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# UM to Host Indian Law Week April 13-17

April 01, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Native American Law Students Association will host its annual Indian Law Week, Monday through Friday, April 13-17. This year’s theme is “Law, Culture and the Environment.”

During the week NALSA will host lunches with speakers who will discuss a variety of topics impacting tribal communities. These sessions will be held from noon to 1 p.m. April 13, 14, 15 and 17, in Law Building Room 101 on the UM campus. The lunch discussions are free and open to the public.

Continuing Legal Education will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Holiday Inn Downtown Missoula, located at 200 S. Pattee St. This event also will include several guest speakers from across the state and the Environmental Protection Agency’s Region 8 office. It is co-sponsored by the Montana State Bar’s Indian Law Section.

“The Indian Law Week program will highlight how environmental concerns and the law often overlap with Native advocacy and cultural preservation. We’ve focused on creating an agenda that will demonstrate just how interesting and relevant Indian law can be,” said Christina Courville, president of the Montana NALSA chapter. “The speakers on the program have a wide range of experiences to share, and we are fortunate to bring them to Missoula.”

Courville said students, practitioners and tribal stakeholders are encouraged to attend throughout the week.

A reception, silent auction and presentation of the Mi-Ha-Ka-Ta-Kis (Ray Cross) and NALSA Teaching Awards will follow the CLE from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 16. Attorney Urban Bear Don't Walk and School of Law Library Director Stacey Gordon will be honored at the event. Tickets cost \$10 for the general public and \$5 for students.

For more information or to register for the CLE, visit NALSA's Facebook page online at <https://www.facebook.com/MontanaNALSA>, call Courville at 406-243-4311 or email [christina.courville@umontana.edu](mailto:christina.courville@umontana.edu).

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# UM Students to Receive Awards for Promoting Campus Diversity

March 31, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Diversity Advisory Council at the University of Montana will honor the recipients of this year’s DAC Student Achievement Awards at a ceremony from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the University Center Ballroom.

The awards honor students whose leadership promotes campus diversity. Award winners have demonstrated leadership, served as role models and contributed substantially to the ideals of diversity through academic, community, campus or service projects. Nominations for the awards were accepted through March 6.

Nominees must have attended UM for one full academic semester during the 2013-14 academic year and be in good academic standing. Students may receive this recognition more than once. A DAC subcommittee reviewed all nominations and selected students most worthy of the award.

From preserving native languages, to organizing the annual Tunnel of Oppression, to working with people with autism and related disorders, this year’s awardees are being honored for a breadth of diversity activities.



The following students will receive awards at the ceremony:

- Shaghuf Altaf
- Rachel Babbitt
- Kali Beeson
- Trail Bundy
- Rebecca Cloutier
- Jason Conway
- Jesse DesRosier
- Ruriko Ebara
- Tessa Feemster
- Sarah Fink
- Kenneth Flamand
- Samantha French
- Shanae Gilham
- Sylvia Gomez
- David Hernandez-Angeles
- Abigail Jones
- Jonathon Knudson
- Roger LaPlante
- Jacinda (Morgieau) Lovejoy
- Ewere (Suzette) Moseri
- Nicholas O'Neal
- Summer Page
- Amber Shaffer
- Whitney Snow
- Kathleen Stone
- Abby Sweet
- Adriane Tailfeathers
- Marley Tanner
- Yu Xia

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# University Villages Plans Herbicide Application

March 30, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Work crews at University Villages, a University of Montana housing complex located on the South Campus, will apply herbicides to select areas this spring and summer. Residents and the public should watch for signs posted along the perimeter of treated areas.

Glyphosate – commonly known as Roundup – will be spot-sprayed near parking lots, curbs and sidewalks, as well as in some ornamental flowerbeds. Craighead, Sisson, Elliott, Toole and Lewis and Clark Villages are scheduled for treatment this spring. The herbicide Horsepower will be used for treatment of broadleaf weeds in some turf areas.

Workers will adhere to all procedural regulations and guidelines in applying the herbicide.

For more information call the University Villages office at 406-243-6030.

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# UM Law Students Tour Energy Facilities for Spring Break

March 30, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Twenty students from the University of Montana's School of Law are currently taking a 1,400-mile, five-day bus tour across Montana to see firsthand the various forms of energy development in the state.

The Energy Facilities Field Trip is a course designed to provide law students an on-the-ground experience of the energy developments about which they study. They are accompanied by law school Interim Dean Greg Munro.

The trip will include a tour of the hydroelectric facility at Rainbow Dam in **Great Falls**, followed by a visit to the Spion Kop wind facility between Great Falls and **Lewistown**. The bus then will take the group to **Sidney** for a look at oil field facilities in the Bakken and to meet with city and county planners. That will be followed by a tour of PPL's generators in **Colstrip** and the Western Energy Company coal mine there. At the end of the week, students will see Northwestern Energy's transmission control center in **Butte**, followed by a visit to the David Gates Generating Station in **Anaconda**.

At each energy location and during transit on the bus, lawyers who specialize in each form of energy will instruct the students in the laws that govern the permitting, development, siting and operation of facilities involved.

“Our graduates will be representing energy developers, landowners, federal and state regulators and environmental groups and will be state leaders making decisions about energy development,” Munro said. “In every case it will be important that they have had the experience of seeing the facilities and the communities where the facilities are located.”

The group will have overnight stays in Lewistown, Sidney, Miles City and Billings. The UM School of Law will host local lawyers at breakfasts with the students in Lewistown on Tuesday, March 31; Sidney on Wednesday, April 1; and **Miles City** on Thursday, April 2. The Crowley Fleck Law Firm of **Billings** will host the students and local energy lawyers at a breakfast in Billings on Friday, April 3.

Northwestern Energy, PPL, Western Energy and the Crowley Fleck law firm have all collaborated with the school in allowing tours of the facilities and hosting meals during instruction at their locations.

“In addition to seeing the energy facilities, we are also excited our students get to experience the grand beauty and big sky of eastern Montana and its communities,” said Munro.

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# New York Times Executive Editor to Lecture at UM

March 30, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Dean Baquet, executive editor of The New York Times, will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism's 58th annual Dean Stone Lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in the University Center Ballroom.

Baquet's lecture is titled "Quality Journalism in the Digital Age – Challenges & Opportunities." The event is free and open to the public.

Baquet was named executive editor of The New York Times in May 2014.

Prior to being named executive editor, Baquet was managing editor of the Times. During various periods at the paper, he served as a metro reporter, Washington bureau chief, national editor and metro editor. Baquet also worked at The Los Angeles Times, where he was editor and managing editor.

While working at the Chicago Tribune, Baquet served as associate metro editor for investigations and was chief investigative reporter, covering corruption in politics and the garbage-hauling industry.



He was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting in March 1988, when he led a team of three in documenting corruption in the Chicago City Council. He also was a finalist for a Pulitzer in 1994 in the investigative reporting category, and has received numerous local and regional awards.

UM School of Journalism Dean Larry Abramson says Baquet is the perfect choice for a lecture that marks the beginning of a second century of journalism education at UM.

“Reporters and editors are watching the Times closely to see how the paper faces the challenges of the digital revolution,” Abramson said. “This is a great chance for our students to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of a great news organization.”

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

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# Acclaimed Author William DeBuys to Present Free Reading, Reception at UM

March 27, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Award-winning author and conservationist William deBuys will deliver a nonfiction reading at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room at the University of Montana. The reading, which is free and open to the public, will conclude the UM Creative Writing Program’s spring Visiting Writer Series.

DeBuys is the author of eight books, including “River of Traps” which was selected as a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize; “The Walk,” an excerpt of which won a Pushcart Prize; “A Great Aridness: Climate Change and the Future of the American Southwest,” winner of the Weber-Clements Prize; and “The Last Unicorn: A Search for One of Earth’s Rarest Creatures.” DeBuys’ shorter work has appeared in Orion Magazine, The New York Times Book Review, Story Magazine, High Country News and other journals.

DeBuys is currently in residence at UM as the Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer in Environmental Studies.

“William deBuys is an accomplished writer of national stature, and the Environmental Studies Program is very pleased he is here,” UM Environmental Studies Program Director Phil Condon said. “His research and narratives on subjects of place, climate change, extinction and more are exciting to environmental studies graduate students, and

the opportunity to work with him directly on their own writing projects will enhance their craft and skills greatly.”

DeBuys earned a master’s and doctorate degree in American civilization from the University of Texas at Austin. He was named a Lyndhurst Fellow in 1986, a Carl and Florence King Fellow at Southern Methodist University in 1999 and a Guggenheim Fellow in 2008. He lives and writes on a small farm in El Valle, New Mexico.

The reading is sponsored by the UM Creative Writing Program, Environmental Studies Program and the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. For more information call Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267, email [karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu](mailto:karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu) or visit <http://www.cas.umt.edu/creativewriting>.

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# UM Junior Earns Newman Civic Fellows Award

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**MISSOULA** – University of Montana junior Hope Radford recently became a Newman Civic Fellow for her work as a change-agent, focusing on issues related to climate change, social justice and sustainable food production.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award is given to college student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities across the country.

Since her freshman year at UM, Radford has stood out as an Eco Rep, coordinating environmental events, processes and systems, and educational programming for UM residence halls. She co-chairs the Food Systems Working Group and is actively involved with Students for Real Food, UM Climate Action Now, the ASUM Sustainability Committee and 1,000 New Gardens.

Radford also has worked to create an on-campus farmers market and designed a system to help University students on meal plans use their money to purchase healthy, local foods. Additionally, she initiated a campus Real Foods movement, successfully encouraging the University to sign a commitment stating that 20 percent of food purchases will be “real foods” by 2020.

“The world is facing a multitude of environmental challenges: We are running out of resources, losing critical ecosystems and experiencing vast climatic variability,” Radford said. “I am deeply passionate about these environmental issues, as well as those of social justice. Every being on this planet should have basic resources and the economic opportunity to sustain life.”

