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UM Offers Project GO Scholarship to Eligible ROTC Cadets

January 30, 2015

MISSOULA – The Defense Critical Language & Culture Program at the University of Montana will offer the Project GO (Global Officer) scholarship to eligible ROTC cadets.

Project GO is a nationwide program that provides ROTC cadets study abroad experience and training in critical languages, exclusively for the languages of the Middle East, Asia and Africa. Eligibility is contingent upon contract status and fulfilling language prerequisites. The ROTC cadet must be under contract currently or by the time they graduate.

UM will offer two Project GO programs during the 2015 summer. UM’s program places a high emphasis on language fluency and cultural understanding. Both programs consist of domestic study and study abroad. The program promotes intercultural dialogue between ROTC students and international students and undertakes strategic initiatives to normalize study abroad and language study among ROTC students.

Online applications are accepted through Feb. 1. Project GO participants may be eligible for language-training incentive pay. Interested participants are encouraged to contact their ROTC unit for more details. A limited number
of openings are available.

A video from one of last year’s Project GO Korea participants is available online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ilo3ykLPg&feature=youtu.be. For more information call Daphne Felker at 406-243-3608. For more information on the Defense Critical Languages & Culture Program visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/dclcp/.

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Political Science Professor to Discuss Lincoln During Feb. 12 UM Lecture

January 30, 2015

MISSOULA – Esteemed political science Professor Diana Schaub will present a lecture titled “Lincoln at Gettysburg: Statesmanship in Speech” on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the University of Montana. The event will be at 7 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room and is free and open to the public.

Schaub’s lecture is being held in conjunction with “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War,” a traveling exhibition organized by the American Library Association and the National Constitution Center. UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library will host the exhibition until Friday, March 6, on the main floor. It examines how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the Civil War – the secession of southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

Schaub is a political science professor at Loyola University in Maryland. She has contributed to the New Atlantis, served on the President’s Council on Bioethics and is a member of the Hoover Institution Task Force on the Virtues of a Free Society. From 1994 to 1995, she was a postdoctoral Fellow of the Program on Constitutional Government at Harvard University. More recently, she has written on Lincoln’s legacy.
Lincoln is widely acknowledged as one of America’s greatest presidents, but his historical reputation is contested. The UM exhibition encourages visitors to form a nuanced view of Lincoln by engaging them with Lincoln’s struggle to reconcile his policy preferences with basic American ideals of liberty and equality. Visitors develop a more complete understanding of Lincoln as president and the Civil War as the nation’s gravest constitutional crisis.

This traveling exhibition is brought to UM by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities garnered by the Mansfield Library in collaboration with the UM’s Rob Saldin, director of the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship, and UM’s Tobin Miller Shearer, director of the African-American Studies Program.

Contact: Julie Biando Edwards, associate professor, UM Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, 406-243-4505, julie.edwards@umontana.edu; Rob Saldin, UM political science associate professor, 406-243-2461, robert.saldin@umontana.edu; Tobin Miller Shearer, UM history associate professor, 406-243-6225, tobin.shearer@umontana.edu.
Washington Corporations President to Receive Distinguished Eagle Scout Award at UM Feb. 9

January 30, 2015

MISSOULA – Larry Simkins, president of Washington Corporations since 2001, will receive the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award on Monday, Feb. 9, at the University of Montana.

A reception to honor Simkins and the 2014 Eagle Scout Class will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom, followed by a program at 6:30 p.m. and a dinner and social at 7:30 p.m.

Gov. Steve Bullock and Montana Chief Justice Mike McGrath will present the award to Simkins. Tickets can be purchased by calling 406-490-3848, and more information is online at http://www.montanabsa.org/new-distinguished-eagle-scout/.

Since joining the Washington Companies in 1988, Simkins has been involved in operations of various individual companies. As president, he provides leadership and direction to the enterprise by serving as a member of the
board of directors for each individual company.

The Washington Companies are an international group of privately owned companies and selected public company investments employing more than 7,500 people worldwide and generating nearly $2 billion in annual revenue. Business is transacted in the sectors of rail transportation, marine transportation, shipyards, mining, environmental construction, heavy equipment sales and aviation products.

Simkins currently serves as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and co-chairs Gov. Bullock’s Main Street Montana Project.

Since its establishment in 1969, the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award has become a top Scouting recognition. Previous recipients include President Gerald Ford, several governors and senators, military officers, university presidents, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 companies and nationally known lawyers, educators, engineers and doctors. Each recipient had risen to a state of fame or eminence in his chosen life work before receiving the DESA, which is presented and administered by the National Eagle Scout Association.

The award is NESA’s highest honor. Recipients are determined by the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award Committee whose members all have received the DESA. A substantial percentage of nominations are declined.

Other notable Distinguished Eagle Scouts from or residing in Montana include noted historian and author Stephen Ambrose, the Judge Robert “Dusty” Deschamps, KOA executive James Rogers, mining professional Frank McAllister, Montana Supreme Court Justice James Harrison, orthopedist Dr. Charles Jennings and engineer Jack Sherick.

Scouting’s connection to UM is historically significant. Boy Scouts in western Montana first were mentioned in the July 16, 1916, edition of the Missoulian with an article titled “Boy Scouts Part of University Course.” C.W. Matheny conducted a program for 15 or 20 Boy Scouts under the summer school curriculum at the “State University.” The Department of Physical Education, headed by W.W.H. Mustaine offered “gymnasium work, rudiments of exercise and camping experiences to 20 youngsters, aged 8-14.”

Lolo Hot Springs was the destination for a camping trip “if arrangements can be made to obtain an automobile to move the boys and their outfits. They intend to walk back.” Google maps of today estimate the distance was 37 miles.

Norman Maclean, later a University of Chicago English professor and author of “A River Runs Through It,” was one of the first Missoula Scouts.

Contact: Peggy Kuhr, UM vice president for integrated communications, 406-243-2311, peggy.kuhr@umontana.edu; Jory Dellinger, chief development officer, Montana Council – Boy Scouts of America, 406-370-3464, jory.dellinger@scouting.org.
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UM Productions Brings Neko Case Concert to Wilma

January 30, 2015

MISSOULA – University of Montana Productions will host Neko Case in concert at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, at the historic Wilma Theatre in Missoula.

An acclaimed musician-songwriter, Case will be reissuing her iconic album “Fox Confessor Brings the Flood” in a limited-edition run of red vinyl to commemorate Record Store Day 2015.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30. Admission to the concert is $35 plus ticketing fees. Tickets can be purchased at Rockin’ Rudy’s, The Source in the University Center and online at http://www.ticketweb.com or by calling 1-866-468-7624.

Case’s Missoula stop will celebrate the indie record stores that have been so integral to her life and musical career.

“Combining country, folk and old-school rock, she faithfully invokes scenes of late-night wanderings illuminated by a jalopy's lone functional headlight,” Pitchfork wrote of Case’s release.
For more information call UM Productions Marketing Coordinator Mati Tressler at 406-243-4719 or email marketing@umproductions.org.

Contact: Mati Tressler, UM Productions marketing coordinator, 406-243-4719, marketing@umproductions.org.
MISSOULA – For over 35 years, local businesses have helped ensure the University of Montana’s future success by participating in the UM Foundation Missoula Business Drive.

This year was no exception. The 2014 Business Drive, which ran from Sept. 30 through Dec. 31, raised $143,000 to support the University. Some 167 donors made contributions this year. An honor roll thanking these donors by name or business appeared in the Jan. 25 edition of the Missoulian.

“I give because supporting UM means supporting our community,” said Vicki Corwin, vice president of Stewart Title, who chaired the 2014-15 campaign. “I want to thank all our donors who believe the same.”

While donors to the drive can, and do, support a wide variety of campus programs, the foundation encourages donations to the University’s Excellence Fund. This flexible fund supports a wide variety of student-learning activities. Because the fund is unrestricted, money can be channeled to areas of greatest need, as opposed to being earmarked for a single purpose. As such, these dollars are incredibly valuable to the University. UM President Royce Engstrom determines where to distribute the Excellence Fund each quarter.
This year, several media partners also made valuable in-kind contributions, including Townsquare Media, Cherry Creek Radio, the Missoulian, 107 The Ranch, KPAX-TV, KECl-TV and Mountain Broadcasting. By providing advertising free of charge, these businesses helped spread the word about the drive across Missoula. Their contributions were integral to the initiative’s success.

Some of this year’s most generous gifts came from area banks, including U.S. Bank, First Security, First Interstate and Missoula Federal Credit Union. The Washington Foundation, a longstanding supporter of the University, made a $10,000 contribution.

Volunteers began the annual drive in 1978 as a way to strengthen the bond between the business community and the University. These leaders recognized that supporting the University, Missoula’s largest engine of growth, fosters the city’s development. Decades later, hundreds of businesses have made contributions and helped shape UM’s future.

To learn more about the UM Foundation Business Drive, visit http://www.SupportUM.org/businessdrive.

Contact: Tara Vinson, associate director of annual giving, UM Foundation, 406-243-2575, tara.vinson@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana had 959 students who were degree candidates for fall semester 2014. The total included 69 certificates, 154 associate degrees, 536 bachelor's degrees, 124 master's degrees, 11 juris doctorates and 65 doctoral degrees. There were 44 candidates for double degrees. The Montana students listed below were UM degree candidates for fall semester 2014.

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

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

ABSAROKEE:

Ross Keogh - JD Law *
ALBERTON:

Jeffrey Watson - BSBAD Management Information Systems

ANACONDA:

David King - BA Russian

ARLEE:


BELGRADE:

Evan Clemens - BSBAD Marketing, Caylin Johnson - BA Communication Studies

BILLINGS:


BONNER:

Robert O'Boyle - MA Anthropology, Jamie Tritz - BAE Education **

BOZEMAN:


BRADY:

Jorri Dyer - BSWB Wildlife Biology

BROWNING:

Iva Croff - BA Native American Studies, Michelle Franks - BA Sociology, Kelli Parsons - BSBAD Management

BUTTE:


CARTER:

Kelsey Lippert - BA Sociology

CASCADE:

Samantha Bertelsen - BSRM Recreation Management, Neil Gebhardt - BSHHP Health & Human Performance, Evan Rau - CERPS Journalism, Evan Rau - BAJ Journalism

CHARLO:

Tyson Atkinson - MS Forestry

CHOTEAU:

Katherine Facklam - BA Curriculum & Instruction **, Heather Garramon - BSRC Resource Conservation
CLANCY:

Justin Teegarden - BSF Forestry, Leslie Trudeau - MED Education Leadership

CLINTON:

Melissa Carvey - AAS Management, Mary French - MS Geography, Tessa Greene
- BA Psychology, Brian Montross - BA Biology, Beth Ryan - BAE Education

CLYDE PARK:

Kimiko Barrett - PHD Forestry, Amanda Sarrazin - BSHHP Health & Human Performance

COLUMBIA FALLS:

Sara Christensen - BA Communication Studies *, Uriah Keller - BME Music *,

COLUMBUS:

Eric Hemphill - BSBAD Management Information Systems, Eric Hemphill - CERPS Management Information Systems, Kelsey Stewart - BAE Education **

