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# UM Encourages Weekend Event-Goers to Take Alternative Transportation to Campus

April 29, 2015

**MISSOULA** – With the University of Montana welcoming several community events to campus Saturday, May 2, the Adams Center recommends participants allow extra time for travel and parking or use alternative forms of transportation to get to campus.

Five major events, starting at 8 a.m. and running until 8 p.m., are expected to draw several thousand people to UM. The portion of Campus Drive that runs from Van Buren Street to the south entrance of Washington-Grizzly Stadium will be closed from 8 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. for the Insane Inflatable 5K.

Brad Murphy, Adams Center executive director, recommends morning guests park on the east or south sides of campus or off campus in appropriately designated areas. Weekend parking is free and is first-come, first-served.

Event participants also are encouraged to use alternative forms of transportation to get to campus, such as walking,

biking or taking a bus. Mountain Line routes 1, 8 and 12 provide free bus service to the University on Saturdays. Route schedules and maps are available online at <http://www.mountainline.com/maps-schedules/overview/>.

A complete listing of events at UM is available at <http://events.umt.edu>.

For more information, call the Adams Center Administration office at 406-243-5355 or email [stacey.barron@mso.umt.edu](mailto:stacey.barron@mso.umt.edu).

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# State of Montana Presents Cybersecurity Lecture at UM May 5

April 29, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Cybersecurity presents growing challenges in many aspects of our lives. State government is no exception, with more than 1 billion attempts to gain unauthorized access to its systems each month.

In a University of Montana lecture titled “State of Montana Cybersecurity from an Enterprise Perspective,” speakers will provide information on how the State of Montana works diligently to protect citizen data and state computer systems in an ever-changing technological environment.



The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Speakers Ron Baldwin, chief information officer for the State of Montana, and Lynne Pizzini, deputy CIO and the chief information security officer for the State of Montana, will provide everyday examples of cybersecurity incidents and will leave time for a Q-and-A session.

Baldwin has spent 30 years managing, designing and building information technology solutions in the government and private sectors. He is a professional project manager who has overseen multi-million dollar budgets and has experience working with the legislative and executive branches of state government and with federal programs.

Pizzini has more than 25 years of experience in the computer industry and has been involved with many security- and privacy-related initiatives in both the public and private sectors. She is a certified information systems security professional, a certified information security manager and a certified information privacy professional. In her current role she is responsible for evaluating and mitigating risks and developing strategies to protect against cybersecurity threats.

For more information about the event, email Sherri Davidoff, UM computer science adjunct instructor, at [sherri.davidoff@mso.umt.edu](mailto:sherri.davidoff@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM Wildlife Society Hosts Third Annual Wildlife Extravaganza

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**MISSOULA** – The student chapter of The Wildlife Society at the University of Montana will host its third annual Wildlife Extravaganza from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Montana Natural History Center, located at 120 Hickory St. in Missoula. Wildlife Extravaganza is a free, family-friendly event that inspires wildlife stewardship in the Missoula community.

The event gathers local nonprofit organizations and government agencies – whose missions are to promote appreciation of wildlife and natural resources – together to educate the Missoula community through exhibits, presentations and interactive activities and games. This year the society is teaming up with the Montana Natural History Center to make the event bigger and better than ever.

The event is open to all ages and will feature live animal presentations from Animal Wonders and Wild Skies Raptor Center, as well as telemetry lessons, arts and crafts, face painting, prizes and more.

Wildlife Extravaganza is an exciting opportunity to instill appreciation of wildlife and natural resources in the Missoula community, contribute to the professional development of UM students and provide an environment where

nonprofits can network with other organizations pursuing similar missions.

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# UM Researcher: Forest Canopies Buffer Against Climate Change

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**MISSOULA** – When temperatures rise and less water falls, forests respond. Forest canopies can buffer juvenile trees from drought and heat by providing shade for the younger trees below the leaf and needle cover. Adult trees have deep roots and can handle hot and dry conditions better than juveniles of the same species.

However, current models of how forests will respond to climate change don't account for this difference between adult and juvenile trees. Recent research by Solomon Dobrowski, a University of Montana professor of forest landscape ecology, finds that climatic buffering from forest canopies is important to consider when projecting the likelihood of regeneration in future forests.

"Models that forecast forest change should consider where juvenile trees can make a living – and this might not be where the adult trees currently grow," Dobrowski said.

His research is featured in "Forest structure and species traits mediate projected recruitment declines in western U.S. tree species," published this month in the journal *Global Ecology and Biogeography*. Find the paper online at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/geb.12302/abstract>.

The National Science Foundation recently awarded Dobrowski a \$410,000 grant for more research in this area. That grant, “Quantifying Risk of Tree Species Regeneration Failure and Ecosystem Transitions in Lower Elevation Forests,” also involves UM research collaborators Anna Sala and Marco Maneta.

