and Norma Nickerson,
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- **Wednesday, Oct. 22:** "Community Development Challenges and Opportunities: A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Cambodia and Missoula," Chhair Sokty, policy adviser, Preah Vihear Province, Cambodia, and Dale Bickell, Central Services director, City of Missoula. A special offering of the U.S. Department of State.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 5:** "Social Entrepreneurship," Paul Gladen, director, Blackstone LaunchPad; Dawn McGee, Goodworks Ventures; and Jack Lawson, Missoula Federal Credit Union. Special location: Davidson Honors College Room 119.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 19:** "Moving Toward Self-Determination for the Original People of Formosa: Claiming Authority for Ecosystems and Culture in the Republic of China," Alan Watson, Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute.

For more information and extended session descriptions, visit [http://umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures](http://umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures) or call 406-243-2988.

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Family-Friendly Honey Harvest Festival Set for Sept. 20 at UM

September 10, 2014

MISSOULA – The first Missoula Honey Harvest Festival will top off “the week of the bee” at the University of Montana. The festival is a free, community event that will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the UM Oval.

Participants will be able to taste and purchase local honey and honey products, observe bees in a glass hive, learn about bees and beekeeping, and meet local beekeepers and bee equipment providers. They also can try building beehives or participate in a honey auction for charity.

The festival runs in conjunction with two bee-related academic conferences being held at the University. The 37th Annual Western Apicultural Society Conference and the second International Conference on Hive and Honeybee Monitoring will be held at UM Sept. 17-20.

“The conferences will provide great information to beekeepers and researchers, but the Honey Harvest Festival will be a fun celebration of the honey bee and local beekeepers,” said Jerry Bromenshenk, a UM bee scientist and instructor of the UM School of Extended & Lifelong Learning’s Online Beekeeping Certificate Program.
“This is a great chance for those who are interested in beekeeping to meet folks who can help them get started.”

UM chemistry Professor Garon Smith will entertain and educate kids as his wizardly alter-ego G. Wiz., and American Honey Princess Elena Huffman from Pennsylvania will be on hand as well.

“Some say she’s the queen bee,” Bromenshenk said with a laugh.

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UM Research Reveals Secrets of Animal Weapons

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MISSOULA – From antlers to horns, humans have long been fascinated by animals’ ability to defend themselves with their natural-born weapons. But until now, no studies have directly tested whether those weapons perform better at the animals' own style of fighting than they would using the fighting style of another species. Researchers at the University of Montana recently discovered each species' weapons are structurally adapted to meet their own functional demands of fighting.

The groundbreaking research, conducted over the past year by UM doctoral student Erin McCullough and designed with the help of UM researchers Doug Emlen and Bret Tobalske, is published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences this week. It is online at http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2014/09/03/1409585111.

“Animal weapons are some of the coolest and most exaggerated and diverse traits that we
find in nature, and I think a big question for biologists is understanding why these structures are so diverse,” McCullough said. “Intuitively, different animals have different weapons because they fight in different ways, and I think my research provides the first rigorous test of this hypothesis.”

McCullough, who earned her Ph.D. in March, studied three different species of rhinoceros beetles with three different horns using three different fighting styles. She took micro-CT scans of each beetle and used the images to construct 3-D models of each species’ horn. By using the same software engineers use to design and test bridges, she tested the stresses and strains on each species of beetle in battle.

“You can't get the animals to do it in the wild; they don’t cooperate,” Emlen said. “You can't get a whitetail deer to fight the way a caribou fights.” The biomechanical modeling approach allowed McCullough to find out whether each species’ weapon performs better at its own style of fighting than it would using a different species’ style of fighting. It’s something that can’t be tested in the field.

McCullough’s research found that horns are stronger and stiffer when exposed to species-typical fighting styles, which suggests that performance in battle played an important role in the diversification of each weapon form.

“Even though people have been interested in animal weapons for a long time, and a number of really bright people have tackled the riddle of why weapons are diverse, nobody’s been able to test it directly until now,” Emlen said.

To watch a video of McCullough and Emlen discussing their research, visit http://youtu.be/ueRKsg0moiQ.