CONRAD:

Nathan Gage - BSBAD Accounting, Kelsey Kellogg - BSWB Wildlife Biology *

CORVALLIS:

Connie Allsop - BAE Education *, Anton Ballek - CERT Computer Aided Design,
Renea Harter - AA General AA, Steven Stroud - AAS Administrative Management, Jeffrey Zilko - AA Information Technology *

CULBERTSON:
Michael Olson - MED Education Leadership

**CUT BANK:**

Amanda Babcock - AS Registered Nursing, Jami Laird - MS Speech Language Pathology

**DARBY:**

Nancy Schneider - AA General AA *, Diana Thomas - AA General AA *

**DEER LODGE:**

Chase Higle - CERT Heavy Equipment Operation, Aaron Rachie - BSBAD Marketing

**DILLON:**

Britany Eisenzimer - BAE Education, Janelle Handlos - EDD Education Leadership

**EAST GLACIER PARK:**

Anne Grant - MS Environmental Studies

**EAST HELENA:**

Briana Richards - BSBAD Management, Briana Richards - CERPS Management,

Eric Spaulding - MS Computer Science

**EMIGRANT:**

Katharine White - MA Anthropology

**ENNIS:**

Ryan McNally - BSBAD Management Information Systems

**EUREKA:**

Loree Campbell - MA Fine Arts, Meredith Hood - EDD Counselor Educ & Supervision, James Mepham - BME Music **, James Mepham - BM Music **
FLORENCE:


FORSYTH:

Tonya Wetherelt - BA English

FRENCHTOWN:

Ana Cambero - AAS Practical Nursing, Annelise Nerison - BA Anthropology *, Amy Olson - AS Registered Nursing, Jacob Richards - AA Undeclared

GLASGOW:

Anthony Shipman - BA Psychology, Anthony Shipman - CERPS Psychology

GLENDIVE:

Kori Christianson - BSBA Marketing, Dylan Dowson - CERT General AA **

GREAT FALLS:

Psychology, Adelle Thompson - BA Communication Studies **, Matthew Watkins
- AAS Diesel Technology

HAMILTON:

Alexandra Ambelang - BA Anthropology *, Kathryn Briggs - AA Anthropology **,
Summer Bruso - BA Political Science *, Chelsea Dierzen - AA Undeclared *,
Tierney Dopp - AA General AA *, Heidi Duerr - AAS Practical Nursing *, Amber
Erdmann - AS Registered Nursing *, Kaitlin Fowler - BAE Education **,
Michael Huus - BSBAD Management, Shandra Jessop - BAJ Journalism, Afton
Jessop - BA Psychology, Caleb Kemp - BSHHP Health & Human Performance **,
Shawna Kientz - MED Education Leadership, Rachelle Leete - AAS Respiratory
Care **, Chelsea Lloyd - BA Biology *, Brandy Mattoon - AA Social Work,
Jaela McKinney - BA Sociology, Ericka Morris - AA Forestry, Nancy Valk -
AA Art **, James Wood - BA English

HAVRE:

Meghan Morris - MBA Business Administration

HEART BUTTE:

Cicily BullCalf - CERP Public Health

HELENA:

Molly Adamson - BA Communication Studies *, Curtis Anderson - BSF Forestry,
Alexis Bentley - AAS Respiratory Care *, Lyndsie Bomar - BSHHP Health & Human
Performance, Kelsey Chambers - BSWB Wildlife Biology, Charles Churchill -
BSHHP Health & Human Performance *, Kelsey Dalby - AAS Practical Nursing *,
Adrienne Frazier - BM Music *, Audrey Harper - BA History *, Matthew Heimel
- MS Geography, Shelby Lang - BA Biology, Maverick Mansfield - BSBAD Accounting, Thomas McArdle - MBA Business Administration - Exter, Jill

Melcher - MA English, Christopher Much - BSBAD Marketing, Katherine Neiman

- AAS Administrative Management *, Niah Pennington - BSWB Wildlife Biology,

James Person - JD Law **, Alan Scheier - BA Media Arts, Jessica Stuart -

BSBAD Management, Miranda Taylor - MED Curriculum & Instruction, Melanie

Wilson - AAS Paralegal Studies, David Wilson - AAS Management

HUSON:

Kyle Hopkins - BSWB Wildlife Biology *

JACKSON:

Toby Shepherd - BSBAD Management

JOLIET:

Kyle Boe - BSBAD Management Information Systems

KALISPELL:

Alison Armstrong - BA Biology *, Jamie Askvig - MBA Business

Administration - Exter, McKell Bennett - BSBAD Marketing, McKell Bennett -

CERPS Marketing, Cristine Boles - BME Music **, Cristine Boles - BA Music

**, Eric Brinton - BA Sociology, Brit Clark - BA History *, Jamie Eff -

MED Curriculum & Instruction, Holly Groves - BAE Education *, Hilary Heskett

- BSHHP Health & Human Performance **, Stephanie Hill - MED Curriculum &

Instruction, Bryan Lutgen - BSBAD Management Information Systems, Kyle

Montini - BSBAD Management Information Systems, Cory Raeth - BA Mathematics
*, Daniel White - AAS Practical Nursing *

**LAKESIDE:**

Jesse Melvin - AAS Energy Technology **, Jo Marne’ Newton - BA Social Work

**LAUREL:**

Jesse Engen - BA Psychology, Stephen Hatton - BA Sociology **, Quinn McGrath - BA Political Science -History *

**LEWISTOWN:**

Joel Johnson - BA Philosophy *, Gabriel King - AA General AA, Nikke Kretschmer - BSBAD Management Information Systems

**LIBBY:**

Kristen Anderson - BAE Education

**LINCOLN:**

Lane Fleming - AAS Welding Technology *

**LIVINGSTON:**

Lea Christiansen - BFA Art **

**LOLO:**

Ryan Sears - BA Economics, Bridget Tinsley - MS Resource Conservation,
Zackary Wagenmann - BA Communication Studies, Danielle Webster - AAS Medical Information Technology

LONEPINE:

Jason Subatch - BS Geosciences

MANHATTAN:

Seth Hoffman - BME Music **

MARTIN CITY:

Monica Burns - BSHHP Health & Human Performance *

MILLTOWN:

Kenneth Westphal - BA Sociology **

MISSOULA:


Suha Al-Wahaibi - BA Biology, Nasser Alajmi - CERPS Management, Christopher Allen - BAJ Journalism, Erik Alnes - BSRC Resource Conservation **, Kate Arntz - BSBAD Marketing *,


Rosalynn Belden - AS Registered Nursing **, Andrew Bell - BSBAD Marketing,

Linda Bevilacqua - AAS Practical Nursing **, Jeffrey Bickenheuser - BSBAD Management, Scott Billedeaux - AAS Carpentry, Christine Bilunka - BA
Sociology, Carmaleta Birdinground - BA Native American Studies, Katherine

Bishop - BSBAD Marketing, Danielle Blackford - BAE Education, Nathaniel

Block - JD Law, Adam Bloomdahl - BA Sociology, Michael Boland - AA

General AA, KiriAunna Booi - CERT Pharmacy Technology, Hope Bowler - BA

Communication Studies *, Shawn Bradshaw - BA Sociology, Travis Brakefield - BA Philosophy, Taylor Brambo - AA General AA, Naomi Branson - AAS

Information Technology *, Naomi Branson - AA Information Technology *, Naomi Branson - CERT Information Technology *, Eric Braun - BSBAD Finance *


Conservation, Karla Colwill - BA Biology, Mitchell Colyer - CERPS
Management Information Systems *, Mitchell Colyer - BSBAD Management

Information Systems *, KyLeigh Cook - BA Political Science, Sydney Cortright

- BA Biology, Zachary Coufal - AA General AA *, Virginia Coughlin - MFA

Creative Writing, Diana Creekmore - AAS Management, Anna Cressler - BA

Social Work *, John Cuccaro - BA Communication Studies, Mary Cyprian - MM

Music, Nisha DeAnda - AAS Medical Information Technology, David DeGarmo -

AAS Practical Nursing *, Ryan Delaney - BSRC Resource Conservation *, Eric

Dennison - AA Physics, Rose Dickson - BA Environmental Studies **, Rose


Administration, Joshua Eamon - AAS Energy Technology *, Chris Ecret - BSHHP

Health & Human Performance, Treyton Edinger - AAS Computer Science, Treyton

Edinger - CERT Computer Science, Kayla Edwards - BA Japanese, Eugene

Edwards - BA Fine Arts, Jay Egenhoff - BA Mathematics **, Jay Egenhoff -

CERPS Mathematics **, Jennifer Ehlers - BA Social Work, Allyssa Eide -

CERPS Management, Allyssa Eide - BSBAD Management, Kevin Emmerich - JD Law

, Natasha England - AA Psychology, Jasmine Epperle - CERPS Biology,

Jasmine Epperle - BA Biology, Matthew Erickson - MED Curriculum &

Instruction, Patrick Erickson - AAS Information Technology, La’ Ashia Evans

- AA Pre-Pharmacy, Eric Ferdinand - AA Health & Human Performance, Shelby

Field - AAS Medical Information Technology, Micah Fields - BA English **,

Sarah Filler - BA Psychology, Elyse Finnegan - BSBAD Accounting, Molly
Fishburn - Matthew - MPA Public Administration, Stephanie Fitzgerald - MS

Computer Science, Taylor Flores - BSBAD Marketing, Taylor Flores - CERPS

Marketing, John Ford - CERT Information Technology, John Ford - AAS

Information Technology, Michael Fowler - MS Forestry, Michael Fowler -

CERPS Forestry, Nicholas Fry - AA Resource Conservation, Noelle Fukushima

- AS Registered Nursing **, Kiley Gage - MA Political Science, Stephanie
garcia - CERPS Anthropology, Stephanie Garcia - BA Anthropology, Landon

Gardner - BSBAD Management Information Systems, Christopher Garton - BA

Pre -Pharmacy, Damian Garvey - BM Music, Juliann Garza - BA Psychology,

Nancy Gass - MPA Public Administration, Amanda Gerber - BA Anthropology,

Rory Gemert - BA French *, Daniel Gibbs - BA History -Political Science,

Alexis Gibson - PHD Forestry, Kimberly Gilchrist - MS Environmental Studies

, Alexandra Ginter - BA Biology, Kelsey Glynn - BA Social Work *, Justin

Goodall - BSBAD Management, Bradley Gordon - BSRM Parks, Tourism &Rec

Management, Vernon Grant - PHD Individual Interdisciplinary, Anita Green -

BA Sociology, Karyn Greenwood - BSWB Wildlife Biology, Katie Guffin - MS

Environmental Studies, Rory Guilfoyl - BAJ Journalism, Sage Gustafson - BME

Music *, Jeremy Haacke - CERT Computer Technology **, Cory Haines - BA

Economics, Kyle Hall - BS Chemistry, Julia Hall - MED Curriculum &

Instruction, Cassie Hamlin - AAS Respiratory Care, Ciara Hansen - MA

Psychology, Christopher Hanson - MA Anthropology, Kyle Hartse - MPA Public

Administration, Joshua Harwood - AAS Food Service Management, Andrew Hauer

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Haynam - MS Systems Ecology, Christina Henderson - MBA Business

