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Public Invited to Diversity Symposium at UM

October 31, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana's ninth annual diversity symposium, DiverseU, will take place Wednesday, Nov. 5.

DiverseU is a campuswide symposium focused on topics of diversity. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members discuss, present, perform and exhibit art that explores topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. The event aims to provide a forum for honest dialogue in order to explore the complexities of human experience, promote understanding and create community among participants through the practice of civil discourse.

Participants can choose from more than 15 free educational sessions that begin at 9:10 a.m., 10:40 a.m., noon, 1:10 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. A full schedule can be accessed online at http://www.umt.edu/diverseu/schedule/default.php.

From noon to 1 p.m. a political issues debate titled “Civil Discourse in Action” will be held in the UC Theater.
At 7 p.m. a limited-space lecture titled “Do words Kill? Hate speech, Propaganda and Incitement to Genocide” will be held in the UC Theater. The lecture is co-presented with the Mansfield Library, which is hosting the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum’s traveling exhibition “Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings” from Oct. 26 to Dec. 17.

All the events are free and open to the public. The 7 p.m. lecture requires advance online registration at http://events.ushmm.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x1696838ce.

The diversity symposium, formerly known as Day of Dialogue, was renamed in 2014. To learn more about the DiverseU, visit http://www.umt.edu/diverseu.

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UM School of Art Hosts Reception to Celebrate Renovations

October 31, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Art will host a reception in celebration of recent improvements to the Fine Arts Building. The reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, on the second floor of the Fine Arts Building, and will feature remarks by School of Art Director Brad Allen at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Improvements to the building include the creation of the FabLab, refurbishment of the grand staircase and an upgrade to the main entrance lobby.

The FabLab functions as a place where art students can explore new technology, learn emerging skills in 3-D fabrication and create artwork using state-of-the-art equipment. It will support courses including Sculpture II: Digital Fabrication, and Photo I and II. Work stations include micro-controller design, responsive ‘smart’ objects, film scanners, 3-D printers and a vinyl cutter.

The Fine Arts Building, constructed in 1935 as the Art Deco Student Union, has been improved with the newly refurbished grand staircase, which serves as the main entrance to the building. The Millikan Resource Center...
has been relocated to the grand old lounge on the third floor, and space for the display of student artwork has been enhanced through the installation of lighted cabinets and a student gallery.

For more information email art.information@umontana.edu or call 406-243-4181.

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UM Community Invited to Adopt a Family, Veteran

October 31, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement will team up with the Salvation Army, the Poverello Center and Valor House this holiday season for the 18th annual Adopt-A-Family and sixth annual Adopt-A-Veteran programs.

The programs, which kick off on Monday, Nov. 10, assist people who cannot afford to provide for themselves and their families during the holiday season in an effort to ensure everyone in the Missoula area is able to celebrate the holidays.

UM departments, student groups and individuals are encouraged to adopt an area family or to help a veteran through Valor House, the Poverello Center’s transitional facility for homeless veterans.

Adopt-A-Family and Adopt-A-Veteran participants can select families and veterans in need to provide gifts, food and other requested items. Last year, UM participants were able to meet the needs of 30 families and 14 veterans in the Missoula community.
The Bookstore at UM will host a free gift-wrapping party for participants from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.

To sign up to adopt a family or a veteran, email OCE Volunteer Coordinator Shelby Stormer at shelby.stormer@umontana.edu beginning Nov. 10. For more information about the programs visit http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/default.php.

OCE is a department of the Davidson Honors College that serves as UM’s primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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UM Receives $7 Million Donation for Athletic Champions Center

October 31, 2014

MISSOULA – The Washington family, for whom Washington-Grizzly Stadium at the University of Montana is named, has once more stepped forward with a major gift to the UM Department of Athletics.

The sons of Dennis and Phyllis Washington, Kyle and Kevin, are giving $7 million on behalf of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation to be used for UM’s planned $14 million Washington-Grizzly Champions Center.

The 46,000-square-foot facility, to be located against the southwest side of the stadium, will include a new football locker room and a two-level weight room for all 15 of Montana’s men’s and women’s athletic teams.

Funding for the project comes entirely from private sources and needs approval from the Montana University System Board of Regents before construction can begin.

Kyle Washington was a sophomore in high
school when the stadium that bears his family’s name opened in 1985. Like most Griz fans, he used to believe that the behind-the-scenes facilities – unseen to most but integral to the success of Montana’s teams – reflected the department’s championship ethos.

What he and his brother found on a tour of those facilities last December was just the opposite: a cramped space not appropriate for a high school team, let alone a Division I program.

"Something new was well beyond needed," said Kyle, who graduated from UM in 1996 and today lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, and works for the Washington Companies in their shipping and transportation endeavors. "I couldn't believe that what was in place had been getting the department so far, for so long."

When the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center is complete, the football locker room will expand from 2,400 square feet at its current location to 7,000. The new space will be a highlight of recruiting visits.

Currently housed in three separate areas, the new weight room will be consolidated into one facility and will more than double in size from 7,500 square feet to more than 17,000. Multiple teams will be able to train at once instead of stacked one at a time on a tight schedule that’s booked from sunup to sundown.

After three decades, Washington-Grizzly Stadium boasts a football win record of 177-26, energizing Griz nation and the UM brand. Will the Washington-Grizzly Champions Center have a similar effect?

"I certainly hope so," Kyle said. "A school with pride like Montana needs to have the facilities that help its student-athletes be at a championship level in everything they do, and that was missing. I think this is going to fill that need. I hope this new facility inspires Missoula and Griz fans statewide and reinvigorates their Grizzly pride."

Kevin echoed his brother’s comments. “The Grizzlies have a strong tradition of excellence, and this facility is an investment that sends a clear message to the student-athletes who give so much to the University that the tradition of excellence will continue," he said.

The facility will be the third construction project to begin under UM Director of Athletics Kent Haslam, who was hired in 2012 after working for the department in a development role since 2006.

“It’s exhilarating to be able to sit down with people like Kyle and Kevin, share the vision we have for this department and then have them invest in that vision,” Haslam said.

Over the years, Dennis and Phyllis Washington and their foundation have been among the University’s most
generous benefactors. Among many other facilities, programs and scholarships, the foundation has been a key supporter of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, helping establish the Phyllis J. Washington Center for Education in 2009 and, most recently, providing $2.4 million to support the college-prep curriculum EdReady. The foundation has given more than $150 million to various causes since it was established in 1988.

“The Washington family’s generosity to the University of Montana is truly remarkable,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “Their latest investment will benefit thousands of student-athletes who will use the new facility in the decades to come.”

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UM Encourages All College-Bound Montana Residents to Apply During College Application Week

October 30, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will participate in Montana College Application Week, which is slated for Monday through Friday, Nov. 3-7.

During the week, UM will defer the $36 fee for seniors who apply, collecting the fee later only for those students who attend UM. Students who are Pell-eligible and attend UM will automatically have the entire fee waived.

Students applying to UM will receive the deferred fee benefit even if they apply to other colleges in Montana. UM will extend these benefits to all seniors in Montana even if the applicant’s high school did not register for the College Application Week program. The application fee also will be deferred or waived for students wishing to transfer or who have already graduated from high school.

Montana College Application Week is coordinated by Montana GEAR UP of the Montana University System, in
collaboration with a steering committee representing the K-12 community, community-based organizations and all sectors of Montana’s higher education system. For more information visit www.mus.edu/gearup/caw.asp.

For more information on what UM is offering during College Application Week, call the UM Admissions office at 406-243-6266 or email admiss@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The 20th Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will open Wednesday, Nov. 12 in the Gallery of Visual Arts at the University of Montana. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. that day, with juror’s remarks and award presentation at 5:30 p.m. The exhibition will be on display Nov. 13-Dec. 5.

The exhibition, presented and organized by the UM School of Art’s Gallery of Visual Arts and the student-run UM Artist Collective, features a diverse array of media and style by graduate and undergraduate students of all levels. For many students, the annual exhibition is the first opportunity to exhibit work in a professional gallery.

The students invite an art professional not associated with the University to serve as the juror who selects the works to be exhibited and designate awards. This year’s juror is Vanessa German, a sculptor, poet and performance artist from the Pittsburgh area who currently has an exhibit of her work on display at UM’s Montana Museum of Art & Culture.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and by appointment only on Mondays. The gallery is located on the first floor of the UM Social Science Building. All events and exhibitions
are free and open to the public.

For more information about the UM School of Art and Gallery of Visual Arts visit http://www.umt.edu/art.

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UM Physical Therapy Students Host Massage Clinic Fundraiser - UM News - University Of Montana

October 27, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association members will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in October and November.

The clinics will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 27-30, Nov. 3, 5-6, 10, 12-13 and 17-20 in Skaggs Building Room 129. A 20-minute massage costs $12, and a 40-minute massage is $20. Cash or check is the only form of payment accepted. Massages clinics will not be held on Election Day, Nov. 4, or Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.

Proceeds directly support scholarships and will help UM physical therapy students attend local and national conferences.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 406-243-4753.

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UM to Host Workshop on Immigration Law in Montana

October 27, 2014

MISSOULA – A workshop for campus and community professionals on immigration law and immigrants’ rights in Montana will be held from 3:10 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in Law Building Room 101. The event is free and open to the public.

Immigration lawyer Shahid Haque-Hausrath will present the workshop. Haque-Hausrath is the president of the Montana Immigrant Justice Alliance and works for Border Crossing Law Firm, P.C.

The workshop will cover the nature and scope of immigration issues in Montana, the work of the MIJA and steps for action and advocacy.

The event is co-sponsored by the UM School of Social Work and the UM School of Law. For more information call UM School of Social Work Professor Janet Finn at 406-243-5583 or email janet.finn@umontana.edu.

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Annual Town & Gown Dance to Feature Contra Dancing

October 27, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Folklore Society will host the annual Town & Gown Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated to help cover expenses.

The dance will include a variety of traditional American folk dances, but will focus on contra, a form of old English country dancing that American colonists in New England eventually modified to fit into the long, thin floor spaces of barns. Two long lines of people dance a series of simple figures, continually moving along the line until each person has danced with everyone else.

A beginner’s workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. before the main dance begins. Morna Leonard will teach and call dances throughout the evening. Skippin’ a Groove, a band that specializes in Irish jigs and reels, will perform live music. Dress is casual and eclectic.