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Get Involved
UM Study Finds Air Pollution Harmful to Young Brains

September 09, 2014

MISSOULA – Pollution in many cities threatens the brain development in children.

Findings by University of Montana Professor Dr. Lilian Calderón-Garcidueñas, MA, MD, Ph.D., and her team of researchers reveal that children living in megacities are at increased risk for brain inflammation and neurodegenerative changes, including Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s disease.

Calderón-Garcidueñas’ findings are detailed in a paper titled “Air pollution and children: Neural and tight junction antibodies and combustion metals, the role of barrier breakdown and brain immunity in neurodegeneration,” which can be found online.
The study found when air particulate matter and their components such as metals are inhaled or swallowed, they pass through damaged barriers, including respiratory, gastrointestinal and the blood-brain barriers and can result in long-lasting harmful effects.

Calderón-Garcidueñas and her team compared 58 serum and cerebrospinal fluid samples from a control group living in a low-pollution city and matched them by age, gender, socioeconomic status, education and education levels achieved by their parents to 81 children living in Mexico City.

The results found that the children living in Mexico City had significantly higher serum and cerebrospinal fluid levels of autoantibodies against key tight-junction and neural proteins, as well as combustion-related metals.

“We asked why a clinically healthy kid is making autoantibodies against their own brain components,” Calderón-Garcidueñas said. “That is indicative of damage to barriers that keep antigens and neurotoxins away from the brain. Brain autoantibodies are one of the features in the brains of people who have neuroinflammatory diseases like multiple sclerosis.”

The issue is important and relevant for one reason, she explained. The breakdown of the blood-brain barrier and the presence of autoantibodies to important brain proteins will contribute to the neuroinflammation observed in urban children and raises the question of what role air pollution plays in a 400 percent increase of MS cases in Mexico City, making it one of the main diagnoses for neurology referrals.

Calderón-Garcidueñas points out that there is a need for a longitudinal follow-up study to determine if there is a relationship between the cognition deficits and brain MRI alterations previously reported in Mexico City children, and their autoimmune responses. But what is clear is that the kids are suffering from immune dysregulation.

Once there is a breakdown in the blood-brain barrier, not only will particulate matter enter the body but it also opens the door to harmful neurotoxins, bacteria and viruses.
“The barriers are there for a reason,” she explains. “They are there to protect you, but once they are broken the expected results are not good.”

The results of constant exposure to air pollution and the constant damage to all barriers eventually result in significant consequences later in life. She explains that the autoimmune responses are potentially contributing to the neuroinflammatory and Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s pathology they are observing in young urban children.

While the study focused on children living in Mexico City, others living in cities where there are alarming levels of air pollution such as Los Angeles, Philadelphia-Wilmington, New York City, Salt Lake City, Chicago, Tokyo, Mumbai, New Delhi or Shanghai, among others, also face major health risks. In the U.S. alone, 200 million people live in areas where pollutants such as ozone and fine particulate matter exceed the standards.

“Investing in defining the central nervous system pathology associated with exposure to air pollutants in children is of pressing importance for public health,” Calderón-Garcidueñas said.

The full article is scheduled to be published in Volume 43, Issue 3 of the Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease and will appear online at http://www.j-alz.com in December with a 2015 copyright.

The Journal of Alzheimer’s Disease is an international multidisciplinary journal to facilitate progress in understanding the etiology, pathogenesis, epidemiology, genetics, behavior, treatment and psychology of Alzheimer’s disease. The journal publishes research reports, reviews, short communications, book reviews and letters to the editor.

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Contemporary Artist Sandra Dal Poggetto Hosts ‘In the Gallery’ Series at MMAC

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MISSOULA – Montana Museum of Art & Culture exhibiting artist Sandra Dal Poggetto will present a discussion of her painting practice and aesthetic development in a candid, informal series called “In the Gallery.”

This event is held in conjunction with a solo exhibition of new and recent large-scale works by the Helena-based artist titled “Sandra Dal Poggetto: Meditations on the Field.” The exhibition continues at the University of Montana through Sept. 25 in the Meloy and Paxson Galleries, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The discussion will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Meloy Gallery. Participation is limited to 28 people on a first-come, first-serve basis.