Administration -Exter, Charles Henderson Jr - MS Fish and Wildlife Biology,

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Paralegal Studies *, Derrelyn Hewlett - AS Registered Nursing *, Cara Hiebert

- CERPB Public Health, Joel Hill - AAS Respiratory Care **, Andrew Hinkle -

BA Psychology **, Leslie Hittmeier - BAJ Journalism, Sinh Hoang - MBA

Business Administration, Sharon Hood - PHD Organismal Biology & Ecology,

Bristol Horton - BSHHP Health & Human Performance, Sheryl Huetter - CERT

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BSBAD Management Information Systems, David Jensen - BA Pre-Journalism,

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- BAJ Journalism *, Markki Johnston - BA Psychology, Natalie Jones - BA

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Danielle LaPlant - BSRC Resource Conservation, Sean Langley - CERT

Information Technology **, Kristie Langley - AAS Medical Information

Technology, Seaborn Larson - BAJ Journalism, Wyatt Larson - BA Undeclared
Geography, Elliott Natz - BAJ Journalism, Nina Neal Nemoff - AAS

Respiratory Care *, Loni Neilson - BA Drama, Matt Nelson - MA Anthropology

, Jordon Niedermeier - BAJ Journalism, Brooks Nuanez - BSBAD Management,

Sandi O'Brien - BA Anthropology *, Sandi O'Brien - CERPS Anthropology *,

Carrie O'Herron - BSHHP Health & Human Performance **, Laice O'Malley - CERPS

Communication Studies *, Laice O'Malley - BA Communication Studies *, Lauren

O'Neill - AAS Practical Nursing, Susan Ocean - MA Psychology, Matthew Olds

- BSRC Resource Conservation, Garrett Olson - CERPB Accounting, Garrett

Olson - MBA Accounting, Michael Orford - BS Computer Science, Maria Osorio

- BSBAD Management, Penelope Oteri - JD Law, Morgan Overholtzer - AA

General AA **, James Padgett - BA Communication Studies, Lincoln Palmer -

BSBAD Management *, Morgan Parsons - BSBAD Finance, Robert Peltier - MA

Anthropology, Tyler Pennewill - AAS Information Technology **, Tyler

Pennewill - CERT Information Technology **, Tanner Peters - BSRM Parks,

Tourism &Rec Management, Pamela Peterson - BSHHP Health & Human Performance

**, John Pickhardt - BSHHP Health & Human Performance *, Aaron Polich - BA

Psychology, Donya Postorino - AAS Medical Information Technology **, Lynze

Proctor - BSBAD Management, Tashina Racine - BA Biology, Rhonda Ramsey -

AS Registered Nursing, Avi Rascoe - MS Neuroscience, Julia Ratliff - BAE

Education *, Charlotte Rauthe - AAS Practical Nursing, Rick Regh - JD Law

, Megan Richardson - MA Anthropology, Christopher Riedel - BA History,

Kalynn Robinson - BA Psychology, Brandon Robson - BAE Education, Dylan

Rodwick - BA Drama, Casey Rogers - BAE Education, Amy Rogers - BSHHP

Health & Human Performance, Aaron Roos - MFA Media Arts, Eric Rowell - PHD

Forestry, Jennie Rozeboom - AAS Respiratory Care *, Corey Rupkalvis - AS

Registered Nursing *, Helen Russette - MPH Public Health, Jessica Sagissor

- AAS Practical Nursing **, Heather Salois - AS Registered Nursing,

Katharine Sampson - BSECLR Wildland Restoration **, Maelee Samsel - BA

Psychology *, Jonathan Scheidegger - AA Social Work, Sarah Schmidt - AS

Registered Nursing **, Heather Schmitt - AA Pre-Nursing, Richard Schneiter

- CERT Information Technology, Turner Schoer - BM Music, Destiny Schoonover

- AA Social Work, Sarah Schrader - AAS Information Technology **, Sarah

Schrader - CERT Information Technology **, Ashley Schwartzman - AA Sociology

, Adam Scolatti - BSBAD Marketing, Kevin Scott - MS Computer Science,

Stephen Scranton - BSWB Wildlife Biology, Denis Shchepakin - MA Mathematics

, William Sheehy - BA Political Science, Kevin Shroads - BA Psychology,

Matthew Shryock - AS Registered Nursing **, Nicholas Silverman - PHD Geology

, Madeline Simmel - BSHHP Health & Human Performance, Harry Simons - BA

Political Science, Jessica Simons - JD Law, Rebecca Sinichko - BA

Environmental Studies **, Clay Skeens III - BSRC Resource Conservation, Trey

Skunkcap - AAS Welding Technology, Rachel Smith - MS Forestry, Erika

Soucie - AAS Management, Cyan Sportsman - BSBAD Finance, Carl Spurgeon -

BA Media Arts **, Joseph St. Peter - MS Resource Conservation, Sadie

St.Clair - BA Biology, Caitlin Stainken - MFA Creative Writing, Brittany

Startzel - AAS Administrative Management, Brittany Startzel - CERT
Administrative Management, Scott Steiger - PHD Medicinal Chemistry,

Caroline Stephens - MS Environmental Studies, Jeffrey Stetz - PHD Fish and Wildlife Biology, Andrew Stevenson - BA Political Science *, Tyler Swartz - BA Sociology, Andrew Sweet - BSBAD Marketing, Sara Thane - BA Political Science *, Justin Thies - AAS Carpentry, Elaina Thoman - AAS Practical Nursing, Shane Thurlo - MS Geography, Laura Tonnessen - BA Social Work,


MONTANA CITY:

Cody Carter Pearce - MPA Public Administration

PENDROY:

Hillary Field - BSHHP Health & Human Performance

PHILIPSBURG:

Kevin Kanduch - BSBAD Management, Dustin Keltner - MED Education Leadership

PINESDALE:

Paige Jessop - AAS Practical Nursing *, Lillian Nuttall - AA General AA *

PLAINS:

Donald Helliwell - BSBAD Management Information Systems **, Lacey Hermiston - BA Art, Clarice Matt - MS Forestry

PLENTYWOOD:

Jennifer Kavon - AA Undeclared

POLSON:

Lisa Diaz - CERT Food Service Management *, Mark Garrison - MPA Public Administration, Cali Hislop - BAE Education *, James Niblack - CERT Administrative Management, James Niblack - AAS Administrative Management,
Kayla Rochin - BSBAD Marketing, Kayla Rochin - CERPS Marketing, Joseph Wlaysewski - BA Geography

POTOMAC:

Dustin Perry - AAS Practical Nursing **

RED LODGE:

Quinn Edwards - CERPS Geography, Quinn Edwards - BA Geography

RONAN:

Brittany Bilile - AS Registered Nursing *, Jennifer Gardner - BA Sociology

RYEGATE:

Kelsey Cavill - BSHHP Health & Human Performance

SEELEY LAKE:

Jordan Grace - BSBAD Management *

SHELBY:

Jordan Mahr - AA General AA

SIDNEY:

Miles Netzer - BSWB Wildlife Biology *

SOMERS:

Kyle Koslosky - BA Japanese **

ST IGNATIUS:

Shaelea Gariepy - AAS Administrative Management, Anthony Yazzie - BFA Art

STEVENSVILLE:

Bridget Alfred - AAS Administrative Management, Sarah Bigley - CERPS
Psychology, Sarah Bigley - BA Psychology, Sarah Bigley - BA Psychology,

Sean Harkins - BSWB Wildlife Biology, Lucas Jones - PHD Systems Ecology,

Matthew Kirby - BSBAD Management Information Systems, Michele Noonan - CERT

Administrative Management *, Sarah Noonan - BSBAD Accounting, Michele Noonan

- AAS Administrative Management *, Gregory Sangster - MPA Public Administration

Administration, Gregory Sangster - CERPB Public Administration, Erin

Statler - AAS Practical Nursing *, Mark Teynor - BSWB Wildlife Biology

SUPERIOR:

Mark Daniels II - BS Computer Science, Kristina Neu - AS Registered Nursing

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THOMPSON FALLS:

Velita Benton - BA History **, Derek Whittenburg - CERT Heavy Equipment Operation

TROUT CREEK:

Emily LaFriniere - BFA Theatre *

TROY:

Zackery McDougall - BA Anthropology, Lacey Shaver - BA Biology

TWIN BRIDGES:

Clay Pierson - BA History

VICTOR:

James Church - CERT General AA, Todd DeMontmorency - AAS Accounting Technology, Tosha Gillis - AAS Sociology, Alexander Havens - BSRM Parks, Tourism &Rec Management, Erin Rosenkrance - BA Native American Studies *
WHITEFISH:

Tanner Benedict - BSHHP Health & Human Performance **, Max Curtis - BA

Sociology, Katie Hausauer - BA Psychology, Cole Havens - BAJ Journalism,

Alexa Holliday - BA Environmental Studies, Tiffany Tate - EDD Education

Leadership, Klaire Taylor - AA Communication Studies, Sarah Williams - BAE

Education, Vita Wright - PHD Forestry

WHITEHALL:

Matthew Wideman - BSF Forestry

WORDEN:

Carly Texley - BAE Education *

**Degree Acronym Key:** AA, Associate of Arts; AAS, Associate of Applied Science; ABD, All But Dissertation; AS, Associate of Science; BA, Bachelor of Arts; BAE, BA in Education; BAJ, BA in Journalism; BARTV, BA in Radio-TV; BAS, Bachelor of Applied Science; BBA, Bachelor of Business Administration; BFA, Bachelor of Fine Arts; BJ, Bachelor of Journalism; BM, Bachelor of Music; BME, Bachelor of Music Education; BPHAR, Bachelor of Pharmacy; BS, Bachelor of Science; BSAT, BS Athletic Training; BSBAD, BS in Business Administration; BSC, BS in Chemistry; BSECLR, BS in Ecological Restoration; BSF, BS in Forestry; BSHHP, BS in Health/Human Performance; BSHPE, BS in Health and PE; BSM, BS in Microbiology; BSMT, BS in Medical Technology; BSN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; BSP, BS in Pharmacy; BSPT, BS in Physical Therapy; BSPTS, BS in Pre-Physical Therapy; BSRC, BS in Resource Conservation; BSRM, BS in Recreation Management; BSW, Bachelor of Social Work; BSWB, BS in Wildlife Biology; BSWLR, BS in Wildland Restoration; BSWT, BS in Wildlife Technology; CERPB, Certificate; CERPFP, Certificate; CERPS, Certificate; CERT, Certificate; CERTAS, Certificate of Applied Science; CORE, Core Completion; DA, Doctor of Arts; DBA, Doctor of Business Administration; DC, Doctor of Counseling; DIPL, Diploma; DMA, Doctor of Musical Arts; DME, Doctor of Music Education; DPSY, Doctor of Psychology; DPT, Doctor of Physical Therapy; DSC, Doctor of Science; DSW, Doctor of Social Work; DVM, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; EDD, Doctor of Education; EDS, Education Specialist; JD Juris Doctorate; LLM, Master of Laws; MA, Master of Arts; MACCT, Master of Accountancy; MALA, Master of Arts in Liberal Arts; MALS, Master of Arts Library Science; MAS, Master Administrative Sciences; MAT, Master of Athletic Training; MATM, MA for Teachers of Mathematics; MBA, Master Business Administration; MCSD, Master of CSD; ME, Master of Education; MED, Master of Education; MEM, Master of Ecosystem Management; MF, Master of Forestry; MFA, Master of Fine Arts; MGS, Master of General Studies; MHS, Master of Health Science; MIS, Master Interdisciplinary Studies; MLS, Master of Library Science; MM, Master of Music; MME, Master of Music Education; MP, Master of Pharmacy; MPA, Master Public Administration; MPH, Master of Public Health; MPHIL, Master of Philosophy; MRA, Master of Resource Administration; MRE, Master of Recreational Education; MS, Master of Science; MSA, Master of School Administration; MSC, MS in Counseling; MSLS, Master of Library Science; MSN, Master of Science in Nursing;
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MSSW, Master of Science in Social Work; MSTBS, MS Teachers of Biological Science; MSTC, MS for Teachers of Chemistry; MSTHP, MS for Teachers of Human Performance; MSTPE, MS for Teachers of Physical Education; MSW, Master of Social Work; MUS, MUS Core Completion; PHARMD, Doctor of Pharmacy; PHD, Doctor of Philosophy; SJD, Doctor of Juridical Science