Radford currently is studying abroad in Argentina, working to understand the effect of climate change and economic influence on small farmers.

Newman Civic Fellows are recommended by college and university presidents to acknowledge motivation and ability in public leadership. The awards are made in memory of Frank Newman, who dedicated his life to creating systemic change through education reform.

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# Nobel Prize Recipient to Deliver Next President's Lecture at UM

March 27, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The winner of the 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine will deliver the next installment of the 2014-15 President's Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

David Baltimore, California Institute of Technology's Robert Andrews Millikan Professor of Biology, will present "Genes as Therapies" at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, in the Dennison Theatre. The lecture is held in collaboration with UM's Division of Biological Sciences and the Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics.

Baltimore also will lead a seminar titled "MicroRNAs and Blood Cell Homeostasis" earlier that day from 3:40 to 5 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar are free and open to the public.

After earning his doctorate in 1964 at Rockefeller University, Baltimore did postdoctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and later, from 1965 to 1968, worked as a research associate at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California. He joined the MIT faculty in 1968 and earned a full professorship in 1972.

At age 37, Baltimore's work on virology earned him the 1975 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine. After founding

MIT's Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in 1982, he served as its director until 1990 and then became the president of Rockefeller University. From 1994 to 1997, Baltimore was the Ivan R. Cottrell Professor of Molecular Biology and Immunology and the American Cancer Society Research Professor at MIT. From 1997 to 2006, he served as president of the California Institute of Technology.

Upon being appointed to the presidency, the California Institute of Technology's board of trustees president described Baltimore as "perhaps the most influential living biologist and surely one of the most accomplished." A colleague of his stated, "It is not an exaggeration to say that one could write a pretty decent history of the last 25 years in biology reviewing Dr. Baltimore's contributions."

He has been a leader in the effort to create an AIDS vaccine and in the creation of a national science policy consensus on recombinant DNA research. With other leading scientists, he helped to allay concerns about genetic research and has established research standards that are followed to this day.

Baltimore has been a major figure in Washington, D.C., as head of the National Institutes of Health AIDS Vaccine Research Committee and co-chair of the National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine's Committee on a National Strategy for AIDS. He is the subject of the biography "Ahead of the Curve: David Baltimore's Life in Science" by Shane Crotty.

As an educator, researcher and administrator, Baltimore continues his vital work as a public advocate for science.

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

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# UM Student Groups Organize 5K Events to Raise Awareness of Sexual Assault

March 26, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana’s University Council on Student Assault together with UM’s Army ROTC program will host a Stomp Out Sexual Assault 5k Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, April 25.

Both events will start from the Schreiber Gym on the UM campus. They begin at 10 a.m. and cost \$15. Following the races, there will be prevention training. Interested participants can register online before April 15 at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Missoula/StompOutSexualAssault5KFunRunWalk>.

“Participants will have the opportunity to be a part of something different on campus and within the Missoula community,” said UM student and event organizer Ben Cipriano.

The event aims to build awareness about sexual assault, to teach prevention of sexual assault through bystander training, to create a safer community and to counteract the stigma of Missoula being an unsafe place.

The event is sponsored by the Runner’s Edge, The Shirt Shop, Great Harvest Bread Co. and the UM Advocates for Non-violence.

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# UM Marketing Students Compete, Succeed in National Competition

March 26, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Ten members of the University of Montana chapter of the American Marketing Association traveled to New Orleans to participate in the 37th annual International Collegiate Conference, which was held March 19-22.

Organized by the American Marketing Association, the conference brought nearly 2,000 collegiate members together from across the country to share chapter best practices, test their marketing skills in competitions and network with their peers and prospective employers.

At the conference, UM students competed in the Sabre Business Simulation Competition. The



team of six senior marketing students was one of 35 teams to face off. They earned an honorable mention, placing fourth just behind Johns Hopkins University. Two students competed in the Marketing Strategy Competition, placing in the top 15 percent of 98 teams nationwide.

The students also participated in workshops and attended lectures from prominent marketers, such as Michael McCullough, chief marketing officer for the Miami Heat, and Daryl Weber, global director for creative strategy and planning at Coca-Cola.

According to Meghan Keeley, UM-AMA's president, the experience was a testament to the quality of education UM offers its students.

"It's great to go to a conference with thousands of students from schools across the country of all different sizes and prestige and to not only keep up, but to really be one of the standout chapters in everything that we did," Keeley said. "The marketing department here is definitely on the cutting edge."

The students received funding for the travel from UM's School of Business Administration and ASUM.

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# UM's Wilderness Institute Receives Award for 'Untrammeled' Film

March 26, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana's Wilderness Institute recently received a prestigious award for its role in producing "Untrammeled," a film celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Wilderness Institute Director Natalie Dawson accepted the Regional Forester's Wilderness Champion Partners Award from the U.S. Forest Service during a ceremony March 17. The award recognizes Forest Service partners who have demonstrated a vision and passion for the National Wilderness Preservation System.



The Wilderness Institute and numerous partners worked with the Northern Region of the Forest Service to celebrate

the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Wilderness Act. This partnership produced *"Untrammeled,"* a 27-minute broadcast-quality film. The film features youths experiencing wilderness and celebrating the incredible legacy and responsibility of passing stewardship from generation to generation.

*"Untrammeled"* premiered before a packed house at UM in April 2014 and has been selected for broadcast at national film festivals. Educational short versions of the film are being produced for YouTube.

For the past 40 years, the Wilderness Institute, part of UM's College of Forestry and Conservation, has completed a variety of environmental projects and programs. At the heart of its long-term success is the Wilderness and Civilization Program, which was featured in *"Untrammeled."* Founded in 1975, the undergraduate program was one of the first of its kind in the nation and remains unique in the field of experiential education today. It has attracted and trained more than 1,000 students since its inception, and since 1990 participants have earned a minor in wilderness studies. Many of the program's alumni have served in leadership roles in conservation organizations, wilderness education, land management agencies and their communities.

For more information on Wilderness Institute programs, including the Wilderness and Civilization Program, visit <http://www.umt.edu/wi>, call 406-243-5361 or email [wi@cfc.umt.edu](mailto:wi@cfc.umt.edu).

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# UM Lecture to Examine 'Global Impact of Tropical Diseases in the Modern World'

March 25, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A doctor with clinical medicine experience in Peru, Honduras, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic will share his expertise on global infectious disease and tropical pathology during a lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, in the North Underground Lecture Hall at the University of Montana.

Lane Sid Rolling will present "Global Impact of Tropical Diseases in the Modern World: The Haiti Experience," sponsored by UM's Division of Biological Sciences and the Global Leadership Initiative. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Rolling is director of clinical education and associate professor of medicine in the Department of Trauma and Infectious Diseases at the University of Health Sciences School of Medicine in Cusco, Peru.

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# UM Associate Professor Earns Fraternity Career Achievement Award

March 24, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana pharmacy Associate Professor Sherrill Brown has been selected by Kappa Epsilon Fraternity as the 2015 recipient of the Career Achievement Award. The Career Achievement Award was created in 1965 to honor a Kappa Epsilon member for their professional accomplishments.

Brown is a 2003 graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City, School of Pharmacy and an alumni member of the Omega Chapter. She has been a dedicated member of Kappa Epsilon Fraternity for more than 10 years, serving on Grand Council as vice president of communications, acting as Grand Council liaison



for several collegiate chapters and serving as co-adviser for the Delta Chapter. In addition to her years of service to the fraternity, she also served the Kappa Epsilon Foundation Board as a trustee and secretary.

Brown received the Unicorn Award at Kappa Epsilon's National Convention in 2009. The Unicorn Award recognizes alumni members serving as leaders, workers, contributors and creators who make Kappa Epsilon a better organization.

Brown has been an associate professor of pharmacy practice at UM's Skaggs School of Pharmacy since 2004. Brown also oversees the provision of drug information to health care professionals in Montana and across the U.S. as the director of the UM Drug Information Service.

She also teaches drug literature evaluation in the pharmacy curriculum, precepts students in the Drug Information Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience and advises students in the pre-pharmacy program. Sherrill is co-director of the Drug Information/Academia Residency program at UM, as well as a preceptor for the UM PGY1 Pharmacy Residency program.

Before completing her doctorate of pharmacy, Brown earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1992 and was a small animal veterinarian for five years. After graduating from pharmacy school, she completed a drug information residency at the University of Tennessee/Methodist University Hospital in Memphis.

Brown is a member of the American Society of Health-Systems Pharmacists, the American Pharmacists Association, the American College of Clinical Pharmacists and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Currently, Brown is chair-elect for the Library and Information Science Section of the American Association of

Colleges of Pharmacy.

Kappa Epsilon, founded in 1921 in Iowa City, Iowa, is a national professional pharmacy fraternity that was originally established to unite female pharmacy students across the United States.

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# Local Business Owner Saves UM's Easter Eggstravaganza, Invites Others to Help

March 24, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Easter Bunny almost hopped on by the University of Montana this year, but thanks to local business owner Michael Burks, western Montana children will once again have the chance to scoop up thousands of colorful eggs and candy during the annual Easter Eggstravagaza on Saturday, April 4, on UM's Oval.

In 2014, the University handed the event over to a new organizer and in doing so promised to make the Oval available for future events and to lend its expertise and staff to execute the event. Due to time and logical issues, the 2015 event nearly was canceled until Burks and his Garden of Read'n team stepped up as the organizer and underwriter just a mere two weeks out.

"This is really all about the kids," Burks said. "When we heard the Easter Eggstravaganza may not happen, we stepped up because we wanted to ensure the community would not miss out on this cherished event."

As the presenting sponsor for the event, Garden of Read'n will donate 20,000 eggs filled with candy and prizes.