For more information call Vicki Watson, UM Folklore Society adviser, at 406-243-5153, email vicki.watson@umontana.edu or visit http://missoulafolk.org.
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UM Student to Take Business Venture to Blackstone LaunchPad Demo Day in New York

October 24, 2014

MISSOULA – University of Montana student Walker Milhoan is headed to New York City to attend the Blackstone LaunchPad Demo Day. Milhoan's business venture, RanchLogs, is one of 20 selected to take part in the event, which organizers plan to host annually.

Representatives from Blackstone LaunchPad programs from around the country will convene Tuesday, Oct. 28. During the conference, participants will share best practices, discuss strategies for program implementation and innovation, and as part of the Demo Day segment, showcase the most promising student ventures from their respective schools.

Milhoan founded RanchLogs in August. RanchLogs is an interactive, Web-based software platform that serves as a livestock inventory and range management tool that can be used to create custom ranch maps, track key performance indicators and perform analysis within any ranching operation.
The IX Ranch Company, located in Big Sandy, is a RanchLogs user and already has seen a significant increase in its profitability. The ranch reported a 39.5 percent increase in gross revenues and an 8 percent decrease in total unit costs. The software also has helped improve other business indices, such as increasing total herd size and increasing native forages.

Demo Day participants will compete for first-, second- and third-place prizes of $25,000, $15,000, and $10,000, respectively, to be used to further their business development. Judges at the event include Stephen Schwarzman, Blackstone’s chairman, CEO and co-founder, and other Blackstone executives, who will assess the ventures’ products, business models and scalability potential. Schwarzman also will deliver keynote remarks.

“Entrepreneurship is central to Blackstone’s culture, and is the single most effective way to spur economic growth and job creation,” Schwarzman said. “The new and innovative companies participating in the Blackstone LaunchPad Demo Day have the potential to impact their local economies, and we look forward to seeing them do so.”

“Blackstone LaunchPad plays a valuable role in equipping students to pursue their passions and create the next generation of entrepreneurial Montana businesses,” said Paul Gladen, UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad director. “Building a business is about networking; it’s who you know or who can help open doors. That’s why the Blackstone LaunchPad National Demo Day is so exciting. One of our up-and-coming Montana entrepreneurs has the opportunity to take his business to the next level through networking with top business professionals from Blackstone as well as the Blackstone network.”

Blackstone LaunchPad is a co-curricular, experiential campus program designed to introduce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and develop entrepreneurial skills and mindsets through individualized coaching, idea and venture-creation support. Modeled after a program at University of Miami and further developed and expanded by Blackstone Charitable Foundation, the program is currently available to more than 350,000 students at 15 colleges and universities nationwide. Since its establishment at the University of Montana in February 2014, more than 100 ventures have been advised, including RanchLogs.

Located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, UM is a place where top-notch students, educators and researchers from across the country and around the globe come to thrive. Founded in 1893, the University has nurtured a tradition of cultural and scientific education ever since. Today both UM and Missoula are home to an increasingly diverse population and rich culture. Roughly 15,000 students attend UM and Missoula College, where they receive a world-class education in a broad range of disciplines that include the trades, liberal arts, graduate and postdoctoral study and professional training. Blackstone LaunchPad is open to all UM students, regardless of the discipline they study.

The Blackstone Charitable Foundation was founded at the time of Blackstone’s initial public offering in 2007 with substantial commitments from the firm’s employees. Influenced by the enterprising heritage of the firm and its founders, The Blackstone Charitable Foundation is directing its resources and applying the intellectual capital of the firm to foster entrepreneurship in areas nationwide and globally. For more information, visit http://www.blackstone.com/foundation.

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UM Ranked Among Nation’s Top Degree Producers for Native Americans

October 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana is the 26th top degree producer for Native American students in the nation, according to the Diverse: Issues in Higher Education list, “2014 Top 100 Degree Producers.”

The study names UM 40th in the nation for Natives receiving undergraduate degrees, 48th in the nation for master’s degrees, 19th for doctoral degrees and 12th for professional degrees. From summer 2013 to spring 2014, UM conferred 129 degrees upon Native American students.

The publication also listed UM 19th in the U.S. for master’s degrees awarded to Natives majoring in public administration and social service professions.

“This ranking shows our commitment to our Native American student population,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “UM offers a welcoming, supportive environment to help Native students transition to college and succeed through graduation.”

Part of that environment includes The Payne Family Native American Center, the first facility in the nation built...
expressly to house a department of Native American studies, an American Indian student services office and other related campus programming. Completed in 2010, it accommodates the significant growth in the Native student population, as well as non-Native students taking courses in Native American studies.

Furthermore, the Native American center created an epicenter for tribal leaders from Montana, the region and the nation to gather, unite and address some of their common challenges. In addition, UM recently opened its new Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute, located inside the Payne Center, offering unprecedented technology and learning environments to UM students and the opportunity for collaborations with tribal colleges. It includes a round room that uses the same technology as the American Museum of Natural History and NASA, immersing viewers in an interactive display of the environment and the sky.

The space, named in honor of the Blackfeet leader whose class-action lawsuit against the U.S. government resulted in a $3.4 billion settlement in royalties owed to tribal members across the country, serves as a way for Cobell's legacy of justice and equality to carry on for many years to come.

UM's American Indian Student Services department, under new director Royelle Bundy, supports Native students in their transition, achievement and success at UM by providing services and programs that have been established through collaborative partnerships with various campus and Missoula community members.

Bundy said UM’s ranking from Diverse: Issues in Higher Education is a reflection of UM’s devotion to helping Native students succeed.

“This is, indeed, an important accomplishment for the University of Montana and something to be celebrated,” Bundy said. “It’s a testament to our community’s hard work and commitment to our Native American students.”

A unique program at UM, Indigenous Research and STEM Education, seeks to bring more Native American students into science, technology, engineering and mathematical fields. UM chemistry Associate Professor Aaron Thomas, a member of the Navajo Nation, directs the program, which also focuses on outreach to middle and high school students across Montana.

Recently, the UM Department of Psychology received a five-year, $1.2 million federal grant to continue its highly successful Indians Into Psychology (InPsych) Program, providing financial support and unique educational opportunities for Natives as they pursue degrees in clinical psychology.

Since the InPsych Program’s inception in 1998, UM has awarded eight doctorates in clinical psychology to Native students. Currently, seven Native 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.

Each year, Diverse: Issues in Higher Education ranks the institutions that confer the most degrees upon minority students. For more information or to view the results online, visit http://diverseeducation.com/top100/.

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UM Receives International Ranking for Science Performance

October 24, 2014

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s science studies ranked internationally and best in the state in the National Taiwan University Ranking’s 2014 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities.

UM made the list in the field of agriculture and the subjects of environment/ecology, geosciences and plant/animal science. In each case, UM ranked the best in the state. No other Montana university made the list in any other category.

In the category of environment/ecology as a subject of study, the report lists UM as 71st in the world and 35th in the United States. UM’s geosciences ranked 199th in the world and 69th nationwide. The plant/animal science subject of study at UM made the list at 61st in the U.S. and 229th nationwide. UM’s agriculture as a field of study ranked 133rd in the world and 50th in the nation.

NTU evaluates and ranks the scientific paper performance of the top 500 universities worldwide. Three criteria represented by eight indicators were used to access a university’s overall scientific paper performance: research productivity (accounting for 25 percent of the score), research impact (35 percent) and research
excellence (40 percent).

The annual ranking system began in 2007, using data from Science Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index to develop statistics on the articles published in international academic journals.

To view the complete 2014 Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers list online, visit http://nturanking.lis.ntu.edu.tw.

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UM Students to Give Haunted Building Tour to Community Members

October 23, 2014

MISSOULA – Halloween arrives a day early at the University of Montana. Two UM student groups are working together to give a Haunted UM Building Tour to community members on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The tours will begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue until 10 p.m., departing every 10 minutes. The tour costs $5 per person and $3 for UM students, will last approximately 30 minutes and each tour will have a maximum of 12 participants. No advanced purchase is necessary. The tours will depart from the University Center Atrium, located on the first floor, and are first-come, first-served. All proceeds benefit the two student groups. The University Players, a student-run, independent theater group, are teaming up with campus ambassadors, the UM Advocates, to guide small groups through three storied campus buildings.

“We put this tour on for UM families during Family Weekend,” said tour director and University Players Vice
President Sean Kirkpatrick. "There was a ton of interest and a lot of enthusiasm, so we decided to offer it up to the community as well."

The UM Players produced a script for the tour based on published ghost stories from the books “Montana Ghost Stories” and “Montana Chillers.” They bring the stories to life by re-enacting them. The UM Advocates lead the tour, imparting campus history and lore along the way. The buildings included in the tour are University Hall (or Main Hall), Rankin Hall and Brantly Hall.

For more information call Kirkpatrick at 406-207-2216.

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Longtime UM BBER Director Receives National Award

October 23, 2014

MISSOULA – Former director of the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Paul Polzin, received the highest honor granted by the Association for University Business and Economic Research, the premier professional organization dedicated to improving research in business, economics and public policy.

Polzin recently was named recipient of the Thayne Robson Award, an honor awarded only four times in AUBER's 64-year history. Polzin received the award for leadership in regional economics, and for outstanding mentoring and selfless contributions to his colleagues throughout his 20-year tenure as director of UM's BBER and his decades as a member, officer and advocate of AUBER. The award was presented at AUBER's annual conference, held this year in Portland, Ore.

“Polzin's reputation for ‘telling it straight’ earned the respect of leaders and decision makers across the country, despite sometimes being unpopular with incumbent politicians,” said Patrick Barkey, Polzin’s successor as director of the Montana BBER. “This was particularly true in the mid-1980s, when oil price declines, a wood products bust and the end of the Anaconda Copper Co. produced an economy in 1990 that was smaller than it was 10 years earlier. To read his writings during this trying period is to immediately grasp his integrity and
analytical acumen – not to mention his courage – in laying out what were then very unpleasant facts.”

As director of the UM bureau, Polzin strove to greatly expand the center’s work and audience. When he began as director in 1988, the bureau had six employees and its flagship event, the annual economic outlook seminar, had a total attendance of nearly 800 people. When he retired as director in 2008, the bureau staff had more than tripled in size and seminar attendance had nearly doubled to 1,600 people in seven cities.

AUBER colleagues across the country cite Polzin as a pivotal mentor in their careers, including Eric Thompson, director of the Bureau of Business Research at University of Nebraska – Lincoln and current AUBER president.