For the research in the journal, Dobrowski and colleagues looked at where juvenile trees are found relative to adults of the same species and how this might change under future climates. They suspected a forest canopy might protect juvenile trees from some of the limiting factors that kill juvenile trees like high wind speeds, solar radiation and high temperatures. Projections into the future suggest juvenile trees fare better with a protective forest canopy overhead. Remove the shade-providing tree canopy, however, and juvenile trees may suffer. Eventually, a forest with no juveniles will decline.

“Extensive losses of forest canopy from disturbances such as severe wildfire, will amplify the effects of climate change,” Dobrowski said.

The differences between juvenile and adult trees of the same species are most pronounced in the hottest and driest geographic extent of a tree species’ range. In dry habitats, juvenile trees tend to occupy wetter locations. In shade-tolerant tree species, juvenile trees are found in cooler settings than adult trees.

Look at many forests in the western United States and you’ll see the impact of this difference. Where ponderosa pine trees meet dry grasslands, for instance, you won’t find many juveniles. They’re likely growing in wet spots, north-facing slopes or further up the mountain.

“We’re not sure what the future holds for western forests, but comparing where juveniles and adults currently make a living can give us some unique insights,” Dobrowski said.

Dobrowski’s co-authors include Alan Swanson, John Abatzoglou, Zachary Holden, Hugh Safford, Mike Schwartz and Daniel Gavin.

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# UM Meets 2015 Target for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

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**MISSOULA** – Continuing its commitment as a leader in higher education sustainability, the University of Montana recently announced it has met its 2015 target for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

According to UM's sustainability report card, released by its Office of Sustainability on Earth Day, the University has successfully reduced total emissions to 10 percent below 2007 levels. This benchmark is part of the University's plan to become a carbon-neutral campus by 2020, a goal established when UM became a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment in 2007.

"I am proud to be part of a campus community that understands the value of investing in energy conservation and efficiency," said Eva Rocke, UM sustainability coordinator. "We have some incredible sustainability leaders at UM – administrators, faculty, staff and students – and the fact that we have met our first climate-action goal speaks to their leadership."

The bulk of the emissions reductions came from energy efficiency and building improvement projects across campus. UM has invested substantially in improving the performance of its buildings through mechanical systems



upgrades, deployment of digital smart meters, extending building automation controls and recommissioning buildings to ensure they are operating as efficiently as possible. These improvements resulted in a smaller emissions footprint and utilities savings of more than \$400,000 a year.

“UM’s sustainability efforts are taken very seriously by our operations staff,” said Brian Kerns, UM’s energy manager and facilities engineer. “Through their own initiative – above and beyond their normal job duties – staff have improved comfort and HVAC efficiency at several buildings to a degree where those buildings are now award contenders in the EPA’s Battle of the Buildings nationwide competition.”

Energy conservation accounts for about 8.5 percent of the reduction in emissions. The last 1.5 percent needed to reach the target was met with a small purchase of carbon offsets. UM purchased a small number of carbon offsets, 746 metric tons worth, from two offset providers: NativeEnergy and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. One offsetting project is located in **Culbertson** and the other is in La Plata County, Colorado. The UM student sustainability fee, as well as donations from UM Dining and the geography, environmental studies and philosophy departments, funded the offsets purchase.

“The University of Montana has been a longtime leader for sustainability in higher education, and meeting our 2015 emissions reduction target shows that our philosophical commitment has been met with operational change,” said Ian Finch, UM Dining assistant director of sustainability. “I am inspired by the cooperative work our campus has accomplished and look forward to seeing how UM continues its journey toward carbon neutrality.”

Other highlights noted in UM’s sustainability report card include the installation of a small solar array on the roof of the Fitness and Recreation Center, the announcement that ASUM Transportation will offset its 2015 bus-related emissions for the first time, and the Missoula College energy technology program’s receipt of a \$730,000 National Science Foundation grant to further engage Native American and high school students in STEM education.

The complete sustainability report card is available online at <http://bit.ly/1zI7rXD>. For more information, call Rocke at 406-243-4323 or email [eva.rocke@umontana.edu](mailto:eva.rocke@umontana.edu).

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# Public Invited to Popular UM Chemistry Professor's Explosive Last Lecture

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Before University of Montana chemistry Professor Garon Smith hangs up his cloak, his wizardly alter-ego G. Wiz will go out with a bang. Members of the UM Honors Student Association convinced Smith to present one of his renowned chemistry shows for the benefit of the campus community. Smith will retire this spring.

The public is invited to bring their lawn chairs to watch G. Wiz's exciting chemistry spectacle during his final lecture at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, on the UM Oval. The event is free.



"Professor Garon Smith, aka G. Wiz, is among the most engaging and entertaining instructors that the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the University of

Montana have ever seen," said Christopher Palmer, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry professor and chair.

In 24 years at UM, he has instructed some 20,000 students in introductory chemistry, and has entertained and educated more than 100,000 young students. Ever since he took over UM's chemistry course for applied science majors in 1994, the class enrollment has expanded exponentially, from about 400 to 700 students each fall semester, and from 180 to nearly 300 students each spring. Smith vowed to teach as many classes as needed to accommodate every student who wanted to take his classes. Consequently, he estimates 20 to 25 percent of all UM students have taken his class.