Children ages 9 and under are invited to bring their baskets and search for the thousands of eggs during western

Montana's largest egg hunt, which gets underway when the Main Hall bell tolls 1 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"Missoula has so much to offer young families and children," Burks said. "We hope businesses that offer many of those fun activities or beloved treats will rally in the 11th hour and join us in supporting the event."

Businesses or individuals interested in making in-kind donations, in the form of prizes or certificates, are encouraged to call Garden of Read'n Manager Kiomi Glenn at 406-728-3032 or email [kiomi@gardenofreadn.com](mailto:kiomi@gardenofreadn.com). Each year, the top prize in each age-section is a certificate for a bicycle. Organizers are looking for an individual or businesses to either donate or underwrite the cost of purchasing a tricycle, and three age-group specific bicycles.

There will be separate age-group sections for 0-2, 3, 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9. There also will be special certificates in each section for larger prizes, such as UM summer camps and tickets to Missoula Maulers games.

Participants are encouraged to bike, bus, carpool or walk to campus. The Mountain Line's Saturday route schedules can be found online at <http://www.mountainline.com/maps-schedules/route-schedules/>.

The Missoula Easter Eggstravaganza is presented and organized by the Garden of Read'n with help from UM's University Relations. Other sponsors include the Missoula Maulers, Maulers Hockey Central, Stitches, Big Sky Specialized Carriers, Inc., and Fuel Fitness and Nutrition, Inc. and Missoula Federal Credit Union.

Volunteers from the community and UM Advocates will help spread candy and eggs across the Oval the morning of the hunt.

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# UM Gallery to Display MFA Thesis Exhibitions

March 24, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Master of Fine Arts graduate students Crista Ann Ames and Tyler Nansen will present their thesis exhibitions April 9-23 in the Gallery of Visual Arts, located on the first floor of the Social Science Building at the University of Montana. The opening reception for the exhibition will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 9. The event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

In the exhibit “this tale is told out,” Ames creates life-size ceramic sculpture of people and animals that explore personal mythology and storytelling. She often incorporates felted, dyed and spun

wool in her sculptures. Raised on a small sheep farm in Washington state, Ames draws on her own experiences to



wool in her sculptures. Raised on a small sheep farm in Washington state, Ames draws on her own experiences to



explore pastoral life, animal husbandry, women's craft and fertility.

Ames also is inspired by fairy tales and mythology. Through the layering of mythology, iconography and personal narrative, Ames explores how our own animal nature relates to the ways we establish and sustain personal relationships. In bridging the gap between myth and experience, she uses her artistic practice to create new stories that tell contemporary tales of trauma, joy and womanhood.

Nansen's exhibit, "More is the Same," features sculptural work inspired by architecture, landscape and human perception of place. Nansen, who was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area, notes long car trips taken with his family through the American West as a major source of inspiration for his art. During these travels, he became intrigued by vast vistas framed by the car window.

Nansen's exhibit offers contemporary interpretations of the landscape through stark, human-scale minimal sculptures. The use of materials, including wood, glass, concrete and paint, reinforce concepts of human relationships with landscape and architecture.

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# UM Students to Graduate with Big Data Analytics Certificate in May

March 23, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Electronic data is created everywhere, from credit card transactions to satellite sensors. As its volume and velocity continue to increase, businesses and scientists have recognized the need for new techniques to analyze this “big data.” Several departments at the University of Montana responded to this trend by building an interdisciplinary curriculum to educate UM students on cutting-edge approaches, starting with a first-of-its-kind course in real-time data analytics offered fall of 2012.

This May, seven UM students will be the first to graduate with a certificate in data analytics. Two of the students major in math, one in computer science and four in management information systems.

“The goal of the certificate program is for students to leave UM ready to tackle the challenges presented by big data,” said Lee Tangedahl, chair of UM’s Management Information Systems program. “There will be an increasing demand in the job market for talented people with these skills, and UM is on the leading edge for preparing students for these careers.”

To earn the certificate, students must complete six required credits and six elective credits. The required courses

include an introductory data analytics course and a capstone big data projects course. The elective courses include a wide variety of options, from pattern recognition to marketing analytics.

Students use currently available tools to capture, analyze and present big data. They explore a variety of applications where big data tools can be applied, and they complete a big data project.

A 2014 CNBC Special Report said “employees with big-data skillsets are in demand” and estimated that by 2018 there will be 4 million big-data-related positions in the U.S. These jobs would pay median salaries of \$80,000 to those who have less than three years of experience and \$150,000 to big data analysts with nine or more years of experience.

In addition, U.S. enterprises will need 1.5 million more managers and business analysts who can ask the right questions and consume the results of big data analysis.

For more information on the certificate program visit <http://www.umt.edu/datascience/Certificate-in-Big-Data-Analytics.php>, call Tangedahl at 406-243-2249 or email [lee.tangedahl@umontana.edu](mailto:lee.tangedahl@umontana.edu).

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# Geosciences Team Wins Regional Competition, Advances to International Event

March 20, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A team of University of Montana geosciences graduate and undergraduate students won the regional American Association of Petroleum Geologists' Imperial Barrel Award on Saturday, March 14. The students will advance to the international competition Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, in Denver.

Students Anna Phelps, Brianna Berg, Cody Bomberger, Clayton Schultz and John Zupanic presented their analysis to a panel of industry experts who selected a winner based on technical



findings and presentation quality. In their first attempt at the competition, the UM students defeated seven other Rocky Mountain region institutions, including Brigham Young University; BYU, Idaho; Colorado School of Mines; New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology; University of Utah; Utah State University and the University of Wyoming.

The team of UM students was mentored by UM geosciences researcher Michael Hofmann. They attribute their success in part to collaboration with UM alumni, especially Dave McGee, who volunteered his time as a project consultant remotely from Denmark.

The students reflect the UM community and philosophy by building success with a diverse group of undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and alumni working creatively together.

“The past eight weeks have been an incredible experience,” said Berg, one of the team’s undergraduate members. “I am so glad that I got to compete in the Imperial Barrel Award competition with teammates that I also consider friends. It was stressful, but the hard work paid off and we can now proudly call ourselves the 2015 Rocky Mountain Section IBA winners.”

For more information on the competition, visit [http://iba.aapg.org/section\\_rockymountain.cfm](http://iba.aapg.org/section_rockymountain.cfm).

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# Winner of the UM Brain Bee Heads to National Competition

March 18, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Kit Fieldhouse, the winner of University of Montana’s first Brain Bee competition, will travel to Baltimore March 20-21 to compete in the U.S. National Brain Bee.

On Feb. 21, Fieldhouse won UM’s Brain Bee, an initiative of the spectrUM Discovery Area and the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience. The Missoula Hellgate High School junior competed against 17 other high school students from Missoula, Lolo and Florence in a written and laboratory exam, with the finalists advancing to the live Brain Bee.

Fieldhouse is the only participant from Montana in this year’s national Brain Bee, which includes 54 other competitors. As the UM Brain Bee champion, Fieldhouse won round-trip travel for himself and his father to attend the national competition at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

In preparation for the national competition, Fieldhouse trained with BrainLab manager Amanda Duley and Mike Kavanaugh, director of the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience.

“We are very excited that Kit will be representing not only spectrUM and the Big Sky Brain Project but he will also represent the state of Montana at the national competition,” Duley said. “He is smart and humble, and his fellow peers look up to him and are very supportive of his accomplishments.”

The International Brain Bee was founded by Norbert Myslinski and is a program of MIND, Inc. (Mankind for International Neuroscience Development, Inc.).

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

The UM Brain Bee’s presenting sponsors are the Montana Comprehensive Epilepsy Program, Thom Swanson and The Big Sky Brain Project. Additional sponsors include Vibrant Hearing, Lauren Descamps, Byron and Pamel Caughey, the Patel Family and M. Joan Hess-Homeier.

Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Big Sky Brain Project is a partnership between the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience and spectrUM. It strives to increase Montana K-12 students’ neuroscience literacy while putting the next generation of Montanans on the fast track to careers in STEM.

The public is invited to visit the Big Sky Brain Project’s BrainLab at the spectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. or Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission costs \$3.50 per person. Teachers can call 406-243-4828 to book a Brain Zone field trip at spectrUM.

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# UM Faculty Help Bhutan Launch Ecological Journal

March 17, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The journal Proceedings of the Bhutan Ecological Society recently launched with support from researchers and a doctoral student in the College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana.

UM faculty members Jill Belsky, Mark Hebblewhite and Steve Siebert, as well as UM doctoral student Tshering Tempa, are members of the editorial board for the journal. Former UM faculty member Scott Mills and former doctoral student Ellen Cheng also served on the board.

Belsky, Hebblewhite and Siebert all have worked in Bhutan on a variety of research projects – from studying Asian tigers to looking at historic livelihoods – for more than a decade.

Several Bhutanese graduate students also have attended UM. Cheng currently works as a research scientist with the Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environment. UM has had a formal memorandum of understanding with UWICE since 2012.

Proceedings will cover various ecological issues facing Bhutan in its next issue, including the challenges of

hydroelectric power. The journal can be read online at <http://www.bhutanecologicalsociety.org.bt/publications.php>.

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# Missoula Youth Symphony to Host Benefit Concert at UM March 21

March 17, 2015

**MISSOULA** – “Concert in the Dark,” a benefit for degenerative eye disease is slated for 7 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the University of Montana Dennison Theatre.

The event, which has a \$10 suggested donation, will feature the Missoula Youth Symphony conducted by Ryan Davis. A cello soloist, vocalists and a jazz ensemble, all comprised of some of the most talented young musicians in Missoula, also will perform.

Portions of the concert will be played in complete darkness. It will be followed by a blind auction, also known as a sealed-bid auction, of items donated from the community. The event’s proceeds will go to support the Foundation Finding Blindness and the Casey Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon.

Missoula’s Hellgate High School student Emily Graham organized the event for her senior project.