“He guided me through my terms as an AUBER officer and provided constant advice and optimism to help me in my early years working as a director,” Thompson said. “I'm sure there are many other people who would say the same.”

Polzin has studied the Montana economy extensively during the past 40 years, with particular emphasis on the natural resources industry. He holds a doctorate degree in economics from Michigan State University and served as president of the Western Regional Science Association, the Pacific Northwest Economics Conference and AUBER.

The Bureau of Business and Economic Research at UM is a research center producing economic and industry data for Montana. For more information visit http://www.bber.umt.edu.

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UM Alumni Honored at Montana Educational Leadership Conference

October 23, 2014

MISSOULA – Four University of Montana alumni were recognized for their professional accomplishments and educational contributions earlier this month at the Montana Conference of Educational Leadership.

The UM Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences' Department of Educational Leadership awarded Superintendent of Great Falls Public Schools and UM alumna Tammy Lacey with the annual Educational Leadership Excellence Award. Additionally, three Montana school associations honored UM alumni with awards. Award recipients are Bruce Whitehead, Mike Magone and Glen Johnson.

Lacey earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from UM in 1985, upon which she returned to her hometown of Great Falls to teach first and third grades. After five years in the classroom, she was selected as the district's first-ever Teacher on Special Assignment. During that time, she completed her UM master’s degree in educational leadership.

Fairfield Public Schools hired Lacey as their K-8 principal. As a result of her efforts in furthering technology and academic achievement in Fairfield, she was selected as Montana’s Principal of the Year by the Montana
Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals.

After eight years serving Fairfield Public Schools, she returned to Great Falls as the principal of Loy Elementary. She completed the superintendent's endorsement at UM, and in 1997 she was appointed director of human resources for Great Falls Public Schools and then went on to be appointed superintendent.

Whitehead of Missoula was awarded the G.V. Erickson Award. This award is given to a member of the School Administrators of Montana. According to SAM, this award is given to an administrator "who has made the greatest contribution to the betterment of education in Montana; this is the most honored award a school administrator of Montana can receive." Whitehead is the author of several textbooks, an educational consultant and an award-winning principal. He now is retired. Whitehead earned his doctorate from UM in 1980.

The Montana Association of School Superintendents named Magone Superintendent of the Year. Magone of Lolo has served in public education for nearly 30 years. He earned both doctoral and law degrees at the UM. According to MASS, the award "seeks to honor those strong Montana school district leaders who work successfully with their entire learning communities to provide the highest quality education that is possible."

The Montana School Boards Association recognized Johnson, Dillon Elementary School district superintendent, with the prestigious MTSBA School and Community Service Award. MTSBA selected Johnson based on his nominations from both school officials and community members, who cited his leadership and positivity as worthy of the award. Johnson earned his master's and doctoral degrees from UM in educational leadership.

For more information on the awardees call Sarah Knobel, UM Educational Leadership program coordinator, at 406-243-5586 or email sarah.knobel@mso.umt.edu.

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R.E.A.C.H. Program Brings Troy HS Students to Cabinet Peaks Medical Center

October 22, 2014

MISSOULA – Cabinet Peaks Medical Center will host 35 Troy High School and Libby High School sophomores on Friday, Oct. 24. The students, who are participating in a R.E.A.C.H. program, will experience firsthand what health professionals encounter.

R.E.A.C.H., which stands for Research and Explore Awesome Careers in Healthcare, was developed in 2007 by the Montana Area Health Education Center. The Western Montana AHEC R.E.A.C.H. program provides an opportunity for students to have hands-on exposure to the latest equipment, practices and procedures in the health care industry.

Students will participate in a full day of activities at Cabinet Peaks and interact with health care professionals in departments including surgery, rehabilitation services, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, laboratory and imaging.

According to Martha Robertson, Western Montana AHEC K-12 program coordinator, the health care workforce in Montana is a key component to the economic viability of the state, as well as a vital factor in sustaining the health of Montana’s rural communities.
“The Montana Department of Labor and Industry predicts health care occupations in Montana are expected to grow by a combined 1,300 jobs per year,” Robertson said. “It’s the fastest occupational job growth exiting the recession.”

To fill positions and meet this need, programs such as R.E.A.C.H. have been developed to give students early exposure to the health care industry and the many health care career choices available.

The R.E.A.C.H. program is being funded in part by GEAR UP Montana. GEAR UP Montana serves seventh-through 12th-grade students at 18 middle schools and their receiving high schools to improve high school graduation and college enrollment rates.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded the Montana Office of Commissioner of Higher Education a seven-year, $28 million GEAR UP grant in September 2011. GEAR UP Montana partners with Western Montana AHEC to increase students’ college and career readiness through academic preparedness.

R.E.A.C.H. is one of several K-12 pipeline programs that Montana AHEC provides to schools and communities throughout the state. The pipeline programs fulfill a portion of Montana AHEC’s mission to connect students to careers, professionals and communities to better health.

Western Montana AHEC, located on the University of Montana campus, coordinates R.E.A.C.H. programs at hospitals throughout the seven-county western region of Montana. There are five Montana AHEC regional offices: Western Montana AHEC in Missoula; North Central Montana AHEC and South Central Montana AHEC housed in Helena; Eastern Montana AHEC in Billings; Southeastern Montana AHEC in Miles City; and the AHEC program office in Bozeman.

For more information on R.E.A.C.H. programs call Robertson at 406-243-4746 or email martha.robertson@mso.umt.edu. For more information about students visiting Cabinet Peaks Medical Center call Erin Leighty, human resources generalist, at 406-283-7168.

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Montana Public Radio On-Air Pledge Drive Helps Feed Montanans

October 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio, a public service of the University of Montana, is opening the phone lines from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Oct. 21-24, to its funding lifeline: its listeners.

“Public radio and television stations were the pioneers of crowd-sourced fundraising,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR’s fundraising director. “We’ve been going directly to our audience to fund Montana Public Radio since 1976, and they always come through for us.”

The fifth annual fall on-air fundraising event also features a benefit for Montana communities. MTPR and Missoula Federal Credit Union partnered for MTPR's annual Montana Food Bank Network Challenge. Instead of MTPR donors receiving a thank-you gift for their donation, all pledges and contributions made, received or postmarked by Oct. 24 will automatically activate a 5 percent cash bonus from the partners to benefit food banks and feeding programs in Montana through the Montana Food Bank Network.

“One in seven Montanans struggle with hunger,” Talbott said. “We know that our listeners want to help.”
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MTPR’s goal is for donor pledges to total $200,000 by Oct. 24, which will put MTPR within reach of its own funding need for the end of the year, Talbott said.

“Receiving the majority of funding from individuals, along with its nonprofit educational mandate, is what makes public radio services like MTPR different in the media landscape,” Talbott said. “The crowd-funding model is a great strength for MTPR and also keeps us accountable to our audience in a very real way.”

If MTPR reaches its goal during the four-day event, the partners will be able to make a $10,000 bonus match to the Montana Food Bank Network, which translates to enough food for 30,000 meals.

People can make financial contributions to MTPR by calling 800-325-1565 or online at http://www.mtpr.org.

MTPR is a National Public Radio affiliate, broadcasting throughout western and central Montana, as well as online at http://www.mtpr.org.

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UM Creative Writing Program Hosts Jennifer Moxley

October 21, 2014

MISSOULA – Author Jennifer Moxley will visit the University of Montana to read her poetry on Friday, Oct. 24, as part of the Fall 2014 UM Creative Writing Program President's Writers-in-Residence 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.

Moxley is the author of five books of poetry, most recently “Clampdown” (Flood 2009) and “The Middle Room” (Subpress 2008), as well as a book of essays and a memoir. In addition, she has translated three books from French.

In 2005, she was granted the Lynda Hull Poetry Award from Denver Quarterly. Her poem "Behind the Orbits" was included by Robert Creeley in “The Best American Poetry 2002.” She was the poetry editor for The Baffler from 1997 to 2010 and a contributing editor to The Poker from 2003 to 2008. Moxley is professor of poetry and poetics at the University of Maine.

The next visiting writer to read as a part of the series is nonfiction author Bernard Cooper on Nov. 21. This event is also free and open to the public.
For more information email Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/creativewriting/.

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UM Dining Surpasses ‘Real Food’ Goal

October 20, 2014

MISSOULA – One year after taking on the Real Food Challenge, the University of Montana already surpassed its goal.

UM Dining and the Real Food Challenge, the largest student food justice organization in the nation, will announce UM's results from the Real Food Calculator at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

UM President Royce Engstrom, UM Dining Director Mark LoParco and Associated Students of UM President Asa Hohman signed the Real Food Campus Commitment on Oct. 24, 2013, pledging to buy at least 20 percent “real food” annually by 2020. UM was the first university in the Northwest to sign the RFCC pledge and is the only university in Montana to have signed it.

The Real Food Calculator, an assessment tool developed by Real Food Challenge student researchers and associated food experts, aims to support a local food system that is community-based, ecologically sound, fair and humane. The pledge specifically details the types of purchases that fall into a “real food” category. By using Real Food Calculator standards, UM Dining aligns itself with the most progressive metric for institutional food service.

UM Dining will host a farmers market in the Corner Store from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, to
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celebrate local foods and the results from the Real Food Calculator.

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Brink’s Executive, Montana Native to Deliver Gilkey Lecture at UM

October 20, 2014

MISSOULA – Thomas Schievelbein, who serves as chairman, president and chief executive officer of The Brink’s Company, will deliver the fall semester Harold and Priscilla Gilkey Executive Lecture on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the University of Montana.

The Bozeman native will present “Why Values Matter” at 5:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. The event is free and open to the public.

During his lecture, Schievelbein will explain the role values play in leadership, culture and decision-making. He will include personal stories of his life in business and his role at Brink’s.

Schievelbein oversees operations at Brink’s, which provides security services to banks, retailers and governments around the world, and has been a leader in the industry for more than 150 years. The company employs 65,000 people in more than 40 countries.

Schievelbein has been the CEO of Brink’s since 2012 and a member of its board of directors since 2009.
Before joining Brink’s, Schievelbein served as president of Northrop Grumman Newport News and as a member of the Northrop Grumman Corporate Policy Council from 2001 until his retirement in 2004. He was chief operating officer of Newport News Shipbuilding Inc. from 1995 to 2001 and was responsible for the design, construction and maintenance of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines.