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Upcoming President’s Lecture at UM to Highlight Foreign Policy, Forced Displacement

January 26, 2015

MISSOULA – A rising authority on international relations and security studies will deliver the next installment of the 2014-15 President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana.


Greenhill also will lead a seminar earlier that day, titled “Better than the Truth: Extra-Factual Sources of Threat Conception and Proliferation,” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar both are free and open to the public.
After earning a doctorate in psychology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2004, Greenhill taught at Wesleyan University before joining the faculty at Tufts University in 2007. She teaches Theories of International Politics, Political Geography and International Conflict, Causes of Modern Interstate War and Better than Truth: Extra-Factual Information in International Politics.

Greenhill currently is working on her book, “Whispers of War, Mongers of Fear: Extra-Factual Sources of Threat Conception and Proliferation.” She also has co-edited “Sex, Drugs and Body Counts: The Politics of Numbers in Global Crime and Conflict” and “The Use of Force: Military Power and International Politics.”

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.

Contact: Richard Drake, UM history professor and lecture series organizer, 406-243-2981, richard.drake@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA – Montana has witnessed something of an economic miracle in the eastern third of the state because of the boom in the Bakken, with rural areas surpassing growth in urban areas over the past five years, according to a University of Montana economist.

The sudden decline in crude oil prices may bring growth rates into closer balance, said Patrick Barkey, director of UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

Barkey and Paul Polzin, BBER director emeritus, will present the outlook for the national, state and local economies at the bureau’s 40th Annual Economic Outlook Seminar to be held in nine cities throughout Montana.

The seminar arrives in Billings on Tuesday, Feb. 3, at the Crowne Plaza. The seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch. Call 406-243-5113 or visit BBER online at http://www.bber.umt.edu to register.

In Yellowstone County, impact from the Bakken oil field developments continues to contribute to the economy. “The Billings area benefits from the indirect and service activities associated with the oil boom,” Polzin said. “However,
there are potential threats looming."

According to Polzin, "If oil prices continue to fall and the Bakken cools, the impacts would reach Billings – and if the EPA declares sulfur dioxide levels to be excessive, that could negatively impact some older manufacturers (refineries) in the area."

The Bureau expects overall growth to be between 2.4 and 2.8 percent per year from 2015 to 2018.

This year’s seminar, “The New American Energy Revolution: Reshaping Montana,” will focus on the changing energy sector and feature keynote speaker Bill Whitsitt, a retired executive vice president at Devon Energy.

This is the 40th year BBER will travel around the state to deliver half-day seminars. In addition to economic forecasts, Barkey, Polzin and other economists from the Montana University System will examine the prospects for the state’s major industries.

Following is the schedule for the other seminar cities:

- **Missoula** – Friday, Jan. 23, University Center Ballroom, UM Campus
- **Helena** – Tuesday, Jan. 27, Best Western Great Northern Hotel
- **Great Falls** – Wednesday, Jan. 28, Hilton Garden Inn
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January 23, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Adams Center announced a special student rate for tickets to the Kip Moore concert on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

UM students can now buy tickets in the upper bowl section of the Adams Center for $20.15, plus service fees. The offer is limited and will end at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26.

Regular-price seating in the lower bowl is available for $30, and floor tickets are available for $35, plus service fees.

Country music artist Canaan Smith will open for Kip Moore. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. and doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at http://www.griztix.com, the Adams Center Box Office and all GrizTix locations. Tickets also may be purchased by calling 406-243-4051 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Contact: Brad Murphy, UM Adams Center executive director, 406-243-4261, brad.murphy@mso.umt.edu.
UM Employees Donate $94,928 to Local Nonprofits During Charitable Giving Campaign

January 23, 2015

MISSOULA — More than 400 University of Montana employees recently participated in the 2014-15 Charitable Giving Campaign by donating $94,928 to local charitable organizations.

During the Charitable Giving Campaign, UM employees can make donations to various local organizations through one-time gifts or payroll deductions. The agencies selected to participate in the campaign are closely evaluated to ensure that all donations go directly to local services. This year 12 nonprofits and three nonprofit federations participated in the campaign at UM.

“Each year we are excited to run the campaign on campus and engage employees in giving back to the many organizations that meet important community needs,” said Andrea Vernon, chair of the 2014-15 campaign and director of UM’s Office for Civic Engagement. “The campaign is an important way to demonstrate our support, as a campus, of the important work that nonprofit organizations do in our community every day to help Missoula be a
wonderful place to live and work."

The fundraising effort that became UM’s Charitable Giving Campaign began during the 1986-87 academic year when faculty and staff pledged $25,000.

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UM Dining recently partnered with Galactic Farms to build a new aquaponics system. Galactic Farms, a Missoula-based, sustainable urban farming company was founded by UM alumnus Jeff Pernell.

The new system, which is maintained by UM Dining Garden staff, replaces a smaller aquaponics system that also was designed by Pernell as an independent study project when he was a student in UM’s Environmental Studies program.

The 200-gallon system is set up in the UM Corner Store and will allow year-round indoor growing. It has high-efficiency LED grow lights and uses 10 percent of the amount of water required for traditional farming.

Aquaponics is a soil-less growing process, using plants, fish and beneficial bacteria in a closed, self-contained environment. UM Dining will be growing a wide variety of nutrient-rich leafy greens as well as fresh herbs and edible flowers in the new system.
Pernell said his past experience with UM Dining showed him UM is “way ahead of the curve” with sustainability.

“UM Dining provides students with opportunities that can translate to professional work,” UM Dining Sustainability Director Rebecca Wade said. “Jeff developed some of the skills and knowledge needed to start a business in aquaponics as a student working with us, and that model could apply to other UM students.”

Created as a learning laboratory, the UM Dining Garden and aquaponics system serve as a sustainable-food production model. They produce food for UM Dining guests while generating academic collaboration and educational opportunities for students and the community at large.

“It shows students that UM Dining values locally sourced and fresh ingredients, and that we are committed to innovative sustainability programming,” Wade said.

For more information on the new system call UM Dining Marketing Director Sam Belanger at 406-243-5089 or email samuel.belanger@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – At the University of Montana, 2,183 students made the fall semester 2014 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be undergraduates, earn a semester grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and receive grades of A or B in at least nine credits. No grades of C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, NC or NCR are allowed.

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

To view the list of in-state students who made the Dean's List, visit http://www.umt.edu/urelations/info/deanslist.php.

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UM Global Public Health Minor to Host Weekly Lecture Series

January 23, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s minor in global public health will host the “Global Public Health: Experiences and Insights” lecture series during spring semester. The series highlights the contributions of Montana professionals who are addressing urgent health needs around the world.

The lectures will take place from 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. on Wednesdays, Jan. 28 through May 6, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. All lectures are free and open to the public.

This year’s lectures will focus on Ebola, HIV/AIDS, global blindness, cervical cancer, sanitation, leprosy, rural health care delivery, environmental health, disabilities, “local global health” and the work of Missoula Medical Aid.

The topics span a broad geographic area, including South Africa, Mongolia, Borneo, Cambodia, Peru, St. Lucia, Honduras, West Africa and Montana.

“Of special interest will be Missoula infectious disease specialist George Risi who will share personal insights on his experiences dealing with Sierra Leone’s Ebola outbreak,” said series organizer and UM Global Public Health
Director Peter Koehn.

The lecture series was inspired by a talk delivered by “Mountains Beyond Mountains” author Tracy Kidder who spoke in Missoula on the humanitarian initiatives of medical anthropologist Paul Farmer.

The interdisciplinary lecture series is offered at the initiative of the Global Public Health program’s External Advisory Committee.

The lecture series, “PSCI 191 - Global Public Health,” also is offered as a one-credit pass/no pass UM course.

“This year’s presentations by distinguished guest lecturers from around Montana address a new and different set of topics from last year’s series,” Koehn said. “Each topic provides an opportunity to showcase the amazing group of Montana professionals who are contributing in important and often unnoticed ways to advancing health around the world.”

He expects the presentations again will be powerful and inspirational for UM students and members of the wider community.

For a list of speakers or more information, email Natalie Dial at njdial@gmail.com or Koehn at peter.koehn@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Professor Earns Caribbean Philosophical Association Outstanding Book Award

January 21, 2015

MISSOULA – A University of Montana professor’s cross-cultural analysis received one of the top book awards from the Caribbean Philosophical Association.

Benedicte Boisseron, an associate professor of French and Francophone language and literature at UM, received the Nicolás Guillén Outstanding Book Award for "Creole Renegades: Rhetoric of Betrayal and Guilt in the Caribbean Diaspora."

“This book was important for me to write because it carries an autobiographical resonance," Boisseron said.

Her father is from Guadeloupe, a French Caribbean island. He moved to France when he was 17 years old, where he met Boisseron’s mother.
“Now back in Guadeloupe, my father is somehow seen as a ‘Creole renegade,’” which is part of the book’s title, Boisseron said. “Likewise for me as a half-Guadeloupean who was not taught Creole while growing up in France.”

The award committee’s evaluator called Boisseron’s book “a brilliant text.”

“Its original investigation into the problem of cultural affiliation, loyalty and betrayal in movement between the Caribbean, North America, Europe and beyond marks it as a major contribution to postcolonial studies, Caribbean studies, African-American studies and new-world studies,” the evaluator wrote.

“Specialists and general readers alike will appreciate its examination of fundamental aspects of our postcolonial and globalized experiences, including the enigmas of creoleness, and returning and leaving ‘home,’ as well as Boisseron’s incisive literary analysis and theoretical approaches,” the review continued.

French Professor Ione Crummy, Boisseron’s colleague in UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, read and edited the book.