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# SpectrUM's Best in Show Exhibit Travels to Ronan

March 17, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its Best in Show exhibit to the **Ronan** Middle School Event Center Tuesday through Thursday, March 24-26. The Best in Show exhibit features favorites from spectrUM's popular exhibits including Nano, Hands on Health, Motion and The Brain: A World Inside Your Head.

Since 2009, spectrUM has partnered with K. William Harvey School to bring hands-on science to the Ronan community, transforming the school gymnasium into a powerful science learning center that helps inspire Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.

A free family science night will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 26, where students will be able to share their knowledge with family, friends and community members. The event will feature additional hands-on science activities made possible by volunteers from the Ronan community.

Since 2006, spectrUM has transported exhibits and educators to 75 schools and public libraries in 29 counties, including all seven American Indian reservations in Montana. In total, spectrUM's mobile science program has

served more than 45,000 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent live in rural communities. Its spring tour will continue with stops in Anaconda (April 14), Browning (April 16) and Fort Benton (April 20-22).

SpectrUM's sponsors include SciGirls, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, NISE Network, the Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Noyce Foundation. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has provided the gift of science to more than 10,127 Montana children.

The public can visit spectrUM Discovery Area at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula. Public hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person.

For more information or to book a school visit, call spectrUM STEM Education Program Manager Jessie Herbert at 406-243-4828 or visit <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu>.

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# UM to Celebrate Academics with Conversation on Future of Online Programs

March 17, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana invites students, faculty, staff and community members to discuss the future of UM’s online programs from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 20, in the James E. Todd Building Rooms 203-204. The event, which is free and open to the public, is hosted by UM’s Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Keynote speaker Nancy Zimpher, chancellor of The State University of New York, will join UM via videoconference to talk about her institution’s recent success broadening its online offerings. A Q-and-A session will follow.

Then, leaders of some of UM’s online programs will take part in a panel discussion, facilitated by UMLearning Director Robert Squires. Topics of discussion include the following questions:

- What motivates students to enroll in online programs?

What is the best way to ensure quality online learning experiences?

- How can UM make its online programs distinctive at the national level?
- How can UM encourage faculty to create rewarding online learning opportunities for students?

A reception will conclude the event.

For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/celebrateacademics>. To RSVP email [provost@umontana.edu](mailto:provost@umontana.edu).

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# Irish Concert Series Concludes with Liam O'Maonlai

March 17, 2015

The fourth and final performance of "A Springtime of Irish Music of Song" concert series is set for this weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 20-21.

Liam O'Maonlai, an accomplished Irish singer and musician, will play at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Montana Tech Library Auditorium in **Butte**. On Saturday, his performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Montana's Music Recital Hall in **Missoula**.

O'Maonlai was raised in a traditional Irish-speaking home heavily influenced by the music and song tradition of West Kerry. He grew to become a master pianist and also excelled on guitar, tin whistle, harp and bodhran. He was a founding member and lead vocalist for one of Ireland's most successful rock bands, the Hothouse Flowers, which released seven successful albums.

"A Springtime of Irish Music and Song" is part of the Traditional Music and Song of Ireland music course at UM taught by Eilis Keegan during the spring semester. Keegan is an accomplished musician, a champion Irish fiddler and a Fulbright Irish language teaching assistant at UM.

Tickets to the performance cost \$15 for general admission or \$10 for Friends of Irish Studies members and can be purchased online at <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>, at Rockin' Rudy's in Missoula, and at Cavanaugh's County Celtic or Granite Mountain Bank in Butte.

Also, time is running out to purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a trip for two to Ireland. The drawing is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, March 22, at St. Anthony's Parish Life Center, located at 217 Tremont St. in Missoula. All proceeds support UM's Irish Studies Program and promote Irish culture in Montana. Tickets can be purchased at Bert and Ernie's and O'Malley's in Helena; Cavanaugh's County Celtic in Butte; and the Stone of Accord, the Thomas Meagher Bar and all Noon's gas stations in Missoula. Tickets cost \$5 each or \$25 for a book of six.

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# A Message from the President

March 16, 2015

Dear Campus Community,

It is with a heavy heart that I write to report a sad and tragic weekend for the UM family. Three students passed away this weekend in unrelated incidents. Two have been reported in the local media, and the third involves the untimely death of a UM law student. In all cases, the families have been appropriately notified and we have extended sympathies on behalf of the entire University community. Additionally, law enforcement has confirmed that none of the situations presented a threat to other students or employees.

During this time of great sadness we extend our sympathies to all those who knew the students. All of us here at UM, including staff, faculty and students are committed to helping all members of our community work through this difficult time. Crisis counseling walk-in services are available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at [Curry Health Center Counseling](#). In addition, students can work with Residence Life student and professional staff members in the residence halls and apartments for help connecting with campus resources.

Sincerely,

Royce C. Engstrom, President

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# MMAC to Display Tapestries in One-Night-Only Viewing at UM

March 12, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Two elaborate, historical tapestries will be on display at the University of Montana for the first time since they were donated to the Montana Museum of Art & Culture in 1958. The MMAC will present the larger-than-life works of art from 7 to 8 p.m. at a one-night-only viewing event Thursday, March 19, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM.

MMAC Director Barbara Koostra and Curator of Art Brandon Reintjes will be on hand to discuss the tapestries, the MMAC Permanent Collection and the museum's 120th anniversary. "Art of the State: Celebrating 120 Years of the MMAC



Permanent Collection” will be open during this viewing as well in the Meloy and Paxson Galleries.

While the MMAC touts 120 objects from its permanent collection in the exhibition catalog “Art of the State: Celebrating 120 Years of the MMAC Permanent Collection” for its 120th anniversary, curators couldn’t fit all the objects into its galleries at once. Two of the omitted objects are outdoor public pieces of art that are permanently installed on campus, and two are the large-scale tapestries.

Tapestries, which are paintings made of dyed wool and silk woven to create elaborate scenes, also are an age-old way of livening up a cold, drafty room. The two tapestries, donated in 1958 by Josephine Paul Bay through Hammer Galleries in New York City, are important components of the museum’s nearly 11,000-object Permanent Collection.

The Flemish tapestry called “The Bagpipe Player” shows a peasant scene. It depicts a painting by David Teniers II (1610-1690) and was woven by the esteemed Leyniers workshop, which was active from 1712 to 1734. The second tapestry is also Flemish, woven in the late medieval or Gothic style from about 1540 to 1560. Less is known about this tapestry because of its age and construction. Art historians believe it also could be an older tapestry surrounded by newer construction.

The gallery exhibition continues through May 23 in the Paxson and Meloy galleries of the PAR/TV Center. A full schedule of other programs planned throughout the exhibition can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum/exeventsschedule/calendar.aspx>.

The MMAC is committed to making its Permanent Collection an important resource not only for UM, but also for the people of the state and the region.

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

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# UM Dining Opens New Restaurant at University Golf Course

March 12, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Iron Griz – An American Bistro, located at 515 South Ave. E. at the University of Montana Golf Course clubhouse, will open for business Monday, March 16.

The Iron Griz offers a flavorful menu with a variety of local ingredients.

The building underwent a major renovation during the winter, including the addition of a full-service kitchen and new bar and tables made from locally sourced, beetle-killed pine.

The renovation was designed by Missoula-based Gavin-Hanks Architectural Studio, while Western Interstate Construction was the contractor on the project.

Chef Amber Lukas and her staff will create “New American” cuisine highlighting local meat, sustainable seafood and fresh produce. The menu goes beyond typical bistro fare, offering dishes such as smoked salmon nicoise and Waygu beef burgers. Through the UM Farm to College Program, Iron Griz will use local products whenever possible.



“Our food and drink menu will be approachable, yet interesting,” said manager Jan Jasperson.

“We are in the perfect location to serve the students and families in the golf course neighborhood, which includes University family housing,” said UM Dining Director Mark LoParco.

For the first few weeks, the Iron Griz will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning April 4, the bistro will be open during its normal hours, seven days a week, with menu items available for pick-up.

For more information call Sam Belanger, UM Dining director of marketing, at 406-243-5089 or email [samuel.belanger@mso.umt.edu](mailto:samuel.belanger@mso.umt.edu).

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# More Balanced, Slower Growth Ahead for Montana's Economy

March 11, 2015

**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 being held in nine cities throughout Montana.

The seminar lands in **Sidney** on Tuesday, March 17, at the USDA Agricultural Research Station. The **Miles City** seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 18, at the Bureau of Land Management. Each 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.

"The plummeting of worldwide crude oil prices since mid-2014 has introduced more uncertainty into the current

Richland County economy," Polzin said. "Prior to the oil boom, Richland County had enjoyed a relatively stable and prosperous economy based on agriculture, food processing and a utility company."

The oil boom has led to some significant changes in certain sectors of the local economy. Employment and average wages have risen much faster than expected in local industries usually unassociated with oil drilling and extraction. Specifically, the professional services and accommodation segments have outpaced growth in employment and wages-per-worker categories when compared to state averages.

The outlook going forward for 2016-18 suggests very slow growth rather than declines. Polzin notes, "Of course, this depends on worldwide events during the next six months to a year."

"What was once a regional center for state and federal agencies and businesses serving area farms and ranches has evolved into a trade and finance center and, most recently, home to firms serving the Bakken oil fields," Polzin said. "Miles City has evolved into a trade and health care center, with merchants and professionals serving people from throughout eastern Montana as well as eliminating trips to Billings or elsewhere to obtain goods and services traditionally unavailable locally."

Most recently, the Custer County economy has been the indirect beneficiary of the Bakken oil boom. Firms serving the oil and gas industry have established themselves in Custer County. In fact, the energy services industry has become the largest component of Custer County's economic base.

"The current plummeting of oil prices reverberates throughout the energy industry," Polzin explained. "Thus, forecasting a relatively small economy like Custer County's is fraught with uncertainty because the forecast not only depends on worldwide trends but also the specific actions of one or two local firms." Applying BBER's forecasting model yields growth in the two to three percent range from 2015 to 2018. Polzin said, "These figures could be too high if extremely low oil prices persist for a long period."