Schievelbein received his bachelor’s degree in marine engineering from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and his master’s degree in nuclear engineering from the University of Virginia. He has served on the Secretary of the Navy’s Advisory Panel, as well as the board of directors for the U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, where he led the subcommittee for ethics, character development and leadership.

Schievelbein also is a director of Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc. and a director of New York Life Insurance Company. He is a member of the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers from leading U.S. companies. He is a founding member and past chair of the Virginia Career Education Foundation.

The Gilkey lecture series was established in 2004 by Harold and Priscilla Gilkey to provide resources for UM’s School of Business Administration to host the nation’s top business leaders to share their knowledge, expertise and experiences with students, faculty members and the community.

For more information visit www.business.umt.edu/Soba/SeminarSeries/GilkeyLecture.aspx, call Tammy Yedinak at 406-243-6195 or email tammy.yedinak@mso.umt.edu.

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Author Tim O’Brien to Speak at UM

October 20, 2014

MISSOULA – National Book Award-winner Tim O’Brien will speak about his book “The Things They Carried” at the University of Montana as part of the 2014 First-Year Reading Experience and Missoula Public Library’s The Big Read program.

Free and open to the public, the talk will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

“The Things They Carried” is a collection of short stories about a platoon of American soldiers in the Vietnam War. It first was published in 1990. In 2005, The New York Times named it one of the 22 best books of the last quarter century. The book earned the Chicago Tribune Heartland Award in fiction and was a finalist for both the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award.

The First-Year Reading Experience provides incoming freshmen with a shared intellectual experience to encourage discussion, advance critical thinking and develop a sense of community. O’Brien’s book, available for purchase at The Bookstore at UM, has been used and referenced this semester in UM classes such as the Davidson Honors College and Writing 101.

This is the first time the University has partnered with the Missoula community to share a common read. The
collaboration, which is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, offers students and community members common ground for meaningful discussion. Many community partners and sponsors offer programming, exhibits and other involvement opportunities to discuss the themes of the book.

UM freshmen are invited to participate in a writing contest based on the book. The students who write the winning analytical essay and personal reflection essay each will receive $250. The deadline for entries is Nov. 10.

O'Brien’s work has appeared in The New Yorker, The Atlantic, Esquire, Playboy, Harper’s Magazine and numerous editions of The O. Henry Prize Stories and The Best American Short Stories. His novels have sold more than 3.5 million copies and have been translated into more than 20 languages.

For more information visit http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/content.php?pid=46042&sid=1639784.

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Health Professions Career Fair Brings Employers to UM to Recruit Students, Alumni

October 20, 2014

MISSOULA – The 10th annual Health Professions Career Fair will be held from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the University Center Ballroom at the University of Montana. During the event UM students and alumni will meet with recruiters from local, regional and national employers.

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

The event will offer employment opportunities for students in all health profession disciplines, including professional full-time positions and internships. Some recruiters will return Thursday, Oct. 23, to interview students and alumni for open positions in their organizations.

Students and alumni can view a complete schedule and list of companies attending the fair at http://life.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/default.php. Through their Griz eRecruiting accounts, students also can see who will be on campus recruiting this semester and sign up for on-campus interviews being held the day...
after the fair and throughout fall semester. Students and alumni can call the Office of Career Services at 406-243-2022 for assistance with their Griz eRecruiting accounts.

For more information about the fair or registration, call the Office of Career Services at 406-243-2239.

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Exhibition on Nazi Book Burnings Opens Oct. 27 at Mansfield Library

October 20, 2014

MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana will host an exhibition produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that explores how the German book burnings of 1933 became a potent symbol in America’s battle against Nazism and why they continue to resonate with the public to this day.

The exhibition, titled “Fighting the Fires of Hate: America and the Nazi Book Burnings,” will be on display from Monday, Oct. 27, through Tuesday, Dec. 16. It is free and open to the public during regular library operating hours.

On May 10, 1933, university students across Nazi Germany burned thousands of books in an ominous “cleansing” of the "un-German spirit" from German culture. Writings by scores of German and foreign authors, including Helen Keller, Ernest Hemingway and Sigmund Freud, were destroyed. Americans quickly condemned the events as hostile to the spirit of democracy and the freedom of expression.

The Mansfield Library also will host several events related to the exhibition. The schedule follows:
• **5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28:** “Special Event for Educators: How Educators Can Fight Censorship and Save Books” with Beverly Chin, director of the English Teaching Program. Mansfield Library East Faculty Office Area.

• **5-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30:** Opening reception for “Fighting the Fires of Hate” exhibition. Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

• **6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 30:** “The Threat of the Printed Word: Book Burning in Nazi Germany” with Peter Staudenmaier, professor of history, Marquette University. Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

• **5:30-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4:** “Thought Control, Book Burning and Human Rights” with Paul Lauren, UM Regents Professor of History. University Center Theater.

• **7-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5:** "Do Words Kill? Hate Speech, Propaganda and Incitement to Genocide" produced by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Elizabeth White, research director of the Center for the Prevention of Genocide at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Q&A Moderated by Larry Abramson, dean of the UM School of Journalism. Presented in partnership with DiverseU and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. UC Theater.

• **5:30-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 12:** “Cinematic Responses to the Shoah” with Clark Chatlain. Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

• **5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20:** “Book Burning and Civil Discourse” with Mark Hanson, UM liberal studies lecturer. Gallagher Business Building Room 122.

• **5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4:** “Black Fire on White Fire: Sacred Text in Jewish Tradition” with Laurie Franklin, adjunct assistant professor and faculty affiliate, UM Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, spiritual leader and Rabbinic intern, Har Shalom. UC Theater.

• **6-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11:** “Grand Illusion: Too Real for the Nazis,” lecture and screening with Phil Fandozzi, UM professor of film studies. UC Theater.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to share a nationally produced exhibition that explores issues of book burning and censorship,” said Julie Biando Edwards, associate professor at the Mansfield Library. “Our related programs will help deepen the experience of the exhibition and we are grateful to all of our presenters for their participation.” For more information and a schedule of events please visit http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/fightingfires.

The exhibition was underwritten in part by grants from The Bernard Osher Jewish Philanthropies Foundation of the Jewish Community Endowment Fund and The Blanche and Irving Laurie Foundation, with additional support from the Lester Robbins and Sheila Johnson Robbins Traveling and Special Exhibitions Fund.

The exhibition’s display at UM is made possible with generous support from Humanities Montana, UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, the Davidson Honors College, the College of Humanities and Sciences, the Diversity Advisory Council, and in partnership with the departments of history, English, political science, sociology, and liberal studies, as well as the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the Global Leadership Initiative,
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the UC Art Gallery, the UC Theater, the Montana Human Rights Network and the Missoula Public Library.

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MISSOULA – Montana Television Network stations and public media outlets MontanaPBS, Yellowstone Public Radio (YPR) and Montana Public Radio (MTPR) will broadcast a U.S. Senate candidate debate between Democrat Amanda Curtis and Republican Steve Daines at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20. (MTPR will air the debate at 7:30 p.m.) The Billings debate is sponsored by MTN, YPR, MSU-Billings and the Billings Gazette. MTN anchor Jay Kohn will moderate.

Following the debate, MontanaPBS and MTPR will provide analysis and fact-checking on issues and claims by the candidates. The analysis will be anchored by John Twiggs of MontanaPBS. He will be joined by former Montana Secretary of State Bob Brown, former Montana legislative candidate Gary Stein and Montana State University political science Professor David Parker. UM School of Journalism students, working under the guidance of Professors Lee Banville and Dennis Swibold, will perform the fact-checking. YPR and MTN will not carry the analysis.

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UM Ranks Among Top 350 Universities Worldwide

October 16, 2014

MISSOULA – For the third year in a row, the University of Montana has been ranked among the top 350 universities worldwide in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

UM is ranked in the 301-350 level of the 2014-15 list and is the only Montana university on the list.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings are the most comprehensive global rankings of higher education institutions, using 13 performance indicators to examine a university’s strengths against its core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. The data is collected and analyzed by Thomson Reuters.

The full list can be viewed at http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/2014-15/world-ranking.

For more information call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689 or email officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu.
UM Professor Presents ‘Seeking History’s Touch: A Journalist in the Archives’

October 16, 2014

MISSOULA – This year marks the centennial of the University of Montana’s School of Journalism, and October is Archives Month at the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

To help celebrate both, UM Professor Dennis Swibold will give a talk about how archives helped the School of Journalism explore its past and celebrate this important anniversary. The lecture, titled “Seeking History’s Touch: A Journalist in the Archives,” will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the Theta Rho Room, which is located on Level Four of the Mansfield Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Swibold will cover the history of UM’s journalism program, provide an overview of the research conducted to document the school’s history, speak to the value of preserving our past and touch on his own time spent in archives.

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Distinguished Stony Brook Teaching Professor to Deliver President’s Lecture at UM

October 13, 2014

MISSOULA – A nationally known lecturer will deliver the next installment of the 2014-15 President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Michael Schwartz, an award-winning professor and the founding director of the College of Global Studies at Stony Brook University, will present “It’s the Oil, Stupid: The Oily Aspects of the Current Wars in Iraq, Syria and Other Hot Spots on Five Continents,” at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 22, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Schwartz also will lead a seminar earlier that day, titled “Military Neo-Liberalism: The Evolving Profile of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century,” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar both are free and open to the public.

After graduating from Harvard University with a Ph.D. in sociology in 1971, Schwartz began teaching at Stony
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Brook University in New York. He lectures and writes on the topics of economic, Marxist, historical and political sociology as well as ethnic relations, insurgency and revolution, and applied sociology.

In 2008, Schwartz wrote “War Without End: The Iraq War in Context.” He is nearing completion of two books: “Military Neo-Liberalism” and “The Rise and Fall of Detroit” with Joshua Murray.

Schwartz is currently working on two additional research projects: “Politics, Economics, and Violent Resistance in Iraq” and “Food Riots in Latin America.”

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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UM Students to Award $12,500 to Local Nonprofits

October 13, 2014

MISSOULA – A University of Montana class, Engaging Social Responsibility through Philanthropy, will grant a total of $12,500 to local nonprofits this semester, distributing a minimum award of $2,000 and a maximum award of $8,000.

The grants will benefit local nonprofits and enhance the Missoula community. The class focuses on giving monetary donations to nonprofits that operate within Missoula County and address the needs of mental health and/or hunger.