In her exhibition, Dal Poggetto exhibits large-scale paintings from her ongoing “American Fork” series in addition to related works selected from the MMAC’s vast Permanent Collection, which reinforce themes found in her paintings. Dal Poggetto’s abstract images incorporate elements of the western landscape – hide, feathers, wood and wire – to invite a more intimate experience of the natural world. Her selections from the MMAC Permanent Collection illustrate different philosophical and aesthetic understandings of the human relationship to the landscape.
“With her inspired point of view, she takes us on a ‘tour’ of the Permanent Collection that includes several objects that have never before been publicly exhibited,” MMAC Director Barbara Koostra said. “As she considers the landscape and our relationship to it, she pulls in sometimes harmonious, sometimes dissonant threads that weave together myriad points of view into a compelling tapestry.

“Exhibited together, Dal Poggetto’s paintings and provocative selections from the MMAC’s Permanent Collection challenge us to reconsider our relationship to the natural world, one that is sometimes remote and unsustainable,” she said. “Our hope is that this exhibition reminds us we are not separate from nature, rather we are of it like the landscape and other living beings.”

On Thursday, Sept. 25, Mark Stevens, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and critic, will travel to Missoula to engage Dal Poggetto in a dynamic roundtable discussion, which will be held at 5 p.m. in the PART/TV Center’s Masquer Theatre, followed by a public reception at 5:45 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center lobby. The event, which will include food and live music, is free and open to the public. Stevens describes Dal Poggetto’s paintings as “truthful reflection[s] of our culture’s complex relation to the landscape of the West.”

MMAC’s academic year gallery hours, which began Aug. 25 and continue through May 16, 2015, are noon-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon-6 p.m. on 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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MISSOULA – The Mansfield Center, in partnership with the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library Archives and Special Collections at the University of Montana, will host an exhibit on the storied past of Montana’s wilderness. The exhibit, “Celebrating the Past 50 Years of Wilderness in Montana” will be displayed Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 10-12, in the University Center Ballroom. The exhibit is part of the Mansfield Center’s Fall 2014 Mansfield Conference.

The exhibit features both historic and contemporary photos and documents showcasing the people, organizations and legislation that collectively have drawn the borders of Montana’s wilderness as it exists today. In addition, the exhibit is meant to give voice to the landscapes that are central to Montana’s wilderness story, organizers said.

“Conference attendees will have an opportunity to admire the vast beauty of Montana’s varied landscapes and be inspired to do the work that will ensure their future,” said Michal Helman, Mansfield Ethics and Public Affairs Program project coordinator.
For more information on the conference, visit http://www.umt.edu/ethics/events/wilderness-conference/default.php, call Helman at 734-834-6485 or email michal.helman@umontana.edu.

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UM Hosts Public Garage Sale for Surplus Items

September 05, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host its biannual garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 11, in Facilities Services Building 25 near the UM Physical Plant. The event is open to the public.

Common items for sale include book cases, filing cabinets, desk chairs and three-ring binders, among others.

“This is the only time that the public can view and purchase the items in UM’s surplus building,” said Melissa Reimann, UM Business Services accounting associate.

Signs will be put up along Campus Drive directing people to Building 25. For more information call Reimann at 406-243-6628 or email melissa1.reimann@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center is pleased to offer support to University of Montana faculty for Asian-related research through the Yamaguchi Opportunity Fund.

The generous support of Akira Yamaguchi allows the University to offer modest funding each fall and spring to faculty from all departments and schools for research and, to a lesser extent, curriculum development related to Asia.

Past awards have been granted to faculty from modern and classical languages and literatures, sociology and the School of Music. Supported activities include research-related travel, scholarly publications, conference participation and essential research materials.

Preference is given to junior (full-time but pre-tenure) faculty members, although other faculty will be considered. Limited support may be available for outstanding research proposals from UM graduate students. Awards typically are $500, and the maximum award is $1,000.
Interested faculty and students should submit a two-page proposal detailing the nature and cost breakdown of their request and explaining the impact the support will have on their research or teaching. A letter of support from a colleague in the field familiar with the applicant’s work and able to assess the merits of the proposal – or a letter of support from their principal advisor for students – must be included.