"What a lot of tests to grade," Smith said, "but what a privilege."

While on a six-month sabbatical in New Zealand, he performed his wizardry for 10,200 students as a visiting professor at the University of Otago and the University of Waikato in 2014.

Smith has won multiple local and national awards for his teaching and outreach, including the 2014 Best UM Professor in the Missoulian's readership poll; 2008 Montana Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching; Most Inspirational UM Teacher in 2004; and a 2004 Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology Award at the International Conference on College Teaching and Learning.

"At the same time, he has applied his knowledge and understanding of chemistry, the environment and human nature to address multiple critical environmental issues and problems in the Missoula Valley and beyond," Palmer said. "I am certain his final lecture will not disappoint."

Palmer and UM College of Humanities and Sciences Dean Chris Comer will nominate Smith for Professor Emeritus status this spring. If the nomination is granted, Smith will stay active at UM and continue his shows. He also hopes to transform his UM chemistry course into digital materials that can be used by other educators.

Additionally, he is producing an educational software package and manual to help teach principles of aqueous chemistry, as well as writing the book, "G. Wiz's Book of Spells," to help teachers of all levels include live demonstrations in their classroom teaching. The book will have recipes, performance suggestions, safety precautions and explanations on how to deliver science concepts to students from kindergarten to graduate school.

"Please join us to witness and celebrate G. Wiz's gift for sharing his enthusiasm for science with audiences young and old," said Tessa Richards, UM Honors Student Association president.

For more information call Richards at 406-241-5348 or email [tessa.richards@umontana.edu](mailto:tessa.richards@umontana.edu).

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**Photo caption:** Garon Smith, aka G. Wiz.

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# UM Study: Oil and Gas Development Transforms Landscapes

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Improved drilling technologies and energy demand have resulted in the large-scale expansion of oil and gas development, with 50,000 new wells drilled per year recently in central North America. Locations such as the Bakken, Eagle Ford and the Marcellus Shale are now commonplace, and drilling activity frequently makes news.

But what are the ecological consequences of this accelerated drilling activity? Researchers at the University of Montana have conducted the first-ever broad-scale scientific assessment of how oil and gas development transforms landscapes across the U.S. and Canada.



Their work was published April 24 in an article titled “Ecosystem services lost to oil and gas in North America” in *Science*, one of the world’s most prestigious journals. The article concludes that oil and gas development creates significant vegetation loss of rangelands and croplands across broad swaths of central North America.

Lead author Brady Allred said, “There are two important things here: First, we examine all of central North America, from the south coast of Texas to northern Alberta. When we look at this continental scale picture, we see impacts and degradation that are missed when focusing only at a local scale. Second, we see how present policies may potentially compromise future ecosystem integrity over vast areas.”

Allred and co-authors estimated that from 2000 to 2012 oil and gas development removed large amounts of rangeland vegetation, culminating at a rate per year of more than half of the annual grazing on U.S. public lands. Vegetation removed by this development on croplands is equivalent to 120.2 million bushels of wheat, approximately 13 percent of all wheat exported by the U.S. in 2013.

Fragmentation and loss of habitat also disrupts wildlife migration routes, alters wildlife behavior and assists new disruptive invasive plant species. Co-author Dave Naugle highlights the complexity of the issue: “We’ve known about the impacts of oil and gas development for years, but we now have scientific data from a broad regional scale that tells us we need to act now to balance these competing land uses.”

Furthermore, nearly half of wells drilled are in extreme- or high-water-stress regions. High-volume hydraulic fracturing uses 2 million to 13 million gallons of water per well, intensifying competition among agriculture, aquatic ecosystems and municipalities for water resources.

“We need a policy framework that quantifies and weighs major tradeoffs at large scales because current policy does not address both assessment and future mitigation adequately,” said co-author Julia Haggerty of Montana State University.

“Satellite technologies now can provide annual acre-by-acre information for land managers on oil-and-gas-driven land-use changes,” said Steve Running, a co-author and UM Regents Professor of Ecology. “We must have policies that ensure reclamation of this land after production has ended. Otherwise, by 2050, tens of millions of acres of land will be permanently degraded.”

The authors assessed the ecosystem services lost by using high-resolution satellite measurements of vegetation growth based on methods developed by co-author W. Kolby Smith and previous groundbreaking research by Running. Terrestrial plant production is the foundation of the biospheric carbon cycle and the basis for a multitude of critical ecosystem services.

Allred is assistant professor of rangeland ecology at UM’s College of Forestry and Conservation. Additional co-authors are W. Kolby Smith, a recent UM doctoral student now at the Institute on the Environment at the University of Minnesota; Dirac Twidwell from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and Samuel Fuhlendorf from Oklahoma State University.

Find the complete article at <http://www.sciencemag.org/content/348/6233/401.full>.

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# Alumni Donors Boost UM Irish Studies Program

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Eminent University of Montana historian David Emmons conducted groundbreaking research on the history of the Irish experience in Montana. Now thanks to a private gift, his work will be honored and continued far into the future.