Local nonprofits that fit the criteria are welcome to apply by Oct. 31. The forms can be found online at http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/nonprofit-studies/learning-by-giving.php#.

The UM philanthropy class teaches students about social responsibility and community-building to address and resolve social issues. Students study the role of philanthropy and giving strategies to meet local needs. The class, which receives funding from the Learning by Giving Foundation and the PPL Montana Community Fund, engages students in a philanthropic experience, allowing them to research community needs, review
applications and disperse grants.

For more information call Andrea Vernon, director of UM’s Office for Civic Engagement, at 406-243-5159 or email andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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Contemporary Artists Amanda Browder, Vanessa German to Visit UM

October 13, 2014

MISSOULA – Two nationally recognized contemporary artists will visit the University of Montana this fall as part of exhibitions on display at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture. Amanda Browder’s exhibition “End of the Infinite” and Vanssa German’s exhibition “Bitter Root” will be on display from Thursday, Oct. 16, to Saturday, Jan. 10, in the Meloy and Paxon galleries of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM.

Each artist will visit UM at different times throughout the exhibition. Browder will be on hand for an opening reception Thursday, Oct. 16, beginning with an artist’s talk at 5 p.m. in the Masquer Theatre, followed by food and live music by Tom Catmull in the PAR/TV Center Lobby from 5:45 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Thousands of visitors experienced Browder’s piece, “Rapunzel” which was installed on the southwest corner of the Missoula Mercantile Building as part of October First Friday Artwalk. During the reception and on the last day of the exhibition, large-scale fabric sculptures “Future Phenomenon” and “Good Morning!” will hang on the exterior of the PAR/TV Center.
Browder is a nationally celebrated fabric artist and Missoula native who creates large-scale fabric soft sculptures. Browder has exhibited internationally at the Nakaochiai Gallery in Tokyo; Lothringer 14 in Munich; White Columns in New York City; Gallery 400-UIC and The Hyde Park Art Center in Chicago. She has received grants from the Brooklyn Arts Council and the NPArt.

German will be in residence at UM and the Montana Museum of Art & Culture during the beginning of November. Her exhibition features mixed media sculptures that reference folk art and the transatlantic slave trade, or as she states, “the western coast of Africa, the east coast of the Carolinas, the east end of Pittsburgh.” German’s Homewood neighborhood in Pittsburgh has been called “One of America’s Most Violent Neighborhoods.” Her work is a response to gun violence and prostitution that stands in opposition to the community-building and healing words of Martin Luther King Jr.

This exhibition title has been abbreviated from German’s spoken-word phrase “Bitter Root, Lost Loot, Sore Tooth, Oh Shoot, Whole Truth, Traveling Reckoning Show,” reflecting the feeling of journey this body of work contains. She has a long affiliation with author James Lee Burke’s novel “Bitterroot.”

“I’ve been listening to this book on tape for about five years,” German said. “I listen to it over and over again, because it makes me feel like I am in Montana. I love hearing about the landscape. Whenever I need to, I listen to this book [and] I travel to Montana, to a wide place that is almost exactly the opposite from where I am, and it helps me to feel good.”

An accomplished performing artist, she received performance training at the Los Angeles Conservatory of the Performing Arts, Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies, South West College, University of Cincinnati, and the Los Angeles Theater Academy and received an Onyx award for her performance in the Pittsburgh premiere of Cassandra Medley’s “Relativity.”

In 2007, German was recognized with a Duquesne Light Leadership Award for contributions to art and culture. She also is the founding artist of the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust’s “She Said: words by women” poetry performance series, which brings nationally recognized writers and speakers to Pittsburgh. She is the winner of the 2008 Hip Hop Award for best spoken-word poet and was selected as a 2012 TEDx Cambridge spoken-word performer. She is the 2010 AAP Mendelson Exhibition Award Winner, was included in the 2012 and 2013 Art Basel Miami Beach fairs and recently had a solo exhibition at Pavel Zoubok Gallery in New York City.

German’s visit is sponsored by UM’s DiverseU, a series of activities that prompt dialogue in order to explore the complexities of human experience, promote understanding and create community through the practice of civil discourse.

As part of DiverseU, German will have a conversation with students and the public at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, in the University Center Theater. She will also offer a spoken-word performance in the University Center South Atrium at noon Friday, Nov. 7, before taking part in First Friday activities with a series of performances from 5 to 8 p.m. in downtown Missoula.

German will give an artist’s talk at 5:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, in Social Science Building Room 356. The talk is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Lecture Fund.
German will be on hand for a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the PAR/TV Center Lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

MMAC’s academic year gallery hours are 12-3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and 12-6 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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UM International Student Enrollment Hits Record High

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MISSOULA – More international students are choosing to attend the University of Montana than ever before. UM’s Office of International Programs reports 832 international students enrolled this semester, representing about 5 percent of the entire student population, compared to about 4 percent last year.

“This increase shows that this student demographic is the fastest-growing right now,” UM Office of International Programs Director Paulo Zagalo-Melo said. “We should pay attention to the potential that lies in having many international students, both financially and educationally.”

International students pay out-of-state tuition, bringing important revenue to UM, but Zagalo-Melo said the gain goes far beyond the finances.

“We gain a more globally minded community,” he said. “We become more proficient on intercultural communication. We gain global competence.”

And the more international students UM educates, he said, the more international exposure it receives.
“Every single time we have an international student here, we are expanding our visibility for free,” Zagalo-Melo said. “If they have a good experience here, they’ll become our indirect recruiters. It’s a great network that we are building.”

Students from Brazil account for the biggest increase in enrollment, more than doubling from last spring’s 45 students to more than 100 enrolled this semester. Zagalo-Melo said UM’s improved marketing and recruiting strategies are starting to produce results, and education trends, especially in Brazil, Saudi Arabia and China, are driving the increase of international students in the U.S., thus deserving special attention by the Office of International Programs.

In China, a growing middle class and an overloaded educational system are sending more students to America for their studies. UM has about 90 Chinese students this semester.

Both Brazil and Saudi Arabia recently introduced large government-funded study abroad programs, making it easier for students from those countries to relocate to the U.S. for their education. Currently, 105 students from Brazil are enrolled at UM, second only to Japan’s 109 students and to the Philippines’ 168 students (although most of these students are taking online courses in the health professions). Nearly 80 students from Saudia Arabia are enrolled at UM this fall.

Zagalo-Melo said U.S. universities have a growing world-class reputation and are attracting more international students. UM is a member of the Study Abroad Foundation, a nonprofit organization that builds study abroad programs for students from several countries at a number of American universities. Of about 30 U.S. universities in the network, UM received the highest number of students this fall. Most UM students recruited through SAF come from Japan and Korea.

“There has to be international recruitment,” Zagalo-Melo said. “We are working very heavily on developing a recruitment strategy that connects the trends in the international education market with what we have to do in terms of recruitment and trying to implement it in a timely manner.”

During the past year, UM changed its recruitment model to use different core messages and distribution channels when recruiting internationally. Recruiters developed specific materials and strategies for marketing overseas students.

“For international students, the first and most important pitch is the academic program,” Zagalo-Melo said. “First you have to show UM is a good academic fit for them.”

The new strategies were used recruiting in Brazil last fall, and recruiters are beginning to use the new recruiting techniques in other countries this year. Zagalo-Melo expects the changes to translate to an even-larger international student body next fall.

The international students attending UM this fall come from 81 different countries. Nearly half of them chose business administration, health professions or intensive English as their field of study. For more information call Zagalo-Melo at 406-243-6818 or email paulo.zagalo-melo@umontana.edu.

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Long-Running Student-Produced TV Program Highlights Montana Businesses

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MISSOULA – Bamboo fly-fishing rods, heavy-duty man baskets, a family Chai recipe, gourmet chocolates and a new energy bar made from Montana-raised beef are the subjects of a University of Montana student-produced television program featuring Montana-based businesses.

“Business: Made in Montana” profiles companies that create products in Big Sky Country and do business around the state, the country and the world. The new program will premiere at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 23, on MontanaPBS and will broadcast again at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 and at 1 a.m. Monday, Oct. 27. This episode introduces viewers to Tom Morgan Rodsmiths in Manhattan, Lifting Technologies Inc. in Missoula, Tipu’s Chai in Polson, Posh Chocolat in Missoula and Omnibar in Ovando.

Producers follow the waters of the Madison River to a Manhattan company that aims for perfection when creating finely crafted bamboo fly rods. Tom Morgan and his wife, Gerri, have owned and operated Tom Morgan Rodsmiths since 1996.

Man-basket manufacturing company, Lifting Technologies in Missoula, is a local family business with an
international market.

After successfully running an Indian restaurant in Missoula, Tipu’s Chai owner Bipin Patel moved his business to Polson with hopes of spreading his grandmother’s authentic chai tea recipe around the country.

Posh Chocolat, a Missoula chocolate company, celebrates nearly a decade of making delectable treats for its customers and has even bigger plans for the future.

Omnibar is a new Montana-made energy bar for extreme athletes. Owner Cooper Burchenal uses beef from his family ranch near Ovando to create a savory alternative for a growing market.

Students at UM’s School of Journalism and Department of Radio-TV produced the program during spring semester 2014. Senior journalism student Sam Waldorf hosts the program. Over a span of 21 years, “Business: Made in Montana” has featured nearly 200 different businesses.

“Business: Made in Montana” is made possible with support from the Greater Montana Foundation. Founded by pioneer broadcaster Ed Craney in 1958, the GMF provides grants to improve the quality of communications of important issues through electronic media. More information is available at http://greatermontana.org/.

MontanaPBS is comprised of KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in Bozeman and is a service of the University of Montana-Missoula and Montana State University-Bozeman.

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UM-Led Team Selected for $8.2 Million NASA Grant to Study Evolution of Life

October 10, 2014

MISSOULA – A team led by University of Montana researcher Frank Rosenzweig has been selected for a five-year, $8.2 million NASA grant to study how life evolved and became more complex on Earth.

Space agency officials believe that a better understanding of how life arises, propagates and becomes increasingly complex will help them find and recognize it elsewhere in the universe.

Rosenzweig’s team was one of seven nationwide selected to receive grants that totaled $50 million to assist NASA with astrobiology research. The title of his group’s successful 177-page proposal was “Reliving the History of Life: Experimental Evolution of Major Transitions.” A video about the NASA award is online at http://bit.ly/111C5oQ.