The application deadline is Friday, Oct. 17. All applications can be submitted by email attachment to caitlin.sager@mso.umt.edu. Awards are announced in early November. For more information, visit http://umt.edu/mansfield/academics/facultyfunding.php.

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Sept. 11 Volunteer Fire Prevention Project Planned for East Missoula

September 05, 2014

MISSOULA – Volunteers plan to complete a Fire Prevention Canvassing 9/11 Day of Remembrance Project in East Missoula on Thursday, Sept. 11.

The project will run from 4:30 to 9 p.m. Volunteers will work in small teams, knock on doors and provide fire safety information to interested residents. All materials will be provided, and volunteers will receive dinner. Those wishing to help out should call 406-728-7682 or email rsvp@missoulaagingservices.org.

“The purpose of this preparedness activity is to increase knowledge about house fires, hopefully increase the number of fire alarms, provide knowledge to build an emergency plan and provide information about the new Missoula County Smart 911 program,” said Maura Jones, Montana Campus Compact AmeriCorps VISTA leader. “These efforts should work toward increasing safety awareness and alleviating human suffering.”

The event is supported by Montana Campus Compact, a higher education service consortium based at the University of Montana, and Missoula Aging Services.
Other partners include the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Missoula Senior Corps Program, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, the Office of Emergency Planning, the American Red Cross, Northwestern Energy and the East Missoula Fire Department.

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. The organization will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Sept. 12.

For more information, call Missoula Aging Services at 406-243-7682 or Montana Campus Compact at 406-243-5177.

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Bicycle Tourism is an Economic Boon for Montana

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MISSOULA – Bicycle tourism offers economic development potential for small businesses in towns throughout Montana, according to an article published in the latest issue of Montana Business Quarterly.

In fact, it could be the new phenomenon in the travel industry, according to the article, “Bicycle Tourism: Providing Economic Development Opportunities for Montana," written by Norma Polovitz Nickerson, a UM research professor and director of the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research. Graduate students Jake Jorgenson, Meredith Berry, Jane Kwenye, Daniel Kozel and Jessica Schutz were article co-authors.

“It’s definitely an economic boon,” the article reads. “Multiday bicyclists take longer to get anywhere, thereby showering the communities they stop in with outside dollars.”

The Montana Business Quarterly article is based on a study conducted by ITRR in cooperation with the Adventure Cycling Association. The study found that bicycle travelers spend an average of $75 per person per day and stay eight nights or more in the state. In contrast, the average 2013 nonresident vacationer during July, August and September spent $69 per person per day and stayed six nights in the state.
Other articles in the summer issue of the Montana Business Quarterly include:

- A survey of Montana manufacturers with accompanying sidebars on Headframe Spirits in Butte, ATK Sporting Group in Manhattan and Blue Marble Biomaterials in Missoula.
- A look at the "tight oil" revolution in Montana.
- An article about early education investment.

The Montana Business Quarterly is published by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research. Annual subscriptions are available for $35. For more information or to subscribe, go to http://www.bber.umt.edu/ or call 406-243-5113.

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Mansfield Library Hosts Free Lectures, Exhibits Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Wilderness Act

September 04, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana will host free public lectures and an exhibition to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

The Archives and Special Collections exhibit “Working for Wilderness,” which is currently on display for public viewing, celebrates 50 years of the Wilderness Act by drawing on the archival collections of eight Montanans whose efforts helped to establish wilderness areas and pass the Wilderness Bill. The individuals highlighted are Guy Brandborg, Stewart Brandborg, Cecil Garland, Mike Mansfield, Clif Merritt, Doris Milner, Elizabeth Reitell Smith and Pat Williams.

The exhibit is located on the fourth floor of the library in the Theta Rho Room and will be on display until January 2015. Wilderness themed art, on loan from UM’s Montana Museum of Art & Culture, is displayed on level three.
Joshua Herbold, chief of the Missoula County Search and Rescue, will deliver a lecture, titled “Tales from Missoula Search and Rescue,” from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room.