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.

BBER is the pre-eminent collector of primary data for the business, economic and social science sectors and specializes in local economic analysis. The UM BBER 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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# UM Curry Health Center Renews Accreditation

March 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Curry Health Center at the University of Montana has achieved accreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

The student health center was re-accredited for three years – the maximum term allowed by AAAHC.

“We believe our students deserve the best,” said Rick Curtis, executive director of Curry Health Center. “When you see our certificate of accreditation, you will know that AAAHC, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has closely examined our facility and procedures. It means we as an organization care enough about our students to strive for the highest level of care possible.”

Accreditation distinguishes the health center from many other outpatient facilities by providing the highest quality of care to its patients as determined by an independent, external process of evaluation.

Status as an accredited organization means Curry Health Center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC. More than 5,000 ambulatory health care organizations across the

United States are accredited by AAAHC. Not all ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation, and not all that undergo the rigorous on-site survey process are granted accreditation.

“Accreditation for our health center is voluntary, and I think that shows our commitment to providing quality health care and support services to our UM students,” Curtis said.

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by AAAHC expert surveyors – physicians, nurses, dentists, counselors and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

For more information visit <http://www.aaahc.org/>.

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# UM American Fisheries Student Society to Bring 'DamNation' Film to Campus

March 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana student chapter of the American Fisheries Society is partnering with Save Our Wild Salmon to bring the award-winning documentary “DamNation” to UM.

“DamNation” will screen at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 19, in the University Center Theater. The film is open to the public and admission is free, though filmgoers can donate \$5.

Following the film, experts will lead a panel discussion. The panelists are Sam Mace, the Inland Northwest director of Save Our Wild

Salmon; Steven Hawley, author of “Recovering a Lost River;” and Jim Waddell, a retired U.S. Army Corps of





Engineers economist whose recommendation that the lower Snake River dams be removed – for both environmental and economic reasons – was ignored by his higher-ups in the early 2000s.

“This is a beautiful film, and I am so excited that Save Our Wild Salmon has agreed to help UM’s AFS bring it to Missoula again,” said Tracy Wendt, president of UM’s student chapter of the AFS. “I think the film holds value not just on campus, but across our community. Whether folks care about fish, rivers, journalism, the environment or something else entirely, I think there’s something here that will touch everyone.”

“DamNation” won the award for Best Conservation Film at the 2014 International Wildlife Film Festival in Missoula last spring when it was screened at the Roxy Theater to sold-out audiences. It continues to win awards across the country. Filmmakers Matt Stoecker, TravesRummel and Ben Knight were named 2014-15 Adventurers of the Year by National Geographic. For more information on the film, visit <http://damnationfilm.com/>.

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# Acclaimed Fiction Author to Lecture, Read at UM March 20

March 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The public is invited to learn from a lecture and listen to a reading delivered by award-winning fiction author Antonya Nelson on Friday, March 20, at the University of Montana.

Nelson, who has written 11 books of fiction, will deliver “Strategies Toward Revising a Bullet-Proof Short Story” from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in McGill Hall Room 210. She will read some of her own work at 7 p.m. in Turner Hall’s Dell Brown Room. Both events are free and open to the public.

“We are fortunate to have a fiction author of such high regard at UM to not only read her work, but to discuss how she wrote it,” UM Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm said. “Antonya Nelson writes about the entangling nature of family, how characters influence, harm and help each other. She can be funny, mean and heartbreaking all at the same time.”

Nelson currently teaches creative writing at the University of Houston and the Warren Wilson Master of Fine Arts Program. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Harper’s*, *Redbook* and many other magazines and anthologies, including “Prize Stories,” “O. Henry Awards” and “Best American Short Stories.” Her books were

named New York Times' Notable Books in 1992, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2010.

The New Yorker named Nelson one of the "20 young fiction writers for the new millennium" in 2000. She also earned a Rea Award for Short Fiction, a 2000-2001 National Endowment for the Arts grant and a Guggenheim Fellowship.

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# UM Law School Students Face Off in Final Round of National Competition

March 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A team of three University of Montana School of Law students competed in the final round at the Jeffrey G. Miller Pace National Environmental Law Moot Court Competition held in White Plains, New York in February.

It is the largest interschool moot court competition of any kind under one roof, regularly drawing in excess of 200 competitors from diverse law schools across the country. The event attracts 200 attorneys who serve as judges for the three days of oral arguments.

UM students Katelyn Hepburn, Lindsey West and Hannah Cail competed against Vermont Law School and the University of Mississippi students. The University of Mississippi won for the fourth time in five years.

Sixty-two teams faced off in this year's competition. The event tests skills in appellate-brief writing and oral advocacy, involving issues drawn from real cases, and providing first-hand experience in environmental litigation. Competitors research and analyze

current and challenging legal environmental issues, write persuasive arguments advocating how the issues should be resolved, argue the issues orally and have their performances evaluated and critiqued by practicing attorneys.



In the preliminary rounds UM met Loyola, the University of South Dakota, Northeastern University, the University of Louisville, Louisiana State University and Widener. Katelyn Hepburn won the award for best oralist in the round against Northeastern and Louisville.

UM defeated the University of Indiana and Western New England University in the quarterfinal round, and eliminated the University of California, Berkeley and Barry University in the semifinal round.

“The dedication and hard work of this year’s team members earned them a well-deserved spot in the final round,” said Heidi Fanslow, team coach and UM School of Law adjunct professor. “We also acknowledge the critical role local attorneys play when judging practice sessions – without their help, our team would not have been as well prepared.”

UM also competed in the final round in 2005. In 2014, the team wrote the second-highest scoring brief in the competition. In 2002, a team member won the overall best-oralist award. The Environmental Law Moot Court Team has been coached by Fanslow since 2001.

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# New Information Helps Predict Future Climate Change Impacts on Global Tropics

March 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Researchers at the University of Montana, Princeton University, Stanford University and Rutgers University, among others, are collecting new measurements of tropical forests to gain a better understanding of how they respond to seasonal climate variations.

The new information helps predict how the global tropics may react to future climate change. These findings are detailed in a paper titled “Photosynthetic seasonality of global tropical forests constrained by hydroclimate,” which was published in Nature Geoscience this month.

“A better understanding of tropical forest behavior is needed because tropical forests serve as the lungs of the Earth,” said UM Professor John Kimball, a contributor to the study. “Tropical forests breathe in carbon dioxide – a potent greenhouse gas – and store it as vegetation biomass through photosynthesis.”

According to Kimball, carbon storage is a critical ecosystem service that's vulnerable to human impacts from deforestation and climate change. Because of this, monitoring and measuring its seasonal changes is key to predicting how much of the global tropics are potentially vulnerable or resilient to drought and future climate change.

The researchers took a different approach to monitoring the forest canopy structure and groundwater storage by using multiple satellite sensors, including measurements at longer microwave frequencies and gravimetric measurements.

Kimball said these longer wavelength measurements are much more accurate because they can "see" through the clouds and atmosphere – typically dense above the tropics, obscuring the view from space – but they are still sensitive to changes in vegetation on the land and water storage beneath.

The researchers' findings show that there's a distinctive rainfall threshold that explains spatial differences in vegetation seasonality across the global tropics.

Above the threshold, tropical vegetation essentially is evergreen, where its productivity responds mainly to seasonal changes in cloud cover and sunlight. Below the threshold, the vegetation productivity is constrained by limited water supplies needed to sustain its growth during the dry season.

"There is a debate as to whether the tropics have seasonality," Kimball said. "Our findings show that there's a distinctive seasonal pulse in these forests that's defined by the amount of annual rainfall. We are still learning more about it, but this new understanding will help inform global climate models and make better predictions."

Kimball also is among a team of researchers that recently launched a NASA satellite called the Soil Moisture Active Passive, or SMAP, mission that will peer into the topmost layer of Earth's soils to measure the hidden waters that influence our ecosystem's weather and climate. He developed the science algorithms and software that will use the data collected from SMAP to estimate land-atmosphere carbon exchange, ecosystem productivity and underlying environmental controls.

Read the paper in Nature Geoscience at <http://www.nature.com/ngeo/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/ngeo2382.html>. For more information on Kimball's research, call him at 406-243-4922 or email [johnk@ntsg.umt.edu](mailto:johnk@ntsg.umt.edu).

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# UM to Award Honorary Doctorate to Native American Educator

March 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Salish tribal elder Louis “Louie” Adams has spent a lifetime teaching others the stories, culture and language of his people. Now the University of Montana will honor this tireless educator with an honorary doctorate of humane letters. His nomination was approved by the state Board of Regents on March 6.

“During the groundbreaking ceremony for the Missoula College building, Mr. Adams told the audience his grandmother was born on the land where the University now sits,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “Several of his family members have since attended the University. Mr. Adams himself did not receive formal education



beyond the eighth grade, but he is a lifelong learner and teacher, and his regard for UM is clear.”

Born in 1933, Adams worked on the family farm before becoming a jockey in the summer horseracing circuit. He then joined the U.S. Navy for four years, serving as a gunner’s mate on a destroyer during the Korean War. Returning home to Montana, he worked various jobs, including decades as a forester for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. He retired in 2002.

Adams served 14 years on the tribal council starting in 1976, and he remains active with the Salish-Pend d’Oreille Elders Cultural Advisory Council and many other groups and organizations. He has shared his knowledge at countless meetings, classes, field trips, speaking engagements and traditional gatherings throughout the Pacific Northwest, including frequent stops at UM. Adams grew up speaking Salish and is dedicated to preserving the language.

His nomination came from two students, Associated Students of UM President Asa Hohman and Vice President Sean McQuillan, who listened to him speak at the MC groundbreaking ceremony. They wrote, “It is clear Mr. Adams has a deep respect and commitment to the cause of higher education in the state and also a sincere love for (UM). It was his passion and experience that convinced us he was an excellent candidate for an honorary doctorate.”