“We will study major evolutionary transitions in the history of life that have led to increases in biocomplexity,” Rosenzweig said. “These transitions include the evolution of metabolic networks, the evolution of multicellularity and the evolution of cooperative or symbiotic relationships among cells.
“In various ways we are going to try to rewind the tape of the history of life on Earth and study its most important moments in the lab using all the advanced genetic techniques now available,” he said. “By better understanding how these transitions occur in the systems that evolved on our planet, we can be more alert to life-forms of varying complexity on other worlds.”

UM’s partner institutions on the project are Stanford University; the University of Colorado, Boulder; the University of New Hampshire; the University of New Mexico; the Santa Fe Institute; and the University of Pennsylvania.

Rosenzweig said his research team will become part of the NASA Astrobiology Institute, headquartered at the Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif.

Research team members at UM will include Rosenzweig, John McCutcheon, Scott Miller, Matthew Herron, Margie Kinnersley and Eric Smith. Each summer Smith, who is affiliated with the Santa Fe Institute, will be a UM scholar-in-residence.

Rosenzweig said the overarching question for their research is this: What forces bring about the major transitions in the evolution of biocomplexity? Researchers also will delve into how enzymes and metabolic networks evolve; how mitochondria – the power plants of cells –evolve; how cells start working together on the road to multicellularity; and processes that constrain the evolution of novel traits.

Other institutions receiving NASA astrobiology awards include the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Ames Research Laboratory.

“This new NASA partnership illustrates the tremendously impactful work by our scientists at the University of Montana,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “Dr. Rosenzweig and his colleagues are among the world leaders in understanding how life develops. When you look at the other institutions that received funding in this competition, you realize what a research powerhouse we have at UM.”

Rosenzweig said the grant will bring the equivalent of 15 “person-years” of postdoctoral salaries to UM, as well as 20 person-years of graduate-research assistantships. “So it will create opportunities to grow our graduate program,” he said. It also will provide 20 fellowships for undergraduates working in University labs.

An annual meeting of all principal investigators and their teams involved with the project will take place every year at UM, Rosenzweig said. Open forums to let the public know about the research are planned, as well as symposia at the Flathead Lake Biological Station involving NASA Astrobiology Institute partners from across the nation.

“It’s humbling to bring an award of this magnitude to Montana,” he said. “I’m also really proud of the team that I’m associated with. It’s kind of a ‘Who’s Who’ list of young guns in the study of evolutionary genetics.”

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Elouise Cobell’s Legacy Finds Permanent Home at UM

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MISSOULA – The Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute at the University of Montana officially will open its doors Friday, Oct. 10. The institute is located in The Payne Family Native American Center.

“We here at the University of Montana are humbled that Elousie’s family has permitted us to honor her,” said UM President Royce Engstrom at the institute's inception announcement in 2013. “[This is] where future leaders will meet the challenges around land and asset management, as well as understand the worldwide cultures of indigenous people.”

The institute is named in honor of Cobell, the leader from the Blackfeet Tribe who in 1985 embarked on one of the largest and most complicated class-action lawsuits ever brought against the U.S. government. The lawsuit claimed the Interior Department illegally obtained billions of dollars in royalties owed to individual tribal members all across the country, and ultimately resulted in a 2010 settlement worth $3.4 billion. Cobell died in 2011 at the age of 65.

“Elouise had a voracious appetite for justice,” said Terry Payne, who along with his family provided most of the
$1.2 million needed for the institute’s completion. “She was an inspiration to me and so many other people.”

The Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute offers unprecedented technology and learning environments to UM students, and the opportunity for collaborations with tribal colleges. It occupies the entire garden level of The Payne Family Native American Center. The institute provides flexible classroom designs, advanced distance-learning platforms and a multiscreen theater room that will emphasize storytelling traditions in Native American culture. One highlight of the facility is a round room, which uses the same technology as the American Museum of Natural History and NASA, and immerses viewers in an interactive display of the environment and the sky. It can be used for traditional storytelling and for astronomical teaching.

Most importantly, the institute will serve as a way for Cobell’s legacy of justice and equality to carry on for many years to come.

“This is a space where students can work effectively on real-world problems,” said Chris Comer, dean of UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences, which includes the Department of Native American Studies. “When they're working on classroom projects, those projects will produce something that’s helping a community and making a real difference.”

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MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana re-established its medical assisting program this fall to keep up with the local and national demand for certified medical assistants.

Students already are taking introductory medical assisting classes this semester, with their first clinical courses beginning in the spring. Students learn to become the professionals who greet patients, schedule appointments, administer shots and perform routine testing in medical settings, government agencies, laboratories and even insurance companies.

MC plans to start a new group of about 20 students in the medical assisting program each fall.

“The medical community here in Missoula has been incredibly excited and supportive of the return of our medical assisting program,” Medical Assisting Program Director Paula Criman said. “This is a great opportunity to start a career with an important and growing role in providing care in area offices and clinics.”

Three years ago, MC discontinued its medical assisting program after local medical offices opted to use
licensed practical nurses. But the Affordable Care Act revived the demand for medical assistants, and the college decided it needed to bring back the program.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical assisting continues to be viewed as one of the fastest-growing occupations in the country.

“Medical assistants play a vital role in freeing physicians to provide care to their patients, which is why they went into the medical field,” Criman said. “I am thrilled that Missoula College will be able to provide another way of serving our local medical community.”

National Medical Assistants Recognition Week is Oct. 20-24. The theme this year is “Medical Assistants: at the Heart of Health Care.”

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UM Researcher Awarded National Science Foundation Fellowship

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MISSOULA – A University of Montana researcher recently was awarded a National Science Foundation fellowship to explore a solution for managing limited water resources in the southwestern United States.

Rebecca Manners, a postdoctoral researcher affiliated with the UM Department of Geosciences and the Center for Riverine Science and Stream Renaturalization, will receive $375,000 toward her project as an NSF Science, Engineering and Education for Sustainability Fellow.

“Getting one of these fellowships has provided me a good deal of flexibility and freedom to pursue a research agenda that I identified as interesting and important,” Manners said.

The SEES fellowship will take Manners back into the field over the next three years, primarily to the
upper Colorado River Basin, where she plans to build a hydrologically driven model of riparian ecosystem dynamics that accounts for the interactions between physical processes and riparian vegetation.

Under the guidance of mentors Andrew Wilcox, a fluvial geomorphologist in UM’s Department of Geosciences, and David Merritt, a riparian ecologist with the U.S. Forest Service in Fort Collins, Colo., Manners will conduct research at the interface of ecology and geomorphology.

“It’s a larger collaboration, building on data sets that numerous researchers and I have collected over the years,” Manners said. “What we’re trying to do is to bring all of this information together in the best way possible to better manage these rivers.”

In light of the growing demand for increasingly limited water resources, Manners’ model will help define future flow regimes for regulated rivers that, in addition to meeting human needs, will promote native species, suppress non-native species and prevent channel degradation through vegetation encroachment.

Manners’ project, “An Integrative Model of Riparian Ecosystem Dynamics to Support Sustainable Management of Regulated Rivers,” will give her experience managing her own budget, teaching courses and interacting with numerous stakeholders on the project.

Ultimately, Manners hopes her work helps further the understanding of river processes, giving society a robust tool set to help better manage these systems.

To watch a video of Manners discussing her research, visit http://youtu.be/f6T2RembwrY.

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Public Invited to Montana Innocence Project Annual Open House at UM

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MISSOULA – The Montana Innocence Project, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to exonerating the innocent and preventing wrongful convictions, will host its annual open house from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, at the University of Montana School of Law Castles Law Center. The event is free and open to the public.

At 6 p.m. MTIP will present awards to a law firm and two community members for their work with MTIP. MTIP will give Axilon Law Group, with locations in Missoula, Bozeman, Big Sky and Billings, its Outstanding Law Firm award. Missoula lawyer Brett Schandelson of Tipp & Buley law firm will be presented MTIP’s Champion of Innocence award. Finally, MTIP will award Tobias Cook its Freedom Fighter award. Cook first started assisting MTIP as a volunteer his first year of law school and has been dedicating his time ever since.

MTIP invites the public to enjoy free snacks from the Good Food Store and refreshments while they listen to the impact of MTIP and meet the award winners.

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UM Professor Named Harvard JPB Environmental Health Fellow

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MISSOULA – Annie Belcourt, a University of Montana College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences assistant professor, has accepted an invitation from Harvard University to be a JPB Environmental Health Fellow for the next three years.

The fellowship will allow Belcourt, a faculty member in pharmacy practice and public health, to extend her work in environmental health while developing new collaborative research projects aimed at tribal populations in Montana.

“I am honored to have been selected from the many excellent applicants working in environmental health across the nation,” Belcourt said. “I am excited to represent UM and to provide a Native American scholar perspective on behalf of tribal nations in our region.”

Belcourt, an enrolled member of the Three Affiliated Tribes (Blackfeet, Chippewa, Mandan and Hidatsa lineage), was a participant in UM’s TRIO Upward Bound program from Browning High School from 1989 to 1992. She went on to participate in the TRIO Student Support Services program while completing her
undergraduate degree at UM.

She completed her doctorate in clinical psychology at UM in 2006. Her research and clinical practice priorities include mental health disparities, trauma, post-traumatic stress reactions, risk, resiliency and psychiatric disorder within the culture context of American Indian communities.

Belcourt has provided clinical services to a diverse clientele across the developmental lifespan in a variety of settings. She completed pre-doctoral internship training with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Denver, working with veterans and addressing post-traumatic reactions.

In 2006, she completed a four-year postdoctoral faculty appointment with the University of Colorado, Denver, Centers for American Indian and Alaska Native Health. Since joining the faculty at UM in 2010, Belcourt conducted multiple grant-funded projects and created collaborative research projects with American Indian communities. She recently partnered with faculty from UM’s Center for Environmental Health on a successfully funded research grant examining indoor air quality interventions with multiple communities.

Belcourt’s research has been published in a variety of peer-reviewed scientific journals, including American Psychologist, the American Journal of Public Health and Psychological Bulletin.

JPB Environmental Health Fellowship Director John Spengler said Belcourt’s accomplishments, expertise and commitment to underserved populations will be valuable to the program.

The fellowship allows Belcourt to remain at UM while attending multiple advanced training sessions with Harvard School of Environmental Public Health faculty both in Cambridge, Mass., and Santa Fe, N.M. The funding provides up to $350,000 to support her direct research and time researching, projects and travel. The fellowship began Oct. 1 and continues through December 2017.