He will recount historic tales of search and rescue – some fiercely fought such as World War II’s raid at Cabanatuan, some gory such as the Uruguayan Air Force Flight 571 and some yet unsuccessful such as the search for Amelia Earhart. But, alongside these famous – and sometimes infamous – tales of search and rescue are the everyday events that local search-and-rescue teams face. In his talk, Herbold will discuss the history and present-day operations of Missoula County Search and Rescue.

On Wednesday, Oct. 8, UM environmental studies and fine art graduate students will share poetry and prose that navigates the wild within and around us all. The event, titled “Wilderness and the Human Imagination,” will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Theta Rho Room. The event is sponsored by Camas Environmental Literary Magazine in collaboration with CutBank Magazine.

Nicole Hupp will deliver a third lecture titled “Whitewater Rafting” from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Theta Rho Room.

In addition to the formal exhibitions and lectures, the library also will feature a series of five videos. The videos will be uploaded to http://www.lib.umt.edu/ each business day during the week of Sept. 8. The videos feature members of the campus community reading from their favorite wilderness literature. Participants are Dan Spencer, Phil Condon, Natalie Dawson, Michelle Bryan Mudd and Janisse Ray.

“We are very excited to celebrate the Wilderness Act, which is so important to our home state,” said Julie Biando Edwards, library associate professor. “We’re particularly excited about the public programs we’re offering to the campus and Missoula community.”

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UM Creative Writing Program Hosts Writers’ Fall Opus

September 04, 2014

MISSOULA – Guests will enjoy gourmet food, fine beverages, and silent and live auctions Friday, Sept. 19, at the University of Montana Creative Writing Program’s Writers’ Fall Opus.

The sixth annual event is sponsored by Kevin Head and will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at the Florence Building Governor’s Room, located at 111 N. Higgins Ave.

Auction items include many signed, first-editions by regional and local authors; sky-blue topaz and diamond earrings; dinner for eight prepared by the Missoula College Culinary School; an original Harley Heddick photo of battling bison; a Fat Tire bicycle; original art pieces; broadsides by John Sayles, Tim O’Brien, Ivan Doig and Madeline DeFrees; and many more. More than 70 silent auction and 10 live auction items will be available at the event.

Auction items can be viewed on the UM Creative Writing Program’s website at http://www.cas.umt.edu/creativewriting/.
Tickets cost $40 per person or $75 per couple and are available at the door. All proceeds benefit the UM Creative Writing Program’s literary journals, the visiting writers reading series and student scholarships. Attendees must be 21 or older.

For more information or to RSVP, call Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will be abuzz with two conferences for those interested in bees and beekeeping Wednesday through Saturday, Sept. 17-20.

The two events – the 37th Annual Western Apicultural Society Conference and the second International Conference on Hive and Honeybee Monitoring – will be held on the third floor of the University Center in the Ballroom and the UC Theater.

“I expect this to be the biggest bee conference in Montana in the past decade,” said Jerry Bromenshenk, a UM bee researcher and WAS president. “It will be ideal for local clubs and local beekeepers, and we have an incredible four-day lineup of speakers. We will get into the absolute cutting-edge of beekeeping technology.”

Subjects will include topics such as bees and climate change, using acoustic scanning to detect hive exposure to pesticides and critical issues facing bees and beekeeping.

Bee expert Eric Mussen of the University of California, Davis, will present a keynote address Thursday titled
“Changes in Beekeeping Over Three Decades.” A second keynote by G. Philip Hughes of the Whitehouse Writers Group will be held Friday and is titled “Let Me Tell You ’Bout the Birds and the Bees: Neonic Pesticides and the Prospects for Future Life on Planet Earth.”

Twenty-one concurrent short courses ranging from candle making to queen rearing will be available Saturday morning.

Conference registration costs $175 for all four days, $65 for one day and $15 to $30 per day for students. Attending four short courses costs $30. Vendor spots range from $15 to $40. For a full conference schedule or to register, visit [http://ucanr.edu/sites/was2/](http://ucanr.edu/sites/was2/).

The conferences are being held in conjunction with the first annual Missoula Honey Harvest Festival, a free, community event that will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the UM Oval. That event is open to all, and families are invited to bring the whole hive.