UM alumni Sam and Julie Baldrige of **Whitefish** have established a visiting professorship in Emmons' name. Each year, a Dr. David Emmons Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies will come to campus to teach various courses on Irish and Irish-American history.

"This gift solidifies the foundations of the Irish Studies Program, providing the resources to develop UM into a nationally recognized center of Irish and Irish Gaelic studies," said Traolach O'Riordain, the program's director.

In addition to his or her teaching duties, the visiting scholar also will conduct public lectures around Montana and, O'Riordain hopes, delve into unexplored areas of the state's social, political or economic history.

The University's Irish Studies Program is the largest such program west of the Mississippi. Scholarship and

coursework focus on the role of Irish language and Gaelic heritage in Ireland's history, as well as the Irish-American diaspora in the American West.

Emmons is the author of two seminal books on the Irish American experience in the West: "The Butte Irish: Class and Ethnicity in an American Mining Town, 1875-1925" and "Beyond the American Pale: The Irish in the West, 1845-1910."

It was the former that "amazed" Sam Baldrige, who was curious about what his old UM professor and mentor was working on and picked up the book one day.

"I read the book with the attitude that so much has already been written about Butte in its heyday, that maybe there's nothing more to learn," he said. "I was amazed at the depth, the scholarship involved. The research was incredible. This is a very important and groundbreaking work on the topic of labor, class and the history of immigration."

Establishing the professorship is a way for Baldrige to honor Emmons' scholarship and ensure that UM continues to be a center for research and education in Irish studies.

"Dave Emmons' scholarship constituted a critical intervention in the field of Irish studies and laid the intellectual foundation on which UM's Irish Studies Program is built," O'Riordain said. "I think it's incredibly important that the University of Montana continues to be the epicenter of such research."

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# UM Alumni Invited to Commencement Celebration May 14-16

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana alumni of all class years are invited back to campus for the All-Alumni Reunion Celebration, May 14-16, including participation in UM's 2015 Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 16.

This year's events specially recognize alumni from the classes of 1965 and prior with the Montana Treasures dinner. All alumni are invited to a Friday night social and tour of the Montana Distillery. Register by phone at 1-877-UM-ALUMS. For more information call Angela Weisenburger at 406-243-6439 or email [angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu](mailto:angela.weisenburger@umontana.edu).

The schedule of events follows:

### Thursday, May 14:

- Noon to 5 p.m. – Reunion registration, Brantly Hall Presidents Room, \$15 for current dues-paying members, \$20 for non-UMAA members. There is no additional fee for a spouse or guest. Pick up gift bags and name tags, peruse class annuals, be fitted for a cap and gown and enjoy a snack.

- 4-6 p.m. – President’s Social, Brantly Hall Presidents Room, \$10 per person. Join UM President Royce Engstrom and University administrators for an afternoon complete with hors d’oeuvres and a hosted bar.

### **Friday, May 15:**

- 7:30 a.m. – Early-bird campus walk, departs from DoubleTree Hotel lobby, free. Savor Missoula’s crisp morning air during a stroll to campus accompanied by one of the UM Advocates. Campus tours will be available upon arrival at UM.
- 8 a.m. – All-alumni hike to the M, departs from Brantly Hall Presidents Room, free.
- 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. – Reunion registration continues, Brantly Hall Presidents Room.
- 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. – Historic Missoula bus tour with lunch at Caras Park, departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby, \$30 per person. A Missoula guide will narrate a trip around town with stories of what’s old and new. Stop at Fort Missoula to visit the grounds, buildings and museum, and then continue downtown to Caras Park for an outdoor lunch.
- 5:30 p.m. – Reunion registration continues, DoubleTree Hotel ballroom.
- 5:30-10 p.m. – Montana Treasures dinner for those celebrating their 50th or greater class anniversaries. DoubleTree Hotel Ballroom, \$30 per person. This special evening will give alumni a chance to reminisce about college days with former classmates. Alumni will be honored for their class anniversary with a commemorative medallion and induction into the Montana Treasures. This event features a no-host bar.
- 5:30-8 p.m. – 5:30-8 p.m. – All-alumni trivia night and tour of the Montana Distillery, 631 Woody St. Relive college days with fellow Montana alumni, win Griz prizes and tour of one of the newest hotspots in downtown Missoula. This is a no-host event.

### **Saturday, May 16**

- 8:10 a.m. – All-Alumni Reunion at Commencement, bus departs from the DoubleTree Hotel lobby, free. A bus will take attendees to the stadium from two locations: the Holiday Inn parking lot (near the public parking garage) and the parking lot of the DoubleTree Hotel. Boarding begins at 8 a.m. to attend UM’s 2015 Commencement ceremony at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Family members and friends are welcome to ride the bus to avoid parking difficulties on campus. The bus also will return participants to their designated parking lot following the reunion luncheon. Please note there is only one bus trip to and from the stadium.
- 8:30 a.m. – Continental breakfast and cap and gown fitting, Washington-Grizzly Stadium, free. Registration and cap and gown fittings inside the stadium. A continental breakfast will be served on the field. Commencement seating will be reserved for family members and guests.
- 10 a.m. – 2015 Commencement ceremony, Washington-Grizzly Stadium, free. All participating alumni will march to a special seating section next to the Class of 2015 on the field of Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Class

representatives will be formally introduced during the ceremony.