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Mansfield Library Opens New Study Room for Student Veterans

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MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library and the Veterans Education and Transition Services Office at the University of Montana will showcase the new Student Veterans Group Study Room in an open house from 12:30-2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in the Mansfield Library Room 504. The public is invited to the free open house. Refreshments will be provided.

The space was created to help student veterans meet their educational goals. In cooperation with the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and the UM VETS Office, the room was designed to include study furniture, soft chairs and a complete complement of networked technology to foster an atmosphere conducive to studying and learning.

For more information, call Mansfield Library Professor and Instruction Coordinator Sue Samson at 406-243-4335 or email sue.samson@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Paleontology Center Celebrates National Fossil Day

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Paleontology Center invites the public to “dust off them bones and party with paleontologists” at the fifth annual National Fossil Day on Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The free event runs from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Charles H. Clapp Building on the southeast corner of campus. Attendees are asked to enter through the building’s breezeway.

Activities include fossil identifications; tours of the Research Collections Room, which only happen once a year; a viewing of a short film about the origins of tetrapods; and a chance to hear about current paleontological research going on at the center. Activities geared especially for kids ages 5 to 12 will take place in the Junior Paleontologist Room.

Also this year, the first 40 people who sign up for a new Friends of the UMPC membership will receive a promotional UMPC T-shirt. Cash or checks only will be accepted.

The UMPC collections represent the ancient heritage of Montana and western North America. There are more
than 100,000 vertebrate, invertebrate and plant specimens in the research collection, which was started in 1898.

For more information call UMPC Collections Manager Kallie Moore at 406-243-5151, email kallie.moore@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/paleontology.

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UM Mortar Board Receives Prestigious Gold Torch Award

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MISSOULA – The Penetralia Chapter of Mortar Board National Honor Society at the University of Montana received a prestigious national award at the 2014 Mortar Board National Conference held Aug. 1-3 in Atlanta.

The UM chapter of Mortar Board received the Gold Torch Award, an honor awarded to only the most exceptional chapters of the organization. The Gold Torch Award was given to 24 chapters who demonstrated significant accomplishments in chapter management and contributed meaningful service to their institutions. The conference awarded 67 other chapters with the Silver Torch Award, given to chapters that meet all standards and deadlines of the organization.

Mortar Board is a national honor society that recognizes college seniors for outstanding achievement, scholarship, leadership and service. The UM Penetralia Chapter was charted in 1927, and is one of 229 chapters across the nation. It is most known for its national project, "Reading is Leading," and its sponsorship of the President’s Outgoing Senior Recognition Award, which is presented to college seniors who have demonstrated exemplary work in their departments or student organizations at UM.
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UM Journalism Alum Snags Award for Outstanding Feature Story

October 06, 2014

MISSOULA – Kelly Conde, a 2013 graduate of the master’s program in Environmental and Natural Resource Journalism at the University of Montana, received a prestigious award for her story “The Damage Done” this September.

Conde was awarded second place for Outstanding Feature Story by the Society for Environmental Journalists at their 24th annual conference in New Orleans.

Her in-depth article about the impact of oil drilling and the subsequent water contamination on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation was the capstone of her master’s work at UM.

“Seeing it in print, and now seeing it distributed to a wider audience, is so rewarding because the story is really something that needs to be known,” Conde said. “The people that have been affected by that contamination really haven’t gotten any help.”

The award put Conde in the company of 29 other accomplished professional journalists covering the
environmental beat for publications like The New York Times, National Geographic, High Country News and Scientific American. It exposed audiences beyond the Continental Divide to her story, which originally ran in the Missoula Independent.

The judges, who had to choose between more than 300 entries, called “The Damage Done” a “well-told piece about one community's struggle to ensure that its water is safe, and a universal story that speaks to the impact that resource extraction has on countless communities around the world.”

Journalism Professor Dennis Swibold, who chaired Conde's master's committee, said he was impressed by her ability to paint a picture with words and apply accurate metaphors to complex science.

“She was and is an incredible listener,” Swibold said, “and she wasn’t just listening with her ears, but with her eyes as well.”


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MISSOULA – The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Montana (MOLLI), which offers noncredit academic short courses to individuals who are age 50 and older, has surpassed its all-time enrollment high.

This fall, there are 930 individuals registered for courses, and MOLLI membership grew to 737 members – an all-time high for the fall semester. More members join and more students register every day.

MOLLI is one of many Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes across the country. The program is a resource for older adults who enjoy learning, connecting socially with others and having a relationship with UM. MOLLI courses are enjoyed without the added pressure of grades or tests.

“I am so proud of the increased participation,” said MOLLI Council Chair Ann Boone. “It shows that learning for the sake of learning is important to our community. The numbers are the result of hard work and members with open minds.”
MOLLI courses are offered during three, six-week terms: fall, winter and spring. This fall, 23 different courses are offered, as well as several special member events and an educational trip to Vienna in partnership with the UM School of Music. The courses are academic in nature and traditionally taught by UM faculty, emeritus faculty and professionals from the community.

Examples of courses offered this term include “The Bakken Petroleum Field: Energy and Problems” with Ian Lange and Taresa Spade and “The Dead Do Tell Tales: Forensic Anthropology” with Garry Kerr.

MOLLI is a membership organization, and annual memberships cost $20. Each class is $60, with a discount for individuals taking multiple classes within the same term.

“We try to keep it affordable and accessible to everyone,” said Roger Maclean, dean of the School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, which facilitates and houses the MOLLI program. “It really is a community program.”

Registration is still open for fall term. People interested in taking a course or becoming a member should contact the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905. Winter term begins Jan. 22.

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Nominations Sought for 2015 UM Pantzer Humanitarian Award

October 03, 2014

MISSOULA – Nominations are now being accepted for the University of Montana’s Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award, presented each year to a person from the University or state who has substantially contributed to making campus a more open and humane learning environment.

The award honors Pantzer, UM president from 1966 to 1974, whose open-door policy was a hallmark of his administration. Pantzer also provided outstanding leadership in the preservation of unfettered academic inquiry and expression.

The Pantzer Award Committee seeks nominations of individuals who have demonstrated similar characteristics. Nominations should include the nominee’s resume and a statement describing how the individual fits the criteria. Additional letters of support for the nominee are optional. Previous nominations may be reactivated by request and by providing any additional or updated information.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14. The award will be presented at UM’s Charter Day ceremonies on Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2015.
Nominations should be mailed to Pantzer Award Committee Chair, Office of the Provost, University of Montana, 32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT 59812, or emailed to provost@umontana.edu.

More information about the call for nominations is online at http://www.umt.edu/provost/events/PantzerAward.php.

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UM Partners with Bozeman Public Schools on Safety Grant

October 03, 2014

**BOZEMAN** – Bozeman Public Schools, the University of Montana and other partners have been awarded a three-year, $3.3 million grant for Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe.

BPS is one of 24 agencies nationwide to receive the National Institute of Justice grant, which will examine how to implement comprehensive, integrated prevention support for students. The Bozeman school district was the only applicant in Montana to be awarded the funding this year.

BPS will collaborate on the grant with the Montana Safe Schools Center and the National Native Children’s Trauma Center, both housed at UM’s Institute for Educational Research and Service.

Other partners are Gallatin County Youth Court Services, school- and community-based mental health providers, and THRIVE, a local nonprofit that provides services related to school and family engagement.

Titled “School and Family Engagement – Trauma Informed (SAFE-TI),” the grant will evaluate the school-safety impacts of implementing an approach applied within a tiered assessment and intervention framework.
SAFE-TI will provide trauma screening, assessment and treatment of student-specific risk factors that impact school safety, including threat-to-self and threat-to-others.

The project will launch in January 2015.

“This is a highly competitive grant, and we're thrilled to be an awardee,” BPS Superintendent of Schools Rob Watson said. “This grant will support the provision of a variety of services to youth in need, and the research focus will inform our district and districts across the nation in how educational systems implement intervention frameworks. We also are excited to know that this grant will allow us to provide direct services for students and families.”

The district will expand direct family and student services using parent liaisons, student assistance specialists, student assistance paraprofessionals and community facilitators. The goal is to implement a comprehensive array of trauma-informed interventions.

“This grant gives us a tremendous opportunity to enhance the effectiveness of our mental health and educational systems,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “The safety of our schools is paramount, and this grant supports not only comprehensive services but a scientific evaluation component that could take this effort across the nation.”

Partner agencies will engage in joint learning activities and research evaluation led by the UM centers.

“There is an urgent need nationally to evaluate how comprehensive trauma services optimally impact students, families and communities,” said Rick Van den Pol, director of UM’s Institute for Educational Research & Service. “The University of Montana is privileged to partner with Bozeman Public Schools in this initiative,”

“This grant is another excellent example of how the Bozeman Public Schools collaborates with institutions of higher education and other agencies for the benefit of children,” said Marilyn King, BPS deputy superintendent and co-principal investigator on the project.

Researchers will investigate three main questions: What are the effects of immediate availability and referral to appropriate trauma-informed services and care on students and school-safety indices? What are the effects of delayed availability and referral to appropriate trauma-informed services and care on students? And how does availability and referral to appropriate trauma-informed services and care on students impact school practices, culture and climate?

“This is a proud moment for Bozeman Public Schools to be considered worthy of studying such a critical aspect of school safety and student success,” said PBS Student Assistance Coordinator Laura St. John, who will assume the role of project director.

“We are excited that we will be bolstering services to students, collaborating with the community and evaluating and sharing the results on a larger scale,” said Chad Berg, the director of BPS Special Education who will serve as systems of care technical adviser.

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UM History Lecture to Examine ‘Warfare State’

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MISSOULA – Author and University of Chicago Professor James T. Sparrow will deliver the 2014 University of Montana Arnold Swanberg Lecture in Military History at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Sparrow's lecture will focus on his first book, “Warfare State: WWII and the Militarization of American Citizenship,” which details the social politics of the national state as its foundations shifted from welfare to warfare during World War II.

Sparrow is now working on a second book titled “The New Leviathan: Sovereign America and the Foundations of Rule in the Atomic Age.”