“I had the pleasure to read the final version of her manuscript before she sent it to press and found her research to be insightful, original and groundbreaking,” Crummy said. “She is a wonderful colleague, and I feel privileged to work with her.”

Boisseron published the book in 2014 and was informed of her award in early 2015. She will attend an awards ceremony June 18-21 at the Caribbean Philosophical Association in Riviera Maya, Quintana Roo, Mexico.


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In Helena the economy traditionally has been stable over time because of the large presence of state and federal
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“The real bright spot in the Lewis and Clark County economy has been the expansion of The Boeing Company, which is located near the airport,” he said. “Beginning in 2010, there has been significant growth, and this industry is now three times larger than just a few years ago.”

The forecast is that growth in Lewis and Clark County will be about 1.8 to 2.3 percent per year from 2015 to 2018.

Polzin said in Great Falls “manufacturing employment has increased by 100 to 200 workers, with estimated earnings of about $35,000 per year.” He believes these increases are being driven by ADF and Loehnbro – businesses indirectly serving oil producers in Canada and the U.S. – as well as BE Aerospace, a manufacturer of aircraft passenger cabin interior components.

The bureau forecasts about 2.2 percent average growth from 2015 through 2018 in the Great Falls area.

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Opinion: There Are Questions We Should Ask About Oil Prices

January 20, 2015

By Patrick M. Barkey

After an election season that featured plenty of frowns about the state of the economy, a different kind of debate has broken out with the sudden plunge in crude oil prices. Will $2 per gallon gas prices be good for the economy? Or will they be fantastic? Less money being spent by all of us filling up our tanks has given the economy a boost, it is said, with the only squabble being over just how big that boost will be.

It's a question that's staring economic forecasters right in the face, particularly in an energy-producing state like Montana. Because the same low prices that put smiles on our faces at the pump are doing just the opposite for oil producers. And sharing that pain is state government, whose value-based severance taxes on crude oil production go down with every drop in market prices.

Communities such as Missoula and Bozeman that are home to large institutions significantly supported by state tax dollars should pay attention. Certainly counties and school districts – especially in eastern Montana – will be hit hard.
Will today’s low oil prices kill off the Bakken? There are plenty of opinions on that subject. Let’s try to answer it with some actual experience.

This is not the first price swoon the Bakken has seen. Crude oil prices collapsed in 2009, right at the peak of the financial panic. What happened then? The best data we have indicate that levels of investment dropped by about 25 percent, with the cutbacks starting in earnest only after a six- to nine-month delay.

That’s a big drop, definitely. But as we will address in our upcoming Economic Outlook Seminar series, the oil production business has changed enormously from the old days of striking gushers. This episode of low crude oil prices is expected to last longer than the 2009 drop, certainly. But its impacts on the Bakken development that has fueled such rapid growth in eastern Montana communities will be a question of degree. Not a question of existence.

A question more Montanans should ask is why oil prices have gone down in the first place. There are many pieces to the puzzle, but one of the big ones has implications for a lot of things other than oil. And that is weak worldwide demand.

The world’s appetite for oil has gotten weaker because, with a few exceptions, economies globally are slowing, in some cases dramatically. Only a decade ago, tens of millions of people were joining the middle class across the world, with once-backward countries like China suddenly sprouting more cars on the road than here in America. Those changes created booming demand for energy, of course, but also for commodities of all kinds – including Montana-made wheat and cattle.

But the situation today is quite different. Europe is stagnant. Japan has experienced six recessions in the past nine years. Even Chinese growth has been cut in half. An enormous force for change that has benefited many Montana businesses – from farmers and ranchers to miners and even technology companies – has swung like a pendulum. And falling oil prices are only the most immediate change that swing has produced.

Those kinds of changes are just part of what makes economic forecasting so interesting, of course. And with the Legislature in session just as the winds of change in oil markets are blowing full force, this year’s Economic Outlook Seminars promise to be more interesting than most.

Patrick Barkey is director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana. This year is BBER’s 40th presenting on the state’s economic outlook around the state. Visit http://www.bber.umt.edu for more information.

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Two New Exhibitions Featuring Printmaking Open at UM Gallery of Visual Arts

January 20, 2015

MISSOULA – Two new printmaking exhibits will be on display at the University of Montana Gallery of Visual Arts Feb. 3-26.

“Robert Schwieger: The Dakotah Series” and “Selections from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture Ackerman Print Collection” will be on display. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in the Gallery of Visual Arts on the first floor of the Social Science Building.

The densely patterned, collaged and colorful silkscreen prints by Schwieger are informed by his 23-year experience of living in the Northern Plains, where he was a professor of art at Minot State.
University in North Dakota. The artist constructs his prints from found Kodalith halftones and other photographic print processes in combination with traditional hand-drawn techniques. Schwieger states that these collaged and constructed prints often address “issues of anxiety surrounding the human condition, such as political bias, discrimination, deception, heroes, novelty and fraud.”

Since leaving North Dakota, Schwieger has taught art at both Missouri Southern State University and Nebraska Wesleyan University. He has exhibited extensively on a national and international level and his work can be found in numerous museum and public art collections. He received a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in 1975 and a Nebraska Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship in 2007.

“Robert Schweiger: The Dakotah Series” was organized by the North Dakota Art Gallery Association and sponsored by the Montana Art Gallery Director Association, supported in part by grants from the Montana Arts Council, the Coal Tax Trust Fund for Cultural and Aesthetic Projects and the National Endowment for the Arts.

“Selections from the Montana Museum of Art & Culture Ackerman Print Collection,” on loan from the museum, features a sampling of prints from the late 1960s through 1980 by major American and British artists. This significant collection of more than 130 prints was donated to UM’s MMAC through the Martin S. Ackerman Foundation in 1980 and 1983. Included in the collection are artists such as Lee Krasner, Robert Motherwell, Theodore Stamos, Ed Ruscha, Patrick Caulfield, Peter Blake, Terri Frost, Nicholas Munro, Peter Phillips, R.B. Kitaj, Larry Rivers, Dieter Roth and David Salle. The Ackerman Foundation donated to many universities and museums nationally, including Smithsonian Institute, Tweed Museum of Art, Carlton College, Plattsburgh State, Saint Lawrence University, Vanderbilt University and Rochester Institute of Technology.

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Two New Exhibitions Featuring Printmaking Open at UM Gallery of Visual Arts - UM News - University Of Montana

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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 1,000 members, an all-time high for the winter term.

More members join and more students register every day. Winter term begins January 22. Five of the upcoming term’s 16 courses are filled to capacity, but there is still limited room in other courses and registration is still open. Two examples of courses that were in high demand this term include The Great War, 1914-1919 taught by Harry Fritz and Introduction to Memoir Writing by Emily Freeman.

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
MOLLI courses are offered during three, six-week terms: fall, winter and spring. This winter there also are several special member events, including Behind the Scenes at the Symphony: Rachmaninoff’s Rhapsody with Darko Butorac; and Brought to You by ALEC in partnership with MontanaPBS; 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.

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.”

People interested in taking a course or becoming a member can call the MOLLI office at 406-243-2905. For more information call Beth Burman Frazee at 406-243-6721, email beth.burman-frazee@umontana.edu or visit http://www.umt.edu/molli.

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MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio will host its 50th Anniversary short fiction contest to be judged by Missoula writer and editor Caroline Patterson. Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to submit a story, and winners will receive cash prizes, including $300 for first place, $200 for second place and $100 for third place.

Winning stories will be featured on MTPR’s popular literary program, “The Write Question,” and on the station’s website and social media outlets. Stories must be no longer than 700 words and must include Montana Public Radio in some way. Writers must submit stories online by March 15, and there is no entry fee. For more information, official rules and the submission link, visit http://mtpr.org/short-fiction-contest.

Caroline Patterson has published “Montana Women Writers: A Geography of the Heart,” as well as two children’s books on the natural world. Her literary fiction has been published in Alaska Quarterly Review, Southwest Review, Epoch and Seventeen, among others. She teaches at the University of Montana and is the executive director for the Missoula Writing Collaborative.

“The Write Question” is a weekly program that features authors from the western U.S. and is produced by MTPR’s

MTPR began broadcasting in January 1965 as KUFM-FM at UM. During its early days, it was a small student-training facility that belonged to the UM journalism school, and it was entirely dependent upon the availability of students and volunteers. With only 10 watts of power, the station barely broadcast to the campus boundaries. Fifty years later, MTPR is a public media network serving 500,000 Montanans in the western and central regions of the state. The station’s digital content, online at http://mtpr.org, serves people from around the world with timely Web content, a live stream and podcasts.

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UM Receives Grant to Support Recruitment, Retention of American Indian Students in STEM Graduate Programs

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Graduate School recently was awarded $730,000 grant as part of a $2.4 million National Science Foundation Alliances for Graduate Education and Professoriate. The grant is titled “Collaborative Research: The Pacific Northwest Alliance to Develop, Implement and Study a STEM Graduate Education Model for American Indians and Native Alaskans.”

The goal of the grant is to increase the number of American Indian and Native Alaskan doctoral students who complete graduate programs in science, technology, engineering or mathematics, known as the STEM fields. The partner institutions forming the Pacific Northwest Circles of Success: Mentoring Opportunities in STEM, or PNW COSMOS, include UM, Washington State University, University of Idaho, Montana State University, Heritage University, Salish Kootenai College and Montana Tech.

“The reality is that the numbers of indigenous students in STEM fields obtaining graduate degrees, in particular
doctoral degrees, continue to be very small,” UM Graduate School Dean and principal investigator Sandy Ross said. “Our hope is that the Pacific Northwest AGEP will help start and support a positive change. This makes the PNW COSMOS a unique, important effort.”

During the three-and-a-half year funding period, the Montana institutions will focus on developing a culturally relevant and collaborative mutual mentoring model for American Indian and Native Alaskan students in STEM degree programs and their advisers. The goals of the mutual mentoring model are to improve student retention and success and coordinate resources among PNW COSMOS alliance institutions.

UM co-principal investigator Blakely Brown, MSU co-principal investigator Sweeney Windchief, and a program coordinator at Salish Kootenai College, are leading the development and implementation of the model, assisted by UM co-principal investigator Aaron Thomas, director of UM Indigenous Research and STEM Education. UM co-principal investigator Dusten Hollist is a participant on the project’s social science research team. The research team will identify and evaluate culturally attuned mentoring approaches that are effective for American Indian and Native Alaskan graduate students and that also encourage American Indian and Native Alaskan undergraduate students in STEM fields to proceed into graduate school. Ross and Thomas will collaborate on student and mentor recruitment strategies.

The NSF grant award number is HRD-1432694. For more information call Ross at 406-243-2572 or email sandy.ross@umontana.edu.

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UM Lecture Series to Explore the Ins and Outs of Birds

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MISSOULA – Lectures by five University of Montana faculty members and one alumna will discuss various aspects of birds during this year’s Community Lecture Series, “Birds: Inside and Out.” The six-week lecture series, now in its 17th year, begins Tuesday, Feb. 17.

This year’s speakers are experts in bird ecology, evolution, flight, song, endocrinology and taxidermy. Attendees will learn about topics ranging from stress responses in birds to the amazingly fluid body-surface that enables flight. They also will hear some examples of music inspired by bird songs.