- 11:30 a.m. – All-alumni reunion luncheon, \$15 per person. Following the Commencement ceremony, enjoy a luncheon in the stadium area. President Engstrom and UM Alumni Relations Director Bill Johnston will join the luncheon to congratulate and toast all class representatives.
- 12:30 p.m. (approximately) – Return bus ride to the DoubleTree and the Holiday Inn parking lot.

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# UM Wilderness Institute Hosts Free Backpacking Excursions

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Wilderness Institute at the University of Montana invites citizen volunteers to help collect scientific data this summer and fall in several stunning Montana wilderness areas.

Experienced trip leaders will guide small groups of volunteers on backcountry trips throughout the study areas to gather data on invasive species, recreation impacts and wilderness character. This year's excursions include trips to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, the Mission Mountain Wilderness and the Bureau of Land Management Wilderness Study Area in the Missouri River Breaks.

"We have many options this year for citizens to volunteer for their public lands," said Lisa Gerloff, director of the Wilderness Institute's Citizen Science Program. "Wilderness stewardship is a job that is never finished. These trips are a great way to get into the backcountry with a fun group of people while collecting information essential to caring for these landscapes."

The trips are free and open to the public, though advanced registration is required. Some backcountry experience is helpful. Dinner is provided daily, and transportation is available from Missoula and select towns in the vicinity of the

study areas. Most trips will last six days and will be held July through early October.

Current dates and excursions include:

#### Absaroka-Beartooths

- Tuesday through Sunday, June 30-July 5: Mystic Lake Area
- Saturday through Thursday, July 11-16: Lower East Rosebud Area
- Thursday through Tuesday, July 23-28: Lake Fork/West Fork and Timberline Area
- Tuesday through Sunday, Aug. 4-9: Hellroaring/Glacier and Beartooth Plateau Area
- Saturday through Thursday, Aug. 15-20: Box Canyon/Hicks Area
- Thursday through Tuesday, Aug. 27-Sept. 1: Thompson Lake Area

#### Mission Mountains

- Wednesday through Monday, Aug. 12-17 and Aug. 26-31: Piper Lake

The excursions in the Missouri River Breaks Wilderness Study Area, slated for September and early October, will be announced at a later date.

Agencies are tasked with maintaining the wilderness character of these areas but don't always have the manpower to assess how the areas are faring, Gerloff said.

"It's hard for agencies with fairly limited budgets to get a handle on what's going on across these large landscapes," she said. "Citizen scientists can help fill in those information gaps by being the eyes and ears on the ground."

A growing need for citizen participation in wilderness stewardship helped launch the Citizen Science Program in 2005. Since then, UM's Wilderness Institute has engaged nearly 400 community volunteers to document on-the-ground conditions across many of the region's congressionally designated Wilderness and Wilderness Study Areas.

This year's projects are held in partnership with the Custer Gallatin National Forest, the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Foundation, Flathead National Forest, Bureau of Land Management and National Forest Foundation.

More information about the Citizen Science Program and trip details are online at

<http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/education/citizen-science/default.php>. To sign up for a trip, call 406-243-5361 or email [citizenscience@cfc.umt.edu](mailto:citizenscience@cfc.umt.edu).

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# 14th Annual UM Spring Thaw Set for May 8

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The 14th annual University of Montana Spring Thaw will take place from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Friday, May 8, on the UM Oval.

This year's event will include an hour and a half of bluegrass music by the Lil' Smokies, a dunk tank featuring students and faculty from UM, a variety of carnival games, picture opportunities with Monte, a raffle, local food and more. Designed to celebrate spring and the end of the semester, Spring Thaw is free and open to the public.

The Lil' Smokies have won the Missoula Independent's Best Band award the past two years and have continued to gain popularity since they exploded onto the scene in the winter of 2009. They captivate audiences with their progressive bluegrass style and have shared the stage with Steve Martin, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and the Steep Canyon Rangers.

The Lil' Smokies will take the stage at 3:30 p.m. Before the music begins, participants can enjoy a variety of fun and engaging carnival games and a performance by UM's spectrUM Discovery Area.

For more information visit the Spring Thaw Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/umspringthaw> or follow @UMEMSpringThaw on Twitter and Instagram.

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# New Campus Thrift Program Aims to Reduce Waste During Student Move-Out

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – When University of Montana students move out of residence halls and off-campus rentals this May, they will have a convenient place to send their unwanted items other than the dumpster. From May 13 to 17, the new Campus Thrift program will host 10 collection sites located both on and off campus where students can get rid of any items they no longer want.

Collected items will be sorted and then sold at the Campus Thrift Sale in the Mansfield Mall on May 20. Anything not sold at the sale this spring will be sold in the fall when students are back on campus and looking to furnish their residences at a low cost. All proceeds from the sale will go toward campus sustainability projects.