George Price, a faculty member in UM’s history and Native American studies departments, said Adams never turns down requests to speak at departmental graduations and other Native tribal events across campus.

“One remarkable aspect of his presentations that I have witnessed repeatedly over the years is how he seeks to unite people across all cultural lines and break down divisions between people within our shared society,” Price wrote. “I have never heard Louie say a negative word about another human being, and his consistently positive attitude toward all people, and toward life itself, has served as a very positive example for his audiences – especially his young students.”

All but one of Adams' eight children attended UM. He will be awarded the honorary doctorate during UM's 118th Commencement Ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

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# UM Employee Recognition Event Slated for March 27

March 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana has designated Friday, March 27, UM Employee Recognition Day to show appreciation to all employees and to celebrate the impressive contributions they make to the success of the University.

UM Employee Recognition Day will be celebrated throughout campus and will conclude with a reception for all employees from 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom. The theme of this year's event is "Griz Family Game Night."

The reception will include game-show-style games, hors d'oeuvres and prize drawings. A number of awards will be given at the reception to honor outstanding faculty and staff. The 2015 recipients follow:

- **Outstanding Teamwork Award:** Veterans Education and Transition Services Data Warehouse Team
  - Daniel Bowling, Student Affairs IT
  - Connie Bowman, Financial Aid
  - Ruth Burgad, IT

- Katherine Dalessio, Missoula College
  - Kerry Hallin, Business Services
  - Camryn Hare, VETS Office
  - Derek Hubbard, Business Services
  - Geoffrey Lake, Business Services
  - Karen Moore, Administration & Finance IT
  - Eric Seyden, Student Affairs IT
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- **Academic Administrator Award:** Michael Patterson, associate dean, College of Forestry and Conservation
  - **J.B. Speer Award for Distinguished Administrative Service:** William Marcus, director, Broadcast Media Center
  - **Americans with Disabilities Act Award:** Jennifer Schoffer Closson, assistant professor, Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders
  - **Distinguished Scholar Award:** Eduardo Chirinos, professor of Spanish, Department of Modern & Classical Languages & Literatures
  - **Distinguished Service to International Education Award:** Sarah Halvorson, professor, Department of Geography
  - **Distinguished Teaching Award:** Lisa Blank, professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction
  - **Graduate Assistant Teaching Award:** Patrick O'Connor, Department of History
  - **Montana Faculty Service Award,** Steven Gaskill, professor, Department of Health and Human Performance
  - **Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award:** Shawn Clouse, professor, Department of Management Information Systems
  - **Nancy Borgmann Diversity Award:** Blakely Brown, associate professor, Department of Health & Human Performance
  - **Outstanding Faculty Advising Award:** Dan Doyle, professor, Department of Sociology
  - **Outstanding Mentoring Award:** Jeff Wiltse, associate professor, Department of History
  - **Outstanding Service to Students Award:** Melanie Hoell, director of advising, College of Humanities and Sciences
  - **Outstanding Service to the Campus Community Award:** Rita Garland, benefits specialist, Human Resource Services
  - **Outstanding Staff Award - Campus Interaction and Meritorious Job Performance:** Michael Sweet, research specialist, College of Forestry and Conservation
  - **Outstanding Staff Award - Excellence in Job Performance:** Janean Clark, administrative associate manager, Division of Biological Sciences

To help UM employees acknowledge colleagues and coworkers who have contributed to their success, the planning committee has created a recognition website that allows employees to send personal messages of appreciation. Messages can be posted online at <http://www.umt.edu/employeerecognition> by clicking the "Send a Message" tab until 5 p.m. Thursday, March 26. They will be delivered to recipients on Employee Recognition Day.

For more ideas about ways to recognize the valuable contributions of employees, colleagues and coworkers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/employeerecognition/suggestions.php>.

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# SpectrUM's Brain Exhibit Travels to Potomac

March 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular “The Brain: A World Inside Your Head” exhibit to **Potomac** on Wednesday, March 18.

A free family science night will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Potomac School, where students will be able to share their knowledge with family, friends and community members.

Highlights of the exhibit include interactive science activities that explore the wonders of neuroscience, such as a colossal brain, an EEG measurement station and Mind Flex Duel – an activity in which visitors can move a ball using just their brain waves.

“We transport hands-on science around the state, transforming gymnasiums and cafeterias into powerful science-learning centers that help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries,” said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director.

Since 2006, spectrUM has transported exhibits and educators to 75 schools and public libraries in 29 counties,



including all seven American Indian reservations in Montana. In total, spectrUM has served 44,985 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and 75 percent live in rural communities. For the first time ever this January, spectrUM also brought its mobile tour outside Montana, traveling to the Tri-Cities Family Expo health fair in Pasco, Washington.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programs. This tour stop is powered by the Potomac School Parent Teacher Organization.

National sponsors include SciGirls, NISE Network, the Western Montana Area Health Education Center and the Noyce Foundation. SpectrUM is supported by an array of funding sources, including the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has provided the gift of science to more than 9,589 Montana children.

The public can visit the spectrUM Discovery Area at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula. Public hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person.

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

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# UM Professor Selected as One of 19 to Participate in Leadership Academy

March 05, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana Associate Professor Amy Glaspey has been selected as part of an elite group to participate in the Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders 2015 Leadership Academy.

The inaugural 2015 CAPCSD Leadership Academy, “Best Practices in Academic Leadership,” will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 14-15, in Newport Beach, California. Glaspey will join 19 other participants from around the country.

“We could not be more excited for Dr. Glaspey,” said Roberta Evans, dean of the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences. “This is a wonderful opportunity for her, the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders, and the College of Education and Human Sciences.”

The academy will be led by Jeffrey Buller, dean of Florida Atlantic University’s Wilkes Honors College. Topics to be covered include foundations of leadership; time management; stress management; collegiality and team building; best practices in faculty evaluation, mentoring and coaching; leading change; and goal setting/planning for the

future.

Part of the council's mission is to provide visionary leadership for academic programs in communication sciences and disorders and to promote the professional development of its constituents. CAPCSD has initiated the 2015 Leadership Academy to help individuals considering academic leadership positions, or who are newly engaged in academic leadership, develop their knowledge and skills in the area of leadership.

"We are thrilled to see that Amy's superb leadership and hard work are being recognized and look forward to learning from her as she comes back with new and innovative techniques for department management," Evans said.

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# Sports Writer, Photo Editor Selected as UM Pollner Professors

March 05, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana School of Journalism has named two accomplished journalists as T. Anthony Pollner Distinguished Professors for the 2015-16 academic year.

Kevin Van Valkenburg, a senior writer for ESPN The Magazine, will be the fall Pollner professor. Sally Stapleton, a former executive photo editor at the Associated Press who is now managing editor for online and photography at The Day, a public trust news organization in Connecticut, will hold the position for the spring semester.

Van Valkenburg is a 2000 graduate of the UM journalism school. He worked as an enterprise sports reporter and online columnist for the Baltimore Sun from 2000 until 2012, when he joined ESPN to write in-depth features and investigative articles. His

work has appeared in “The Best American Sports Writing,” and he has received a number of other awards for his writing and reporting. At UM he was a classmate and friend of Anthony Pollner, after whom the professorship is named.

Stapleton worked at a number of newspapers, including the Tampa Tribune, Minneapolis Star Tribune, Miami Herald and Boston Globe, before joining the AP. At the news agency she led two

photography teams to Pulitzer Prizes. She also created a training organization for journalists in the Great Lakes region of Africa. She continues to train journalists there and in Latin America.

The family and friends of Anthony Pollner created an endowment for the Pollner professorship in 2001, just after his death in a motorcycle accident. Since then a distinguished journalist has been in residence at UM each fall semester.

Beginning in spring semester 2015 the endowment was expanded so that in addition to a professor specializing in writing and reporting who teaches in the fall semester, a professor specializing in digital, online or the business of journalism teaches in the spring semester. Beyond teaching a course, the professors work closely with the staff of the student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin.

The professors were selected this year by a committee that includes the Pollner family, former Pollner professors, the Montana Kaimin editor and members of UM’s journalism faculty.

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# Start Smart Workshop Slated for March 14 at UM

March 05, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A workshop intended to help young women understand their rights in regard to equal pay and how to negotiate for salary and benefit will be held at the University of Montana on Saturday, March 14.

The AAUW (formerly known as the American Association of University Women) will host its Start Smart workshop for UM students from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Education Building Room 123.

According to AAUW research, just one year after college graduation, women earn 82 percent of what their male counterparts earn, and the gender wage gap widens over the next 10 years.

Annie Houle, the Start Smart Campus and Community Initiatives Leader for the AAUW, will present the workshop. She helped develop and has facilitated Start Smart workshops across the country from Maine to California – in 49 states, at more than 350 campuses and community venues.

Participants must register online at <http://aauw-mt.aauw.net/tart-mart-2/register-to-attend-a-tart-mart-workshop/> by Wednesday, March 11. The workshop is limited to 40 participants.

AAUW is a nationwide network of more than 100,000 members and donors, 1,000 branches and 500 college and university institution partners. Since 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day – educational, social, economic and political. AAUW's commitment to its mission is reflected in all aspects of its work.

For more information call AAUW of Missoula President Cindy Garthwait at 406-243-2954 or email [cynthia.garthwait@umontana.edu](mailto:cynthia.garthwait@umontana.edu).

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# 'Stop Telling Women to Smile' Coming to UM March 16-18

March 05, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana's Student Involvement Network will host Tatyana Fazlalizadeh, the artist behind "Stop Telling Women to Smile," on Monday, March 16.

She will present at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater on Monday and again during an art installation and reception slated for 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, in the UC South Atrium.