Lectures will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday, Feb. 17-March 24, in the University Center Theater. Each event will include a Q-and-A session. In support of the series’ theme, the program will begin with artwork and readings excerpted from “35 Zoological Lessons (and Other Didactic Poems),” featuring poems by UM Professor Eduardo Chirinos, and relief prints by UM alumnus David Miles Lusk.

The schedule is:

Feb. 24: “Fluid Motion in Flight,” by UM Field Research Station Director Bret Tobalske.

March 3: “Stress: It's Not All Bad,” by biology and wildlife biology Associate Professor Creagh Breuner.


March 24: “What Good is a Dead Bird?” by “The Brain Scoop” host and writer Emily Graslie ’11.

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

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

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UM Researchers Predict More Balanced, Slower Growth for Montana Economy

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MISSOULA – Montana has witnessed something of an economic miracle in the eastern third of the state because of the boom in the Bakken, with rural areas surpassing growth in urban areas over the past five years, according to a University of Montana economist.

The sudden decline in crude oil prices may bring growth rates into closer balance, said Patrick Barkey, director of UM’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

Barkey and Paul Polzin, BBER director emeritus, will present the outlook for the national, state and local economies at the bureau’s 40th Annual Economic Outlook Seminar to be held in nine cities throughout Montana.

Polzin said Missoula’s economy has been frustratingly slow during the past few years.

“There are three reasons for the area’s slow growth rate,” he said. “The construction industry has not rebounded, the wood and paper products industry is much smaller, and Missoula’s role as a trade center is changing.”
BBER forecasts economic growth in Missoula will be between 2.4 and 2.7 percent from 2015 to 2018.

This year’s seminar, “The New American Energy Revolution: Reshaping Montana,” will focus on the changing energy sector and feature keynote speaker Bill Whitsitt, a retired executive vice president at Devon Energy.

This is the 40th year BBER will travel around the state to deliver half-day seminars. In addition to economic forecasts, Barkey, Polzin and other economists from the Montana University System will examine the prospects for the state’s major industries.

The Missoula seminar will be held on Friday, Jan. 23 in the University Center Ballroom on the UM campus. Each seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch. For additional information, or to register for a seminar, call 406-243-5113 or visit http://www.bber.umt.edu.

Following is the schedule for the other seminar cities:

- **Helena** – Tuesday, Jan. 27, Best Western Great Northern Hotel
- **Great Falls** – Wednesday, Jan. 28, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Billings** – Tuesday, Feb. 3, Crowne Plaza
- **Bozeman** – Wednesday, Feb. 4, The Commons at Baxter & Love
- **Butte** – Thursday, Feb. 5, La Quinta Inn
- **Kalispell** – Friday, Feb. 13, Hilton Garden Inn
- **Sidney** – Tuesday, March 17, USDA/ARS
- **Miles City** – Wednesday, March 18, Bureau of Land Management

BBER is a research center that has provided information about Montana’s state and local economies for more than 50 years. For more information visit http://www.bber.umt.edu.

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Signing Ceremony to take place between Kumamoto Board of Education, MCPS and UM

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a ceremony Tuesday, Jan. 20 to commemorate the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding among the Kumamoto Prefecture Board of Education, Missoula County Public Schools and UM.

Kumamoto Prefecture, Japan, and the state of Montana began a sister-state/prefecture relationship in July 1982 based on the recommendation by Mike Mansfield, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan. Since the agreement was established, the sister-state relationship has fostered cooperation, and academic and research exchanges throughout the state.

Both UM and MCPS have maintained strong ties to high schools in Kumamoto and to the Kumamoto Board of Education since the program’s inception, with both sides participating in high school student exchange programs that work to promote cultural understanding. High school instructors from Kumamoto also have visited Montana for...
The MOU is a document that will further strengthen the cooperation between the three entities, focusing primarily on developing study abroad programs for Kumamoto Prefecture high school students, as well as developing paths to allow these high school students to enter UM academic programs upon graduation. The document also addresses the development of professional training and exchange programs for Kumamoto Prefecture teachers and administrators.

Those signing the agreement will include Paulo Zagalo-Melo, associate provost for global century education and director of International Programs; UM President Royce Engstrom; MCPS Superintendent Alex Apostle; and Superintendent of Kumamoto Prefecture Board of Education, Ryuichi Tasaki.

MCPS also will host school tours for the delegation at 1:30 p.m. the same day at Hellgate High School, and at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at Big Sky High School.

For more information, email Hatton Littman, MCPS director of technology and communication, at hlittman@mscps.k12.mt.us or call 406-728-2400 ext. 1024.

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MISSOULA – During the early-morning hours on Tuesday, Jan. 29, NASA will launch a satellite that will peer into the topmost layer of Earth's soils to measure the hidden waters that influence our ecosystems weather and climate.

University of Montana Professor John Kimball is among the team of researchers involved in the project. He developed algorithms that will digest the vast amount of data collected by the satellite and spit them into a software platform that estimates and monitors global land-atmosphere carbon dioxide exchange, ecosystem productivity and underlying environmental controls.

“We've been working with NASA for almost a decade to develop methods for effective global monitoring of surface soil moisture and freeze-thaw status from satellites,” Kimball said. “These parameters are very dynamic and strongly impact weather, climate and ecosystem processes, including vegetation growth.”

The Soil Moisture Active Passive, or SMAP, mission will produce the most accurate, highest-resolution global maps ever obtained from space of the moisture present in the top 2 inches of Earth's soils. It also will detect and map whether the land surface is frozen or thawed.
Kimball and his team hope to reduce uncertainty regarding the status and potential vulnerability of the global carbon sink, and better understand relationships between global water, carbon and energy cycles. These new observations will benefit a variety of applications, including regional assessment and monitoring of vegetation productivity and health, and drought impacts to forests, rangelands and agricultural systems.

“With data from SMAP, scientists and decision makers around the world will be better equipped to understand how Earth works as a system and how soil moisture impacts a myriad of human activities, from floods and drought to weather and crop-yield forecasts,” said Christine Bonniksen, SMAP program executive with the Science Mission Directorate's Earth Science Division at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C. “SMAP's global soil moisture measurements will provide a new capability to improve our understanding of Earth’s climate.”

Globally, the volume of soil moisture varies between 3 and 5 percent in desert and arid regions, to between 40 and 50 percent in saturated soils. In general, the amount depends on such factors as precipitation patterns, topography, vegetation cover and soil composition. There are not enough sensors in the ground to map the variability in global soil moisture at the level of detail needed by scientists and decision makers. From space, SMAP will produce global maps with 2- to 6-mile resolution every two to three days.

Researchers want to better measure soil moisture and its freeze/thaw state for numerous reasons. Plants and crops draw water from the soil through their roots to grow. If soil moisture is inadequate, plants fail to grow, which over time can lead to reduced crop yields. Also, energy from the sun evaporates moisture in the soil, cooling surface temperatures and also increasing moisture in the atmosphere, allowing clouds and precipitation to form more readily. In this way, soil moisture has a significant effect on both short-term regional weather and longer-term global climate.

In summer, plants in Earth's northern boreal regions – the forests found in Earth's high northern latitudes – take in carbon dioxide from the air and use it to grow, but lay dormant during the winter freeze period. All other factors being equal, the longer the growing season, the more carbon plants take in and the more effective forests are in removing carbon dioxide from the air. Since the start of the growing season is marked by the onset of seasonal thawing of soils and vegetation in the spring, mapping the freeze/thaw state of soils with SMAP will help scientists more accurately account for how much carbon plants are removing from the atmosphere each year. This information will lead to better estimates of the carbon budget in the atmosphere and, hence, better assessments of future global warming.

Kimball said, SMAP data will enhance our confidence in projections of how Earth's water cycle will respond to climate change.

“It will advance our ability to monitor droughts, predict floods and mitigate the related impacts of these extreme events,” Kimball said.

It will allow the monitoring of regional deficits in soil moisture and provide critical inputs into drought monitoring and early warning systems used by resource managers. In addition, the mission's high-resolution observations of soil moisture will improve flood warnings by providing information on ground saturation conditions before rainstorms.

SMAP's two advanced instruments work together to produce soil moisture maps. Its active radar works much like a flash camera, but instead of transmitting visible light, it transmits microwave pulses that pass through clouds and...
moderate vegetation cover to the ground and measures how much of that signal is reflected back. Its passive radiometer operates much like a camera, capturing natural Earth light emissions from the land without transmitting a pulse. Unlike traditional cameras, however, SMAP’s images are in the microwave range of the electromagnetic spectrum, which is invisible to the naked eye. Microwave radiation is sensitive to how much moisture is contained in the soil.

The two instruments share a large, lightweight reflector antenna that will be unfurled in orbit like a blooming flower and before spinning at about 14 revolutions per minute. The antenna will allow the instruments to collect data across a 621-mile swath, enabling global coverage every two to three days.

SMAP’s radiometer measurements extend and expand on soil moisture measurements currently made by the European Space Agency’s Soil Moisture Ocean Salinity mission, launched in 2009. With the addition of a radar instrument, SMAP’s soil moisture measurements will be able to distinguish finer features on the ground.

SMAP will launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base on a United Launch Alliance Delta II rocket and maneuver into a 426-mile altitude, near-polar orbit that repeats exactly every eight days. The mission is designed to operate at least three years.

For more information about SMAP mission, visit [http://www.nasa.gov/smap](http://www.nasa.gov/smap). For more information on Kimball’s contributions to the project, email john.kimball@umontana.edu.

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UM Researcher Helps NASA Get the Dirt on Soil Moisture - UM News - University Of Montana
Acclaimed Pianist Returns to UM to Perform, Teach During ‘Celebrate Piano Series’

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MISSOULA – Former Missoula resident Margery McDuffie Whatley will return to the University of Montana Music Recital Hall stage on Sunday, Jan. 25, to perform as part of the UM School of Music’s “Celebrate Piano Series.” She also will present a free, public masterclass on Friday, Jan. 23.

Whatley plays piano as soloist and chamber musician for audiences from coast to coast. A native of Macon, Georgia, she has performed at the U.S. Supreme Court at the request of former Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun; at the World Congress Center in Atlanta for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Awards ceremony; and at the Georgia Governor’s Mansion with her brother, Robert McDuffie, an internationally acclaimed violinist.

Whatley served as a visiting professor at UM and has taught regularly at UM’s Summer Piano Camp. She served as president of the String Orchestra of the Rockies board of directors and of the Missoula Music Teachers Association. She also has been featured on Montana Public Radio.
“Margery certainly holds her own in the world of professional pianists,” UM School of Music Professor Steven Hesla said, “but many Missoulians will further recall the outstanding performance she gave with her brother, Robert, a world-renowned violinist.”

During McDuffie’s residency at UM, the siblings performed together as part of the President’s Lecture Series, featuring the violin and piano version of Philip Glass’ violin concerto “The American Four Seasons.”

“It was a remarkable addition to the repertoire that was commissioned by and written for Robert, with its 2009-10 international premieres with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and London Symphony Orchestra, and in Missoula with Margery,” Hesla said.