“There is a tremendous amount of waste generated during student move out, and most of the things that end up in the trash are gently used items that can easily be reused,” said Katherine Brady, director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center and an organizer of Campus Thrift.

The collection sites will accept everything from clothes to furniture to appliances, and will even provide a free furniture pick-up service for off-campus students on Friday, May 15. Mattresses and hazardous materials will not be

accepted at collection sites.

Campus Thrift is a collaborative effort between the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, UM Recycling, the UM Office of Sustainability, the Office of Residence Life and a group of dedicated student volunteers.

The program currently is recruiting volunteers to staff the collection sites and sale. Both students and community members are encouraged to volunteer and help reduce waste from move-out week. Interested parties can sign up to volunteer via Facebook at [www.facebook.com/UMCampusThrift](http://www.facebook.com/UMCampusThrift) or by emailing [campusthrift@mso.umt.edu](mailto:campusthrift@mso.umt.edu).

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# Montana Food Festival to Feature Second Annual Carnivores Classic

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Food, fun and lots of meat will be featured at the second annual Carnivores Classic at the Montana Food Festival. The classic, a benefit for the Missoula College Culinary Arts Program, will take place Friday and Saturday, May 29-30, at the Missoula County Fairgrounds.

This year's event will kick off Friday evening with "Drive-In, Grill-Out Theater," an evening of barbeque and big-screen entertainment. Participants can enjoy the atmosphere of an old-fashioned drive-in movie theater while contestants from the Kansas City Barbeque Society begin their all-night cook-off for Saturday's feast.

Friday's event costs \$25 per vehicle, and tailgating before and during the movie is encouraged. There also will be a cash bar courtesy of The Rhino. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with the lighting of the asado grill loaded with a whole steer, pork, chicken, lamb and salmon and the firing of the Axmen bowling-ball cannon. Call the Axmen at 406-728-7020 for more details.

The Carnivores Classic will continue on Saturday with "Barbecue from Around the World." The event will feature a grand buffet prepared by the students of the MC Culinary Arts Program and will have as its centerpiece the roast of

steer, prepared asado-style.

Tickets to the event cost \$25 for adults and \$8 for kids 5-12, and include the asado buffet, live music, on-stage culinary demonstrations, the "Griz-Bobcat Throw-Down Barbeque Contest" and awards. The winner of the Kansas City Barbecue Society also will be crowned at this sanctioned event.

As plans for the new Missoula College campus are finalized, the Culinary Arts Program aims to raise more than \$150,000 in designated funds for its program to help defray building and equipment costs including state-of-the-art equipment for the new facility. A large part of the funding will come from hosting the Carnivores Classic at the Montana Food Festival.

For more information about the event or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call 406-303-1257, email [carnivoresclassic@umontana.edu](mailto:carnivoresclassic@umontana.edu) or visit <http://www.umt.edu/carnivoresclassic/>.

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# Two UM Students from Nepal Rally to Help Quake Victims

April 28, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana Nepalese graduate students Tek Chhetri and Shyam Pokhrel are leading efforts to collect donations for the victims of the April 25 earthquake in their home country.

They organized volunteers to staff a table, where they will collect cash donations, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, April 29-May 1, in front of The Source in the University Center.

No other material goods will be collected. Funds will be delivered to victims through the Red Cross International's Nepalese accounts via the Montana Red Cross office in Great Falls.

For more information, call UM Director of Foreign Student and Scholar Services Effie Koehn at 406-243-5580 or email [effie.koehn@umontana.edu](mailto:effie.koehn@umontana.edu).

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# UM Professor Wins Prestigious Intellectual History Award

April 27, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Organization of American Historians recently presented a University of Montana history professor with their 2015 Merle Curti Award, which recognizes the best books published in American intellectual history and American social history.

Kyle Volk, UM associate history professor and director of undergraduate studies, received the Merle Curti Award in Intellectual History for his book “Moral Minorities and the Making of American Democracy.”

“This imaginatively conceived and intelligently argued book reinvigorates and recasts a key aspect of democratic thought: the protection of minority rights,” the OAH award committee wrote. “But Kyle G. Volk’s ‘moral minorities’ are not a fearful propertied elite or an anxious set of slaveholders. Instead, they are a diverse set of groups that found themselves on the wrong side of the majority rule in the era of evangelical moral reform.”

The award was presented during the annual meeting of the OAH on April 18 in St. Louis. A total of 50 recipients received 2015 OAH awards. For more information on OAH visit <http://www.oah.org>.

For additional information on “Moral Minorities and the Making of American Democracy,” call Volk at 406-243-2989 or email [kyle.volk@umontana.edu](mailto:kyle.volk@umontana.edu).

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# Ambassador Baucus to Speak at UM Commencement

April 27, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Max Baucus, Montana’s longest-serving U.S. senator and now ambassador to the People’s Republic of China, will be the featured speaker during the University of Montana’s 118th Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 16.

The ambassador will speak about the importance of Montana values.

“Max Baucus has become one of the greatest statesmen in the history of Montana, and we are thrilled he plans to share his wisdom with our graduates as they prepare to launch the next phase of their lives,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “We asked him to speak because of his excellent service to Montana, and we are delighted he is coming home for this special occasion.”