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Neighborhood Ice Cream Social to Scoop Up Fun Sept. 14

September 03, 2014

MISSOULA – The 13th Annual University Community Ice Cream Social to welcome new and returning University of Montana students to campus and Missoula’s neighborhoods is set for Sunday, Sept. 14. The free event will run from 3 to 5 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue.

The street party will feature live music from the hillbilly jazz band Barnaby Wilde and much mingling, as well as appearances by UM Mascot Monte and Missoula city and UM officials. Participants can converse with their neighbors, browse informational tables and enjoy delicious Big Dipper ice cream. Sorbet is available for dairy-free diets.

The event was started in 2002 by an informal group that calls itself the Thoughtful Neighbors to celebrate the diversity that UM students bring to Missoula. Late neighborhood residents Don Simmons, former associate dean of the School of Fine Arts, and his wife, Pat, former executive director of the Downtown Association, were founding members. The group is an evolving mix of University neighborhood homeowners and residents, UM students and administrators, the Associated Students of UM, the UM Foundation and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.
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Country Singer Dierks Bentley to Perform Concert at UM

September 03, 2014

MISSOULA – Country music star Dierks Bentley will bring his Riser Tour 2014 to the University of Montana Adams Center on Saturday, Oct. 11. The concert will begin at 8 p.m., and doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the show will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 5, at http://www.griztix.com and at the Adams Center Box Office and all GrizTix locations. Tickets also may be purchased by calling 406-243-4051 during regular business hours. They cost $39.75 or $49.75, plus applicable service fees.

“Riser” is Bentley’s eighth studio album and includes singles “I Hold On” and “Drunk on a Plane.” The concert will feature special guest Eric Paslay.

For more information call Mati Tressler of UM Productions at 406-243-4719 or email marketing@umproductions.org.

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Fall Feastival to Celebrate Montana Food Cycle, Honor Former UM Dining Employee

September 03, 2014

MISSOULA – A locally produced dinner will be served on the Oval at the annual Fall Feastival at the University of Montana, giving students, faculty, staff and the community a holistic view of Montana’s agricultural food cycle. The event will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Attendees will get a taste of contra dancing and local music while they dine.

“Our goal is to celebrate the success of the UM Farm to College Program and to raise public and student awareness about the time and effort required to produce the foods we eat each day,” UM Dining Director Mark LoParco said.

This year, UM Dining renamed its event the Kyra Jean Williams Farm to College Fall Feastival in memory of its former employee who joined UM Dining as an AmeriCorps Vista in 2008. As the UM Farm to College coordinator, Williams planned and implemented the first Fall Feastival. Williams died on Aug. 17, 2013, from injuries she suffered in a car crash.
All pre- and post-consumer waste generated by the Fall Feastival including food, plates and napkins will be pulped and processed into soil-enhancing planting material within 48 hours. The soil-ready material will provide a starting point for the next growing season and sustainably complete the food cycle.

The UM Farm to College Program has been a national pioneer in advocating the sustainable benefits of buying and eating local foods. UM Farm to College celebrates its 12th anniversary in the spring of 2015.

For more information and dinner prices, visit [http://www.umt.edu/dining/](http://www.umt.edu/dining/).

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Author to Kick Off President’s Lecture Series with Talk on ‘Political Evil’

September 02, 2014

MISSOULA – Alan Wolfe, director of the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life at Boston College, will deliver a lecture titled “Political Evil: What It Is and How to Combat It” to kick off of the 2014-15 University of Montana President’s Lecture series at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

The lecture is the annual Stan Kimmitt Lecture on Public Service. Wolfe also will lead a seminar earlier that day on his latest book, “Why Diaspora Is Good for the Jews,” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. In the seminar, he will put forth his argument that Jews living outside the Jewish state have flourished. Both events are free and open to the public.

Wolfe received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967. In addition to his teaching and administrative work at Boston College, Wolfe is a Senior Fellow with the World Policy Institute at the New School University in New York City. He was the George H. W. Bush Fellow at the American Academy in Berlin in 2004.

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

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