After spending five years in Missoula, Whatley and her family relocated to Birmingham, Alabama in 2012.

Her three CDs have earned rave reviews from Fanfare Magazine and American Record Guide. More information on Whatley’s recordings is available on her website at http://www.margerymcduffiewhatley.com.

The Jan. 25 concert will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets cost $20 for general admission, $15 for seniors and $10 for students, and are available online at http://www.umt.edu/griztix/ or by calling the UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581.

In addition to her recital, Whatley will teach a free masterclass from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in UM’s Music Recital Hall. The public is invited to attend.

For more information on Whatley’s return visit to Missoula, call Hesla at 406-243-6055 or email steven.hesla@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – This year, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture with its Permanent Collection at the University of Montana celebrates its 120th anniversary. As part of the birthday celebration, MMAC has created the first-ever handbook to the collection, featuring 120 objects throughout history and across cultures to represent the museum’s 120 years. A parallel exhibition, titled “Art of the State: Celebrating 120 Years of the MMAC Permanent Collection” is on display Jan. 22 to May 23 in the Paxson and Meloy galleries of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

An opening reception and celebration to welcome UM students back to campus will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, in the PAR/TV Center lobby. The event will feature cake, live music by John Floridis, and Mayor John Engen and UM Vice President for Integrated Communications Peggy Kuhr will provide remarks at 5:45 p.m. UM Mascot Monte also will make a special appearance. The event is free and open to the public.

Throughout its history, the MMAC has been committed to making its Permanent Collection an important resource for not only UM but also for the people of the state and region. The exhibition and handbook represent 120 pieces carefully selected from distinguished collections of American and European paintings, prints, ceramics, photography, decorative, religious art, tapestries, Asian works on paper, traditional and contemporary Native American art and
Southeast Asian textiles.

While conducting research for the exhibition and handbook, MMAC staff worked with international scholars, art historians and institutions including The British Museum in London, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and many more.

Generous support for the handbook was supplied by the Gallagher Western Montana Charitable Foundation. The Morris and Helen Silver Foundation underwrote photography and additional printing costs. Design, editing and printing costs were supported by Cultural and Aesthetic Project grant funds from the state of Montana. In addition, support was given by the UM offices of the president, provost and vice president for integrated communications, and MMAC donors. Softcover editions are available for $35 and hardcover copies cost $55. For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

Due to their size and condition, the tapestries will not be on display during the course of the exhibition. Instead, there will be a special viewing of the tapestries “Le Joueur de Cornemuse (The Bagpipe Player)” and “Judith with the Head of Holofernes” beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the Masquer Theater of the PAR/TV Center.

The inability to display portions of the collection such as the tapestries, points to a pressing need. This vast collection – Montana’s largest public art collection – does not have a dedicated facility. MMAC exhibits are displayed in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the PAR/TV Center, and other pieces are displayed in buildings across the UM campus. The majority of the Permanent Collection remains in storage.

“This celebration of the Permanent Collection provides needed public awareness of MMAC’s lack of a museum building,” Koostra said. “We hope that through the exhibition and handbook, the public will learn about the quality and scope of this enormous resource that is held in trust for them. As the only designated state museum dedicated to fine art and culture, it is vital this vast resource be made more readily available to Montana and the region.”

Several programs are planned throughout the exhibition, including a special Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (MOLLI) class titled An Insider’s Guide to the Montana Museum of Art & Culture: 120 Artworks for 120 Years with Brandon Reintjes, MMAC curator of Art. Preregistration with MOLLI is required. Learn more at http://www.umt.edu/sell/programs/molli/.

On Tuesday, Feb. 3, Reintjes will present an evening lecture titled “Rudy Autio and the Birth of Contemporary Ceramics,” which explores the impact the UM professor emeritus had on Montana art and the field of ceramics. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Masquer Theater of the PAR/TV Center.

On Thursday, Feb. 19, College of Humanities and Sciences Dean and biology and neuroscience Professor Chris Comer, will present a talk about how the human brain interprets visual art in a talk titled “A View of Art Through Your Brain.” The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Montana Theatre of the PAR/TV Center.

At 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, art history and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacón will present a talk titled “Predilections and Possibilities: the Virtues of a Teaching Collection” in the Masquer Theater of the PAR/TV Center. All three talks are free and open to the public.

In addition, special docent tours focused on various aspects of the exhibition will take place from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the following dates:
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- **Friday, Feb. 6:** Montana Art and Artists
- **Thursday, Feb. 26:** Native American Art
- **Thursday, March 19:** European and American Masterworks
- **Thursday, April 9:** Contemporary and Modern Art

Also, Family Treasure Hunt Days will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 7, and Saturday, May 2, in the PAR/TV Center Lobby.

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

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MISSOULA – Missoula citizens, University of Montana students and national service volunteers will bring the message of Martin Luther King Jr. to hundreds of elementary school children in 25 classrooms as part of the fifth-annual MLK Read for Peace project on Friday, Jan. 16.

MLK Read for Peace, a collaboration between Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) and local schools with support from HOPE worldwide and the Corporation of National and Community Service, places volunteers in kindergarten through third-grade classrooms, where they read and discuss an age-appropriate book about the life and work of King with the students.

Volunteers will lead students in creating a drawing or a poem, which the Missoula Public Library will display at its downtown branch for the month of February. Students also will receive home-fire safety materials to take home to their parents.
“Montana is a state that values differences and that works collectively to solve its problems,” said Josh Vanek, MTCC interim director. “Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service is a great reminder of the grassroots work that communities regularly undertake to address their biggest challenges.”

This event allows students to contemplate the ideas of peace, equality and social justice while enjoying a long weekend in observation of King’s birthday on Monday, Jan. 19. Though King’s work is not a required part of the elementary curriculum in most places, many teachers choose to include King in their January coursework.

MLK Read for Peace is an event in which area teachers engage their students in learning about the iconic leader of the American Civil Rights movement and his engagement in the community.

Last year during MLK Read for Peace Missoula, 34 volunteers read to more than 900 students at nine MCPS elementary schools. This year, the volunteers will reach seven local elementary schools and over 400 students. Volunteers for this event include AmeriCorps VISTA members; Senior Corps volunteers from Missoula Aging Services; UM students, faculty and staff; community volunteers; and local elected officials. This year marks the 29th observation of King’s birthday as a federal holiday.

For additional information on the Missoula area event, email MTCC AmeriCorps VISTA leader Maura Jones at vistaleader@mtcompact.org or call 406-243-5451. Information for statewide Martin Luther King Day events can be found online at the Governor’s Office of Community Service website, http://serve.mt.gov.

MTCC works to improve communities and educate students for their civic and social responsibilities. MTCC member campuses include Blackfeet Community College, Carroll College, Flathead Valley Community College, Fort Peck Community College, Great Falls College Montana State University, Helena College UM, Little Big Horn College, MSU-Billings, MSU, MSU-Northern, Montana Tech of UM, Rocky Mountain College, Salish Kootenai College, UM, UM Western and the University of Great Falls.

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UM Alumni Association to Host First-Ever Signature Event Jan. 31 in Missoula

January 13, 2015

MISSOULA – Boots to Beaches, the first signature event of the University of Montana Alumni Association, takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula. The beach-party-themed evening will feature live and silent auctions, food, drinks, music and entertainment, as well as live raffles and prizes.

Missoula Mayor John Engen will emcee the event. All proceeds will benefit the UM Alumni Association, an organization that reaches out to more than 105,000 UM alumni and friends, helping them stay connected to the University and each other through events, programs and services such as Homecoming and Commencement reunions, alumni awards and career mentoring.

The public is invited to attend, and summer attire is encouraged. Tickets are $50 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at http://www.grizalum.org/ or by calling the UM Alumni Association at 406-243-5211.

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UM Earns National Recognition for Student Engagement, Service

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana recently earned recognition from two prominent civic engagement organizations.

The Corporation for National and Community Service honored UM with a place on the 2014 President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching awarded UM a 2015 Community Engagement Classification.

During the 2013-14 academic year, 2,991 students engaged in volunteer service through student-group activities, AmeriCorps service and service-learning courses. In total, UM students spent 221,832 hours volunteering during the academic year.

The President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal government recognition that a university or college can receive for its commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors that demonstrate a strong culture of service, including exemplary community service through volunteerism, academic service-learning and national service, and achievement of
meaningful outcomes in the community. UM was recognized in three categories on the honor roll.

UM also is among 240 colleges and universities selected to receive a Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. In 2008, UM was the first institution of higher education in the state to earn this classification.

“This recognition confirms what we’ve known for years – that our students are engaged global citizens who make their communities better places by giving back,” said UM President Royce Engstrom.

UM is among 157 institutions that are now re-classified, after being classified originally in 2006 or 2008. The 240 institutions join 121 institutions that earned the classification during the 2010 selection process.

Colleges and universities with an institutional focus on community engagement were invited to apply for the classification, first offered in 2006 as part of an extensive restructuring of The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

“This is wonderful validation and recognition of the important and impactful engagement efforts of the university,” said UM’s Director of the Office for Civic Engagement Andrea Vernon. “We should be very proud of the collaborative community partnerships we have that helped us achieve this noteworthy accomplishment.”

Unlike the foundation’s other classifications that rely on national data, this is an “elective” classification. Institutions participated voluntarily by submitting required materials describing the nature and extent of their engagement with the community, be it local or beyond. This approach enabled the foundation to address elements of institutional mission and distinctiveness that are not represented in the national data on colleges and universities.

“We had a great team of folks from across campus working throughout the past academic year to assist in the lengthy and detailed application process,” Vernon said.

Some examples of UM’s service partnerships where students give back to the greater community include Improving Health Among Rural Montanans, spectrUM Discovery Area and the PEAS Farm. Through these organizations and others, UM students gain hands-on experiences while improving the larger community. From conducting freshwater ecosystem research at Flathead Lake Biological Station, to providing free and low-cost health services to rural Montanans throughout Montana, UM collaborates with and serves a broad range of community members across the state.

“The importance of this elective classification is borne out by the response of so many campuses that have demonstrated their deep engagement with local, regional, national and global communities,” said John Saltmarsh, director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education. “These are campuses that are improving teaching and learning, producing research that makes a difference in communities and revitalizing their civic and academic missions.”

Central to the classification process is a “documentation framework” developed by a team of advisers to help applicants and reviewers assess the nature of an institution’s community engagement commitments.

This year, 241 first-time applicants registered to receive the application, 133 institutions submitted applications and
83 were successfully classified as community-engaged institutions. Similarly, 188 campuses were eligible for re-classification, 162 submitted an application and 157 were successfully re-classified.

In order to be selected, institutions had to provide descriptions and examples of institutionalized practices of community engagement that showed alignment among mission, culture, leadership, resources and practices.

The foundation, through the work of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, developed the first typology of American colleges and universities in 1970 as a research tool to describe and represent the diversity of U.S. higher education.

The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, which is now housed at Indiana University Bloomington's Center for Postsecondary Research, continues to be used for a wide range of purposes by academic researchers, institutional personnel, policymakers and others.