Before he was ambassador, Baucus – or “Max” as he’s better known to Montanans – devoted nearly 40 years to Congress. He played leadership roles in many big issues important to the state and country, including the Affordable Care Act, the 1990 Clean Air Act, the Rocky Mountain Heritage Protection Act and the North Fork Watershed Protection Act. He also helped pass six farm bills that benefited the lives of countless families across Montana,

breaking down trade barriers for Montana products and increasing Montana beef exports.

He helped pass three highway bills that brought more than \$4 billion to the state of Montana. He also tasked the Environmental Protection Agency to clean up asbestos contamination in Libby and ensure residents received the health care they needed. In addition, Baucus championed legislation in 2009 to help veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. He also worked to more than double the rate of Veterans Affairs funding for health care services and facilities, which in Montana resulted in the creation of the \$6.4 million mental health care facility at Fort Harrison.

Since March 2014, Ambassador Baucus has led one of the largest U.S. diplomatic missions in the world, which includes the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, five U.S. consulates across China and officers from a broad spectrum of U.S. government agencies based in China.

Baucus vowed early to get out and meet as many people and forge as many friendships as possible in China. He already has visited more than half of China's 31 provinces and municipal areas – from Xinjiang to Shanghai and from Heilongjiang to Yunnan. To advance the U.S.-China economic relationship, he also has met with more than 120 Chinese business leaders, including more than 70 CEOs from China's leading companies.

In addition, he has met with numerous American business leaders and CEOs to help promote the interests of the American business community in China. He also hosted President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama, as well as nine cabinet-level officials, dozens of members of Congress, governors and mayors on their official visits to China.

The United States and China have made several landmark achievements during Baucus's tenure to date, including a joint historic announcement to curb carbon emissions and an agreement to extend the validity of business, tourist, and student and exchange visas. The two countries also have made historic agreements establishing new confidence-building measures between the militaries. In his meetings throughout China, Baucus strongly advocates for human rights and the values that we share in common as human beings.

Baucus served in the U.S. Senate from 1978 to 2013. He was chairman and ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance; vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Taxation; a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; and a member of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction. He also was a member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and chaired its Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Before his election to the U.S. Senate, Baucus served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1975 to 1978. He previously was in the Montana House of Representatives from 1973 to 1974.

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# SpectrUM, Ravalli County Museum Announce Free Field Trips for Schools

April 27, 2015

**HAMILTON** – K-12 students in the Bitterroot Valley will have a chance to explore the ins and outs of nanoscience this spring thanks to a partnership between the University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area and the Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society.

The organizations have teamed up to host free field trips for Bitterroot Valley schools to spectrUM's "Nano: The Science of Small" exhibit at the museum on Thursdays, May 14, 21, 28 and June 4.

The Thursday, May 7, grand opening of the exhibit marks the launch of the Summer of Science initiative, a three-year collaboration to foster a robust science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) learning ecosystem in the Bitterroot Valley. In addition to free field trips, the project will include Thursday night lectures featuring UM researchers and Science Saturdays with hands-on activities and demonstrations in Bitterroot Valley communities. All activities will be free and open the public.

"Ravalli County Museum has a focus on educational and experiential programming in our underserved area," said Director Tamar Stanley. "This is a rare opportunity to host an interactive STEM learning exhibit for the summer. It

will surely generate curiosity about the world around us, seen and unseen, and how it shapes our daily lives.”

Created by the Minnesota Science Museum, “Nano: The Science of Small” engages visitors with hands-on science and career pathways in nanoscience, the study of structures and materials on the scale of nanometers. At the exhibit, visitors can build a giant carbon nanotube, “balance our nano future” on a tippy table and learn how medical researchers use nanotechnology to fight cancer.

Field trip activities will include using magnets to explore how material behaves differently at different sizes and building a carbon nanotube with foam construction pieces. Field trips are tailored for grades K-12 and are designed to meet state science standards.

“At spectrUM, we are in the business of inspiring the next generation of students to pursue higher education and career opportunities in STEM fields,” said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director. “We can think of no better place to build a deep community partnership than in the Bitterroot and with the museum.”

The public can visit the “Nano” exhibit at the Ravalli County Museum, located at 205 Bedford St. in Hamilton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free on Thursdays and Saturdays. The rest of the week, admission is \$1 for children, students and seniors, and \$3 for adults.

The Summer of Science initiative primarily is underwritten by the Jane S. Heman Foundation. Additional sponsors include UM, the Elliot and Grace Lander Foundation, the Bitterroot Quilters’ Guild, NISE Net, and the UM Center for Environmental and Health Sciences.

Since 1974, the Ravalli County Museum and Historical Society has produced innovative and engaging exhibits that provide enrichment to the public. The museum’s diverse collections create an ideal environment to discover and explore.

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

SpectrUM’s Missoula museum is located at 218 E. Front St. and is open to the public 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person.