"Stop Telling Women to Smile" is an art series by Fazlalizadeh. The work attempts to address gender-based street harassment by placing drawn portraits of women, composed with captions that speak directly to offenders, outside in public spaces.

Fazlalizadeh is an illustrator and painter based in Brooklyn, New York. She primarily is known for her oil paintings. Having recently branched out into public art as a muralist, "Stop Telling Women to Smile" was born out of the idea that street art can be an impactful tool for tackling street harassment.

"Stop Telling Women to Smile" started in Brooklyn in the fall of 2012. It is an ongoing, traveling series and will

gradually include many cities and many women participants.

Street harassment is a serious issue that affects women worldwide. This project takes women's voices and faces, and puts them in the street – creating a bold presence for women in an environment where they so often are made to feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

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# University Center to Host International Women's Day Banquet

March 05, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Student Involvement Network will host an International Women's Day banquet from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 13, in the University Center Ballroom.

International Women's Day focuses on the global theme of gender equality with the catch phrase "Make it Happen." The event will include a panel of Montana women in leadership, including Montana Lt. Gov. Angela McLean, UM Dean of Students Rhondie Voorhees, UM Outdoor Program Senior Assistant Director Elizabeth Fricke and UM Environmental Studies Professor Neva Hassanein. Drew Colling, director of UM's Student Advocacy Resource Center, also will be on the panel. Following an introduction by Women & Gender Studies Professor Anya Jabour, each of the panelists will discuss how to achieve gender equality in their fields of expertise.

In addition to the panel, the banquet will feature cultural presentations and exhibits featuring community and campus organizations. A silent auction will raise funds for future programming benefiting women on campus.

Tickets cost \$10 for students, \$15 for community members and UM faculty and staff members, and \$20 if purchased the day of the event. Tickets include a catered dinner and are available at The Source in the UC and at

the UM Women's Resource Center in UC Room 210.

To learn more about the UM International Women's Day banquet, visit <http://www.umt.edu/uc/get-involved/sin/diversity/international-womens-day/>.

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# 60th Annual Montana Science Fair to Showcase High School, Middle School Projects

March 04, 2015

**MISSOULA** – High school and middle school students from across Montana will present their research findings during the 60th annual Montana Science Fair Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17, at the University of Montana's Adams Center.

Registration and exhibit set up will occur from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday while judging of student projects will occur between 1 and 4:30 p.m. The exhibits will be open for public viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, and from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday. The awards ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre.

More than \$15,000 in prizes will be awarded to student participants, including cash awards, scholarships and all-expense-paid trips. The grand-award winners from the Montana Science Fair and Montana's regional fairs will go on to compete at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held Sunday through Friday, May 10-15, in Pittsburgh.

Montana's delegates for the National Youth Science Camp, a monthlong science education program that honors two high school seniors from each state, also will be announced.

The UM College of Humanities and Sciences, the UM President's Office and the Missoula Exchange Club sponsor the Montana Science Fair, as do other members of the UM campus, Missoula community and individuals.

More than 250 judges, including UM staff, students, faculty and community professionals, volunteer their time to judge student exhibits.

For more information call Science Fair Director Earle Adams at 406-243-4196, email [earle.adams@mso.umt.edu](mailto:earle.adams@mso.umt.edu) or email Assistant Director Desirae Ware at [desirae.ware@mso.umt.edu](mailto:desirae.ware@mso.umt.edu). More information is also available online at <http://cas.umt.edu/mtsciencefair>.

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# University Center Gallery Announces Art Call

March 04, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University Center Gallery at the University of Montana is issuing its annual art call for the gallery's 2015-16 exhibition calendar.

The artwork displayed in the gallery comes from local, regional and national artists. The UCG is a nonprofit, dynamic, student-run space that allows students, faculty, staff and community members to visit and experience contemporary art exhibitions throughout the academic year. The exhibitions are carefully selected based on criteria focused on diversity in origin, media, content and style.

Applications can be downloaded online or picked up and returned to the gallery on the second floor of the UC. A \$15 application fee is required, though UM students, faculty and staff may apply at a discounted rate of \$10. Fees collected are used to support the UC's art initiatives and to help provide student-focused programming and space centered around the arts.

The deadline for art call applications is 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9. Applications are available online at <http://umt.edu/uc/ucg>.

To learn more about the art call, email Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager, at [gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu](mailto:gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu) or call 406-243-5555; email [ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu); or call Samantha French and Abby Sweet, UCG co-student coordinators at 406-243-556 or. Information can also be found by visiting <http://umt.edu/uc/ucg>.

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# Next UM President's Lecture to Highlight 'The Ups and Downs of Capitalism'

March 04, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A distinguished speaker, historian and professor will deliver the next installment of the 2014-15 President's Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Joyce Appleby, professor emerita in the UCLA department of history, will present "The Ups and Downs of Capitalism" at 8 p.m. Monday, March 16, in the Dennison Theatre. The event is the Lucile Speer Memorial Lecture in collaboration with the Phi Beta Kappa Association of Montana.

Appleby also will lead a seminar earlier that day, titled "How Europeans Became Curious," from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar are free and open to the public.

Appleby graduated from Stanford University in 1950 and then worked as a journalist for several years. In 1966, she received her doctorate degree in history from the Claremont Graduate School. From 1967 to 1981, she taught at San Diego State University. She was appointed professor of history at UCLA in 1981 and taught there until her retirement in 2001.

Her research and teaching interests encompass early American history, 17th- and 18th-century England and France, historiography, economic history and the history of women. Appleby's 2011 book, "The Relentless Revolution: A History of Capitalism," outlines the decisive effects of economic forces in history. Her lecture at UM will highlight the historical context and current manifestations of the modern world's love-hate relationship with capitalism.

Appleby has had a career replete with the highest honors that the history profession can bestow. From 1977 to 1978, she was a Fellow Commoner at Churchill College, Cambridge, England. In 1980, she was named to the council of the Institute of Early American History and Culture at Williamsburg, serving as chair from 1983 to 1986. She also served on the editorial boards of the American Historical Review and the William and Mary Quarterly. In 1984 Appleby delivered the Becker lectures at Cornell University. From 1990 to 1991, she was the Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University and a fellow of Queens' College. In 1991, she served as the president of the Organization of American Historians and in 1997 as the president of the American Historical Association.

In retirement Appleby remains a prolific researcher and editor. Among her many professional activities, she co-directs the History News Service with James Banner, an informal association that distributes op-ed essays to more than 300 newspapers weekly. She writes op-ed essays and dedicates much time to the living wage movement in Los Angeles.

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

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# UM RiteCare Clinic to Hold Open House, Honor Clinic Supporter

March 03, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders along with the Western Montana Scottish Rite will honor RiteCare Clinic’s major supporter, Peter DeWit, with an open house and celebration from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 13, at the Curry Health Center, located at 634 Eddy Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

DeWit was instrumental in establishing the RiteCare Clinic in 1998, and has continued to support the RiteCare Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic in UM’s Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders. He will be honored at 5 p.m. after the open house with a program and presentation. Light hors d’oeuvres will follow.

For more information on the RiteCare Clinic, call 406-243-2405 or email [ritecareclinic@umontana.edu](mailto:ritecareclinic@umontana.edu).

Additional information on UM’s Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences Department for Communicative Sciences and Disorders is available online at <http://www.coehs.umt.edu/departments/csd/>.

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# UM Irish Studies Program Celebrates St. Patrick's Day with Array of Events

March 03, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Irish Studies Program at the University of Montana, along with the Friends of Irish Studies and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, have joined forces to create a full slate of events in the coming weeks to honor and commemorate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

From music to film, from sport to the annual parade, this year's program is designed to cater to all tastes.

"All of us, Irish or not, get swept up in the joy of St. Patrick's Day," said Traolach O'Riordain, director of UM's Irish Studies Program. "Here in Montana, we have always been very creative when it comes to celebrating the occasion and the great contribution the Irish have made to our state. This year will be no different."

The biggest event, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, is set for noon Saturday, March 14, in downtown Missoula. Dr. Dan Combo is this year's grand marshal.

Another highlight is a hurling match at 2:30 p.m. at Washington-Grizzly Stadium, featuring the national champion Montana Grizzlies hurling squad.

"If you have never seen hurling, go watch this game," O'Riordain said. "The excitement will take the March chill out of your bones a lot faster than an Irish whiskey."

A schedule of events follows:

- **March 6-7** – Irish Fiddle Concert. Fiddle maestro James Kelly plays the Montana Tech Library Auditorium in **Butte** on Friday, March 6, and the UM Recital Hall in Missoula on Saturday, March 7. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$15 at the door or \$10 for students and Friends of Irish Studies, and are available in Butte at Cavavanaugh's County Celtic, in Missoula at Rockin' Rudy's or online at <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>.
- **March 10** – St. Patrick Lecture. Traolach O'Riordain will deliver a free public lecture at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Life Center, 217 Tremont St. Learn all about Ireland's greatest saint.
- **March 12** – Irish Film Night. The Roxy Theater, 718 S. Higgins Ave., will host the second annual Irish Film Night. The first film, "Song of the Sea," begins at 5:15 p.m. It is a family-friendly, Academy Award-nominated animated film that draws its story from Irish mythology. The second presentation is "Scéal ar Butte," a documentary in Irish with English subtitles about three brothers who emigrate from Ireland to Butte with tragic consequences. It is a beautiful and sensitive portrayal of life in early 20th-century Ireland and Montana. Tickets cost \$6 for one show, \$10 for the double feature or \$10 per show for families with children under age 14.
- **March 14** – Irish Mass: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Patrick at 8 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church, 420 W. Pine St. The Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus will serve, and all are invited to attend.
- **March 14** – St. Patrick's Day Parade. The St. Patrick's Day Parade begins at noon in downtown Missoula. All participants are asked to line up by 11 a.m. Dr. Dan Combo is this year's grand marshal, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thane are Irishman and Irishwoman of the year.
- **March 14** – Hurling Game. The Montana Grizzlies hurling team takes the field at 2:30 p.m. inside Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Watch the team that took the nation by storm in 2014 and won the national collegiate championship. Hurling is the oldest and fastest field sport in the world. Celebrated in ancient Irish saga, it was on the hurling field where the great heroes of Ireland first showed their mettle.
- **March 14** – St. Patrick's Day Banquet and Auction. This evening is the closest you'll get to a gathering of the Irish clans, all coming together in support of their shared heritage and culture. It is the Friends of Irish Studies' main fundraising event for UM's Irish Studies Program. There will be live and silent auctions with a selection of items mostly Irish in theme and origin. The night is filled with great music, dance and conviviality. The event starts with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel, located at 100 Madison St. in Missoula. Tickets cost \$30 per person, and all information is available at <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>.
- **March 17** – St. Patrick's Day Dinner. St. Anthony's will hold its annual St. Patrick's Day dinner from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Life Center, 217 Tremont St. There will be lashings of corned beef and cabbage to go around. Irish musicians and dancers will provide entertainment. Tickets cost \$10 each in advance and for

seniors, \$12 at the door and \$4 for kids. Children age 5 and younger are free. For more information call 406-543-3129.