A listing of the institutions that hold the Community Engagement Classification can be found online at http://bit.ly/1FurZPF.

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MISSOULA – In a recent study, University of Montana and Montana Climate Office researcher Jared Oyler found that while the western U.S. has warmed, recently observed warming in the mountains of the western U.S. likely is not as large as previously supposed.

His results, published Jan. 9 in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, show that sensor changes have significantly biased temperature observations from the Snowpack Telemetry (SNOTEL) station network.

More than 700 SNOTEL sites monitor temperature and snowpack across the mountainous western U.S. SNOTEL provides critical data for water supply forecasts. Researchers often use SNOTEL data to study mountain climate trends and impacts to mountain hydrology and ecology.

Oyler and his co-authors applied statistical techniques to account for biases introduced when equipment was
switched at SNOTEL sites in the mid-1990s to mid-2000s. His revised datasets reduced the biases to reveal that high-elevation minimum temperatures were warming only slightly more than minimum temperatures at lower elevations.

“Observations from other station networks clearly show that the western U.S. has experienced regional warming,” Oyler said, “but to assess current and future climate change impacts to snowpack and important mountain ecosystem processes, we need accurate observations from the high elevation areas only covered by the SNOTEL network. The SNOTEL bias has likely compromised our ability to understand the unique drivers and impacts of climate change in western U.S. mountains.”

Co-authors on the paper “Artificial Amplification of Warming Trends Across the Mountains of the Western United States” include UM researchers Solomon Dobrowski, Ashley Ballantyne, Anna Klene and Steve Running. It is available online at http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/enhanced/doi/10.1002/2014GL062803/.

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Country Artist Canaan Smith to Open for Kip Moore Concert at UM

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MISSOULA – Country music artist Canaan Smith will open for Kip Moore at the University of Montana Adams Center on Tuesday, Jan. 27. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Smith, a young singer/songwriter from Williamsburg, Virginia, broke onto the country music scene in 2012 with his debut single “We Got Us” and since has toured with country music superstars such as Darius Rucker, Sugarland and Florida Georgia Line. His most recent single, “Love You Like That,” already has begun its climb to the top of the charts.

The rising country music artist has demonstrated success at songwriting, writing much of his own music and also co-writing Love and Theft’s top-10 hit “Runaway” and Jason Aldean’s “Black Tears.”

Tickets for the show are on sale at http://www.griztix.com, the Adams Center Box Office and all GrizTix locations. Tickets also may be purchased by calling 406-243-4051 during regular business hours. They cost $30 or $35, plus applicable service fees.
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Missoula – Will lower gasoline prices boost the state economy as consumers and businesses enjoy the savings, or will they produce an oil bust in the Bakken? 2015 is certainly a year of changing trends, and University of Montana economists and industry experts will discuss these at an upcoming seminar series held in nine Montana cities.


They keynote speaker is Bill Whitsitt, a retired Devon Energy executive vice president, who has experienced up close the rapid changes in energy development. Whitsitt has returned to Montana after a long and successful career in the energy business with an inside view of how it has all come together. He will highlight what today’s technology-driven American energy revolution means to people, markets and economies, as well as to innovation in Montana and the nation.

This half-day seminar and luncheon will highlight economic trends for local, state and national economies. BBER
economists Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin will present economic forecasts for each seminar city, and industry experts will provide the outlook for Montana’s important sectors: energy, travel and recreation, health care, agriculture, real estate, manufacturing and forest products.

The seminar runs from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be held in numerous Montana cities during January, February and March. Registration costs $85, which includes an economic outlook book, PowerPoint presentation book, lunch and a one-year subscription to Montana Business Quarterly, BBER’s award-winning business journal. Continuing education credits are available, and groups of five or more qualify for discounted registration.

The series begins in Missoula on Friday, Jan. 23, at the University Center on the UM campus. Following is the schedule for other seminar cities:

**Helena** – Tuesday, Jan. 27, Best Western Great Northern Hotel

**Great Falls** – Wednesday, Jan. 28, Hilton Garden Inn

**Billings** – Tuesday, Feb. 3, Crowne Plaza

**Bozeman** – Wednesday, Feb. 4, The Commons at Baxter & Love

**Butte** – Thursday, Feb. 5, La Quinta Inn

**Kalispell** – Friday, Feb. 13, Hilton Garden Inn

**Sidney** – Tuesday, March 17, USDA/ARS

**Miles City** – Wednesday, March 18, Bureau of Land Management

The UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research is a research center that has provided information about Montana’s state and local economies for more than 50 years. For more information or to register, visit BBER online at [http://www.bber.umt.edu/](http://www.bber.umt.edu/) or call 406-243-5113.

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UM Irish Concert Series Begins in February in Missoula, Butte

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MISSOULA – Traditional Irish music and song will take the stage at the University of Montana in Missoula and at Montana Tech of UM in Butte this February and March.

UM’s Irish Studies Program and the UM School of Music, in partnership with the Friends of Irish Studies, will present “A Springtime of Irish Music and Song” Feb. 6-7, Feb. 20-21, March 6-7 and March 20-21.

“This series brings to Montana the most well-known custodians of Ireland’s music and song tradition,” UM Irish Studies Program Director Traolach Ó Riordáin said. “As in previous years, our visitors come from those families who passed on the tradition from generation to generation.”

The concert series is part of the Traditional Music and Song of Ireland music course at UM that will be taught by Éilis Keegan during the spring semester. Keegan is an accomplished musician, a champion Irish fiddler and a Fulbright Irish Language Teaching Assistant at UM.

The course she will teach originally was designed by UM Music Professor Patrick Williams, but modified by Keegan.
to include instruction in the tin whistle. Learning the tin whistle will introduce students to the fundamentals of Irish traditional music. Students who either play melodic instruments or sing also are encouraged to take the course.

Students will get the chance to play with visiting musicians, including button accordion player Danny O'Mahony; concertina, flute player and sean-nós singer Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin; Irish fiddle player James Kelly; and lead vocalist of Irish rock band The Hothouse Flowers, Liam Ó Maonlaí. The guest artists will talk about their relationship to the traditional Irish sound, play for the class and hold workshops open to the students and the public.

The inclusion of the community in these workshops is central to the Irish Studies Program's long-term objective of building closer cultural ties between Montana and Ireland.

The series includes four performances at the UM Music Recital Hall in Missoula and the Montana Tech Library and Auditorium in Butte. All performances are from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The schedule follows:

**Button Accordion** – Danny O'Mahony

- Friday, Feb. 6, Montana Tech Library and Auditorium – Butte
- Saturday, Feb. 7, UM Music Recital Hall – Missoula

**Flute, Concertina and Song** – Eoghan Ó Ceannabháin

- Friday, Feb. 20, Montana Tech Library and Auditorium – Butte
- Saturday, Feb. 21, UM Music Recital Hall – Missoula

**Fiddle** – James Kelly

- Friday, March 6, Montana Tech Library and Auditorium – Butte
- Saturday, March 7, UM Music Recital Hall – Missoula

**Whistle, Bodhran and Song** – Liam Ó Maonlaí

- Friday, March 20, Montana Tech Library and Auditorium – Butte
- Saturday, March 21, UM Music Recital Hall – Missoula

Tickets to each performance cost $15 for general admission or $10 for Friends of Irish Studies members. A ticket to all four performances may be purchased for $45. Tickets can be purchased online at [http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/](http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/); at Rockin’ Rudy’s in Missoula; and at Cavanaugh’s County Celtic or Granite Mountain Bank in Butte.

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UM’s Mansfield Library Nationally Recognized for Serving as Region’s Depository

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MISSOULA – The U.S. Government Publishing Office recently spotlighted the University of Montana’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library for serving as a regional depository library. The library was designated as a depository in 1909 and a regional depository library in 1965.

UM’s large academic library has a wide variety of information available to its patrons through well-developed online guides. Susanne Caro, UM’s regional depository coordinator, created and maintains the U.S. Government Information subject guides, which can be accessed online at [http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/govinfo](http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/govinfo).

The library provides an array of portal-level access points to online government resources, down to individual monographs of specific titles.

“As one would expect, the New Government Documents Guide showcases new government publications, but it also...
does a wonderful job of tying historic documents to today's current events,” the spotlight reads.

The article also acknowledged the Mansfield Library’s blog “The Government News for Montana,” which posts new government document resources and news articles of interest to those in Montana. The blog can be accessed online at http://montanagovinfo.blogspot.com/.

“A characteristic of UM['s] online subject guides that you will find very interesting is that they provide a mash up, or a blend of information, from a variety of sources as appropriate,” the article reads.

As a regional depository library, UM provides government document administration as one of its services to selective depositories. The Montana Federal Depository Library Program blog site, which can be accessed online at http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/mtfdlp, offers video demonstrations, blog posts listing training opportunities, weeding procedures, a directory of Montana depositories and more.

The article also recognizes the library's work on a long-term retrospective cataloging project. The library has a strong collection of U.S. Forest Service publications and has partnered with GPO to provide cooperative cataloging for the pre-1976 publications and for fugitive publications the library holds.

All libraries benefit from the project because finalized records are added to GPO’s Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, which can be accessed online at http://catalog.gpo.gov/F?RN=809120163.

“The staff at Mansfield Library has access to a large historic collection and has put a lot of work into making their collection visible and available for use,” the article states. “Their passion for Federal Government information serves the people of the University, the state of Montana, and the nation very well.”


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UM Journalism Centennial Celebration at Capitol to Feature Bullock, Centenarians

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Journalism continues its yearlong centennial celebration in Helena with an exhibit and ceremony in the Capitol rotunda on Friday, Jan. 9. The event is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1914 by Dean Arthur Stone, the UM School of Journalism has produced well-rounded and successful journalists for 100 years. This year, students in Associate Professor Jeremy Lurgio’s Advanced Photojournalism and Multimedia Storytelling class tracked down some of Montana’s centenarians to create the project “A Century of Stories.” Together, the students created a photographic display of these Montanans’ portraits, which will be on display at the Capitol event.

“The project was an excellent experience that challenged our journalistic skills,” UM student Kristen Kirkland said. “We had to adjust our techniques to work with the elderly, and this provided us with an amazing learning experience.”

At 11 a.m. Gov. Steve Bullock will pay tribute to School of Journalism alumni who have covered the Legislature and
state government to benefit the citizens of Montana. Alumni Chuck Johnson and Mike Dennison of Lee Newspapers and former Montana Public Radio News Director Sally Mauk will be honored for their commitment, as will students who have participated in UM’s Legislative News Service over the past two decades.

Students selected for this year’s legislative coverage will be introduced. They will provide newspapers, radio stations and online news sites with written accounts, audio and visuals form the legislative session.

“We’ve been providing this service since the mid-1990s,” journalism department chair Professor Dennis Swibold said. “The work – free to news organizations – is supported by the Montana Broadcasters Association, the Montana Newspaper Association and the Greater Montana Foundation.”

News organizations across Montana and North Dakota depend on the coverage as many of them cannot afford to send a full-time reporter to Helena for four months.

Former and current legislators, elected officials, School of Journalism alumni and the centenarians profiled for the exhibit will be among those attending the ceremony.

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