“Professor Sparrow is a leader among a rising generation of scholars who are reconsidering the rise of the modern American state in the 20th Century,” said UM History Associate Professor Kyle G. Volk. “By locating the most fundamental roots of the modern state not in FDR’s New Deal but in America’s involvement in World War II, Sparrow forces us to reconsider how and why ‘big government’ became a defining feature of American
The Arnold Swanberg Lecture in Military History is an annual lecture presented by the UM Department of History. Swanberg earned a bachelor's degree in history from UM in 1970 and is the former publisher of Flightline Magazine, a publication devoted to North American military aviation after 1945. Now a Seattle resident, Swanberg worked with the UM history department to create the annual lecture in the hopes that it will stimulate public interest in military history and an appreciation for its significance.

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MISSOULA – An expert on how children learn will deliver the next installment of the 2014-15 President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Paul L. Harris is the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Education at Harvard University. He will present “Trusting What You’re Told: How Children Learn From Others” at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

Harris also will lead a seminar earlier that day, titled “The Work of the Imagination,” from 3:10 to 5:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar both are free and open to the public.

Harris is well-known in the fields of psychology and education. He emphasizes the agency of children in their own education as they determine the reliability of their informants both in and outside of the classroom. The lecture will discuss his ideas about teaching, which, to be effective, must be attuned to the inner lives of children, including their imaginative and their rational faculties.
After completing his doctorate in psychology at Oxford University in 1971, Harris taught psychology at Lancaster University, the Free University in Amsterdam, the London School of Economics, Oxford University and Stanford University. In 2001, he was appointed Professor of Education at Harvard University. He became the Victor S. Thomas Professor of Education in 2005.

Harris has taught and published in the areas of psychology and child, cognitive, emotional and language development. He has won book awards from the American Psychological Association and the Cognitive Development Society. He is the 2015 winner of the American Psychological Association’s Mentor Award in Developmental Psychology.

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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Expert on Mindfulness, Veterans’ Resilience to Lecture at UM Oct. 7

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MISSOULA – Dan Libby, a University of Montana alumnus and executive director of the national Veterans Yoga Project, will present a lecture on mindfulness titled “Recovery & Resilience of our Military Veterans” on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at UM. The lecture is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:10 p.m. in the University Center Theater.

Libby conducted his postdoctoral research at Yale University and developed the Mindful Resilience Training program. MRT is an evidence-informed, clinically tested program developed specifically for veterans recovering from post-traumatic stress and other psychological difficulties.

“It was developed based on feedback and data from hundreds of veterans and active-duty service members receiving treatment at residential and outpatient treatment programs,” Libby said. “Mindful Resilience has been successfully integrated into mental health and addiction treatment programs for veterans and active-duty military.

“I will review some of the issues facing our military veterans, the limitations of traditional evidence-based
treatments,” Libby said, “and how mindfulness and yoga are being used to build resilience, aid recovery and promote reintegration among veterans, their families and their communities.”

Last spring, Libby worked with UM Professor Laura Dybdal and Shawn Grove, director of UM’s VETS Office, to design a 12-week MRT pilot project for UM student veterans. The UM program was piloted in the Department of Health and Human Performance’s Mind/Body Lab. It was sponsored by the Veterans Yoga Project, UM’s Mind-Body Lab, the Student Veteran Association, UM VETS and The Bookstore at UM.

The success of the pilot program prompted Dybdal and Grove to pursue expanded funding and foster a partnership with Missoula’s Red Willow Learning Center. The objective of the partnership is to provide an ongoing MRT program for student veterans and to conduct research on student veterans’ mindfulness, stress and pain levels, academic retention and other factors.

Libby’s visit to Missoula will also include a MRT session for health care professionals and yoga teachers and a session for student veterans.

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Three-Story Fabric-Art Installation in Downtown Missoula Gives Preview of UM Exhibit

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MISSOULA – Nationally celebrated fabric artist Amanda Browder will drape her three-story multicolored soft sculpture “Rapunzel on the southwest corner of the Missoula Mercantile Building as part of First Friday Artwalk from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3.

The installation is a preview of her University of Montana exhibition at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture titled “Amanda Browder: End of the Infinite It will be on display Thursday, Oct. 16, through Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015, in the Meloy Gallery of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM.

The Missoula-born artist will talk about her work at an opening reception at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the PAR/TV Center’s Masquer Theatre, followed by food and music from 5:45 to 7 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center lobby. Both events are free and open to the public.

“Rapunzel” was Browder's first large-scale fabric installation. It originally hung from the bedroom window of her
apartment in Chicago while she taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

During the reception and on the last day of the exhibition, Browder’s large-scale sculptures “Future Phenomenon” and “Good Morning!” will hang on the exterior of the PAR/TV Center.

“It will completely transform the building with big beautiful bursts of color,” MMAC Director Barbara Koostra said. “They’re both wonderfully vibrant and huge pieces.”

Browder has exhibited internationally at the Nakaochiai Gallery in Tokyo; Lothringer 14 in Munich; White Columns in New York City; and Gallery 400-UIC and The Hyde Park Art Center in Chicago.

MMAC’s academic year gallery hours (Aug. 25 through May 16, 2015) are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, 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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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s 2014 Math Day will launch at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 3, in the Gallagher Business Building.

Math Day is a one-day event for eighth- through 12th-graders who enjoy solving puzzles, learning mathematics and figuring things out.

The event runs all day and is composed of a variety of hands-on workshops on topics that go beyond the classroom, including counting to infinity and understanding how music and math relate.

Students are invited to come on their own or with their teachers, and teachers are encouraged to bring classes on a field trip to this Missoula County Public Schools-sponsored event. Students and teachers also are invited to participate in the Missoula Math Circle, which meets at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays throughout fall semester.

For more information regarding Math Day or the Missoula Math Circle, visit http://hs.umt.edu/mathday
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Former President and China Business Expert to Appear in ‘CHINA Town Hall’

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MISSOULA – China’s increasing political and economic influence has a significant impact on the U.S. economy and U.S. global relationships, a fact that generates intense U.S. foreign and domestic policy debates. The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center will bring the conversation to Missoula by hosting the eighth annual “CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections” at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at the University of Montana’s Gallagher Business Building Room 106.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will feature former President Jimmy Carter by live webcast and on-site guest speaker Robert A. Kapp, president of Robert A. Kapp & Associates and former president of the U.S.-China Business Council.

China’s great gains in the past few decades are balanced by the economic and political challenges it still faces at home and abroad. To help U.S. citizens better understand China’s own goals and motivations, Carter will discuss U.S.-China relations and respond to questions from audience members at venues nationwide, including Missoula. During the on-site discussion, which will immediately follow the webcast, Kapp will address the economic challenges confronting China and how those challenges affect the U.S.
Carter served as the 39th President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. Under his leadership the Carter administration established U.S. diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China. In 1982, he became a University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta and founded The Carter Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that addresses national and international issues of public policy. Kapp served as president of the U.S.-China Business Council for 10 years. He has been a leader in sustaining strong, respectful relations between the two nations through congressional testimony, articles and media appearances.

“CHINA Town Hall” is a national day of programming on China involving 70 cities throughout the United States. The event is co-sponsored by the Mansfield Center, UM’s School of Business Administration, The Carter Center and the National Committee on United States-China Relations.

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UM, MCPS Annual Graduation Matters Rally Encourages High School Freshmen to Graduate

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**MISSOULA** – Dropping out of high school limits future income and employability. But that's a choice that 2.8 percent of Missoula County students make each year.

In an effort to encourage students to graduate and boost their potential, more than 925 freshmen from Missoula County Public Schools will gather Tuesday, Oct. 7, for the fourth annual Graduation Matters Freshman Rally at the University of Montana.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Adams Center. Students will be greeted by dignitaries such as MCPS Superintendent Alex Apostle, UM President Royce Engstrom and Montana Superintendent of Public Schools Denise Juneau. Missoula Mayor John Engen will emcee the event, and Lt. Gov. Angela McLean will be the keynote speaker.

“This event shows our freshmen that the community of Missoula and the entire state of Montana values them
and wants them to succeed and graduate," Apostle said. “We are so proud to lead the state for the third year running with the highest graduation rate and lowest dropout rate for AA high schools. We expect that each year, our freshman will continue that trend and even exceed it until we reach 100 percent graduation."

Current UM and MCPS students will speak, and entertainment will include musical performances and the rocking Adams Center sound system.

“We are excited to host this fun event at UM for the fourth time," Engstrom said. “Graduation Matters strengthens UM ties with Missoula public schools, and our goal is to inspire students to finish high school and go to college. Education provides a proven path to better lives.”

Participating MCPS schools are Big Sky, Hellgate, Sentinel and Seeley-Swan. Students will be bused to the rally, which dovetails with the efforts of Graduation Matters Missoula, a school-community partnership that encourages students to stay in school through graduation. The event also complements UM’s strategic plan, UM 2020: Building a University for the Global Century, which promotes helping K-12 students and assisting them with the transition to college.

All students in Missoula County Public Schools participate in learning experiences that reflect the MCPS 21st Century Model of Change, focused on increasing student engagement, transforming learning environments and supporting early innovators.


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SpectrUM to Bring Brain Exhibit to Eastern Montana

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular “Brain: The World Inside Your Head” exhibit to eastern Montana Monday, Oct. 6, through Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Culbertson schoolchildren will participate in guided field trips of the exhibit on Monday, Oct. 6, and Tuesday, Oct. 7. On Monday night, the community is invited to a free family science night from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Old Armory Building.

Then on Thursday, Oct. 9, and Friday, Oct. 10, students in Terry will tour the brain exhibit. On Thursday, the public is invited to a free family science night at Terry Public School from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Finally, from Monday, Oct. 13, to Wednesday, Oct. 15, “Brain: The World Inside Your Head” makes its way to Glendive, where schoolchildren will get their chance to see it. A free family science night from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 14, will be held at the Washington Middle School gymnasium.

Highlights of the exhibit include interactive science activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, such as an
EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and Mind Flex Duel – an activity through which visitors can move a ball using their brain waves. Visitors to “Brain: A World Inside Your Head” also get an opportunity to walk through spectrUM’s new Big Sky Big Brain – a 13-foot-tall inflatable brain that displays different traumatic brain injuries.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring a variety of themed interactive science exhibits. Since 2007, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to more than 25 counties and all seven American Indian reservations in Montana.

“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 co-director.

The project is powered by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.

The public can visit spectrUM Discovery Area in its new location at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula. Public hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission costs $3.50 per person.

For more information or to book a school visit, call spectrUM STEM Education Program Manager Jessie Herbert at 406-728-7868 or visit http://www.spectrum.umt.edu.

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