- **March 20-21** – Irish Traditional and Contemporary Music. Liam O'Maonlai of the Hothouse Flowers will play Montana Tech Library Auditorium in **Butte** on Friday, March 20, and the UM Recital Hall on Saturday, March 21. Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. This gifted musician and singer is one of Ireland's most popular performers. Tickets are available in Butte at Cavanaugh's County Celtic, in Missoula at Rockin' Rudy's and online at <http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com/>.
- **March 22** – Win a Trip for Two to Ireland. The drawing for the trip takes place at 3 p.m. at St. Anthony's Parish Life Center, 217 Tremont St. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, time is running out. You can purchase them at Bert and Ernie's and at O'Malley's in Helena; Cavanaugh's County Celtic in Butte; the Stone of Accord, the Thomas Meagher Bar and all Noon's gas stations in Missoula. Tickets cost \$5 each or \$25 for a book of six. All proceeds support UM's Irish Studies Program and promote Irish culture in Montana.

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# UM Women's Law Caucus to Host Silent Auction to Benefit YWCA

March 03, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Women's Law Caucus at the University of Montana will host its 18th annual silent auction from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 6, at the Missoula Children's Theatre, located at 200 N. Adams St.

Proceeds from the event benefit the YWCA Missoula's Pathways Program, which provides local domestic violence and sexual assault services, including a safe shelter for women, men and children fleeing abusive situations. The Pathways Program also provides a 24-hour crisis hotline, walk-in peer counseling, weekly support groups, in-house short-term therapy, referrals to community resources and legal, personal and medical advocacy.

The event is free and open to the public. Complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

"The Missoula community plays a large role in the success of this auction," UM Women's Law Caucus President Paige Griffith said. "We hope to see you there."

For more information on the YWCA Missoula and Pathways Program, call 406-543-6691, email [ywca@ywcaofmissoula.org](mailto:ywca@ywcaofmissoula.org) or visit <http://ywcaofmissoula.org/>.

For additional information on the UM Women's Law Caucus and the upcoming silent auction, call Griffith at 406-396-4460 or email [paige.griffith@umontana.edu](mailto:paige.griffith@umontana.edu).

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# UM Releases Spring Enrollment Numbers

March 03, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The 2015 spring semester headcount at the University of Montana is 12,922, which is a 4.7 percent decrease from a year ago.

UM officials said the downturn was expected, and the current number meets the University's enrollment and budget projections for this fiscal year.

"We are where we projected we would be, given our fall enrollment numbers," UM President Royce Engstrom said. "Our enrollment picture remains challenging as several smaller classes continue to move through our system, but we see encouraging signs for the future."

Those signs include an uptick in the number of first-time entering freshmen on the mountain campus for both fall and spring semesters, and increased retention of new freshmen from fall semester.

First-time entering freshmen on the mountain campus in the fall semester were up 6.4 percent over the previous fall. Those entering students also had a higher cumulative GPA than the previous incoming freshman class. The number of new freshmen starting in spring semester on the mountain campus this year was up over spring 2014 by 8.9 percent.

Overall retention of freshmen on the mountain campus was 91 percent for spring semester compared with 90.2 percent a year ago.

At Missoula College, spring headcount was 1,859, a 10.9 percent decline compared to a year ago. University officials believe the robust Montana and national economies have affected MC enrollment, along with the fact that several programs are currently at capacity.

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# Forestry School Hires New Native American Program Coordinator

March 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana announces the appointment of Ruth Ann Swaney as coordinator of the Native American Natural Resource Program. Swaney is an enrolled tribal member of the Three Affiliated Tribes on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

Swaney also has family from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. She holds a master's degree in organismal biology and ecology from UM and is working on a doctorate in society and conservation within the College of Forestry and Conservation.

The NANRP aims to help Native students succeed in any of the college's five undergraduate degree programs or as graduate students. The program has an office on the first floor of the Forestry Building where Swaney is available to assist Native American students with academic advising, finding scholarships, and applying for and managing internships. The NANRP also works closely with other programs at UM for Native students, including the American Indian Student Services office.

Swaney replaces Rachel Smith, who is the Tribal Research and Education in Ecosystem Sciences program

manager at Salish Kootenai College.

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# Neal McCoy to Perform at UM's Dennison Theatre in April

March 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Missoula County Deputy Sheriff's Association will present country recording star Neal McCoy and comedian Brad Upton in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the University of Montana Dennison Theatre.

McCoy is known best for his hit songs "No Doubt About It," "You Gotta Love That," "They're Playing Our Song," "For a Change" and "Wink." Upton has been a comedian for over 25 years and has performed at more than 5,000 shows. He is a past winner of the Las Vegas Comedy Festival and resides in the Seattle area.

McCoy and Upton currently are on tour and will appear in Billings and Havre, as well as cities in North and South Dakota. Tickets cost \$36 and may be purchased at the door or at Rockin' Rudy's.

For more information email Dennison Theatre Director Tom Webster at [thomas.webster@mso.umt.edu](mailto:thomas.webster@mso.umt.edu) or call 406-243-2853.

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# UM Researchers Predict Commerce Park Will Spur Economic Gain for Billings, State

March 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – According to a recently completed study by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, the construction, operation and success of the Trailhead Commerce Park in Lockwood, Montana, will result in “significant gains for the Billings and state economies.”

“The industrial development project in Lockwood, with its location adjacent to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe/Montana Rail Link rail line, bisected by the proposed Billings bypass roadway and situated in the strategically well-positioned Billings market area, would make it an attractive candidate for business expansion,” write study authors Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin, UM BBER director and director emeritus.

The researchers also said the “development of the TCP would be a significant economic event” in the area. The study takes a conservative view, using 60 percent occupancy for the park in 2024.

By 2030, the study projects the economy will have an additional 3,655 permanent jobs across a wide spectrum of industries and occupations, \$255.7 million in recurring annual household income, \$862 million in recurring annual gross sales by Montana businesses and other entities, as well as a permanent population increase of 4,352, including 1,200 additional school-aged children.

The study was supported by the Montana Department of Commerce Business Resources Division's Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund.

The complete report is available online at <http://www.bber.umt.edu>.

BBER is the preeminent collector of primary data for business, economic and social science in Montana. 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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# Distinguished Mentors to Guide Students in Crown Conservation Coverage

March 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Graduate students at the University of Montana School of Journalism will benefit from the guidance of distinguished mentors when they tackle stories about climate, communities and conservation in the Crown of the Continent this spring.

Two professional journalists of national renown were selected for the school's new Crown Reporting Fund program: Christopher Joyce, science correspondent at National Public Radio, and Ted Alvarez, executive editor at Grist and northwest editor for Backpacker Magazine.

Joyce and Alvarez will mentor students Ken Rand and Celia Talbot Tobin as they pursue stories on aquatic invasive species and mining waste in the Rocky Mountain region of Montana, Alberta and British Columbia.

Joyce stressed the need for well-trained journalists to interpret what scientists and others know about the effects of climate change on the natural world, especially in unique regions like the Crown.

"I've spent a lifetime writing about science and science policy," he said. "I want to pass on some of those skills and

experiences to others.”

Alvarez said he was excited by the opportunity to help a new generation of journalists tell engrossing stories of the human impact on a rapidly morphing environment in big, bold ways.

“When one sets those tasks against the dynamic landscape and rich characters that in my experience define the Crown of the Continent, I'm just slayed with the potential,” he said. “And I'm very honored to be a part of it.”

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

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

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

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

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

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# UM Graduate Student Receives Prestigious Psychology Grant

March 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana psychology graduate student Nick Livingston recently earned a prestigious \$1,000 Diversity Research Grant from the American Psychological Association (APA).

Livingston, a doctoral student in clinical psychology, earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Utah and his master's degree in clinical psychology from UM.

He earned the APA grant for his proposed research, which seeks to examine the effects of daily micro-aggressions, negative affect, and stigma-based substance use among lesbian, gay and bisexual individuals in the Missoula community. Grant funding will compensate individuals who elect to participate in the study.

"I am honored to receive this grant and look forward to carrying out this important research," Livingston said. "I am indebted to my research mentor, Bryan Cochran, for his unconditional support and guidance, as well as the University of Montana for providing the resources and experiences that have benefited me throughout my graduate education."

This funding mechanism is available to doctoral students in psychology across the United States. Once submitted, a review committee then evaluates grant proposals based on their specific aims, relevant background information, significance, proposed methodology, theoretical and applied implications, budget, feasibility and qualifications of each applicant.

Though the APA awards Basic Psychological Research Grants to between five and 10 individuals per year from across the United States, this is the first year in which the APA has offered a diversity-specific grant, making Livingston its first recipient.

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