Teachers in the Bitterroot Valley can book free field trips while availability lasts by calling spectrUM program manager Jessie Herbert at 406-207-1010. Additional days for field trips may be available upon request. Need-based funding for field trip buses also is available for schools.

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# UM Celebrates Philanthropy at Annual Phil Day Event

April 24, 2015

**MISSOULA** – On April 30, the University of Montana will celebrate Philanthropy Day, an annual salute to the University’s many generous donors. Last year alone, 13,594 donors contributed \$53.7 million to the University, supporting scholarships, programmatic enrichment and facilities enhancement in every academic unit on campus.

The Phil Day party will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 30, on the UM Oval. Guests will enjoy Big Dipper ice cream and live music by Gil and the Spills. UM President Royce Engstrom will award the first-ever Student Foundation scholarship, the only scholarship on campus created and funded by students.

Members of the media will have the opportunity to speak with UM and UM Foundation leaders, including Engstrom; the Student Foundation scholarship recipient; student donors; and the co-chair of the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign. Remarks will take place from approximately noon to 12:20 p.m.

Around campus, large gift tags will highlight the buildings, structures and other facilities that were created thanks to private support. Signs on the Oval will share philanthropy statistics for fiscal year 2015, including:

- The UM Foundation distributed \$4.38 million among 2,765 scholarships.
- 125 students donated \$3,300 to support the Student Foundation scholarship fund as of March 31.
- 3,012 alumni, parents and friends made donations through the UM Phonathon as of April 22. So far this year, the Phonathon has raised \$368,178. Calls will continue through May.
- 172 local businesses and individuals made \$145,000 in donations to UM through the annual Business Drive.

Phil Day is hosted by the UM Foundation, which raises and manages funds to support the University's excellence, access and affordability. Phil Day is supported by the following sponsors: Big Dipper, UPTOP Clothing Co., The Bookstore, Eastgate Rental and Sign Pro.

To learn more about Phil Day, visit <http://supportum.org/guidetogiving/annualgifts/PhilDay/>.

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# UM Student Wins Udall Scholarship Competition

April 24, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana student Hope Radford won a second \$5,000 Udall Scholarship, which will support her studies for the 2015-16 academic year. Her award marks the 38th time a UM student has earned this prestigious scholarship.

“She won last year as a sophomore and had to convince the national committee of her exceptional work to win the award for a second year,” said Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships and advising at UM.

Radford, a junior from **Colorado Springs, Colorado**, is majoring in resource conservation with minors in climate change studies, environmental studies and international development studies. She spent spring term studying sustainable agriculture in Chile and Argentina and plans a career in sustainable international



agriculture. She is the daughter of Bill and Margaret Radford of Colorado Springs and a graduate of Mitchell High School.

Udall Scholars are selected on the basis of commitment to careers in the environment or, for Native Americans applicants, commitment to careers in tribal public policy or health issues.

Scholars also must show leadership potential and academic achievement. The independent review committee awarded 50 scholars.

Each scholarship provides up to \$5,000 for the scholar's junior or senior year. The 2015 Udall Scholars will assemble Wednesday through Sunday, August 5-9, in Tucson, Arizona, to receive their awards and meet policymakers and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care and governance.

For more information on the Udall Foundation and related programs, visit <http://www.udall.gov/>. The website will post all the national winners on Thursday, April 30.

Radford also recently received the James A. "Smokey" Alexander Memorial Scholarship Endowment. Hope is the first recipient of this scholarship.

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# UM Business Majors Score in the 95th Percentile in Nationwide Field Test

April 23, 2015

**MISSOULA** – School of Business Administration students at the University of Montana continue to knock the Business Major Field Test out of the park. Overall, the 171 UM students taking the test in the spring semester averaged in the 95th percentile nationwide.

Forty-one UM students who will graduate in spring 2015 scored in the 90th percentile or above. That is the largest number of students scoring in the 90th percentile or above in any one semester since the business school started administering this test to its students in 2009.

The Business Major Field Test, administered by more than 500 universities nationwide, measures critical knowledge and understanding obtained by students during their undergraduate studies and offers UM's SoBA a way to evaluate its students' performance and program's overall effectiveness against similar institutions around the country.

The test covers a broad set of topics, including accounting, economics, management, quantitative business analysis, information systems, finance, marketing, legal and social environment, and international issues.

The following 41 students achieved scores at or higher than the 90th percentile on the spring 2015 Business Major Field Test: Suzanne Arntz, Devon Asmussen, Nathan Bailey, Matthew Balliet, Alexander Basile, Natalie Black, Genevieve Boyer, Glenda Bradshaw, Connor Bray, Samantha Cannon, Joseph Crowley, Joel Davison, John Eberhard, Lindsay Forman, Lucas Germer, John Gibson, Trenton Hancock, Matthew Hanson, Adam Hefenieder, Ryan Hover, Brian Hybner, Kevin Jablonski, David Kuhn, Bert Martin, Steve McClain, Patrick Mead, Carly Miller, Rylie Moore, Joshua Morasko, Zachery Nybo, Parker Olinger, Ethan Ranger, Kevin Rouse, Cody Sevier, Spencer Sheehan, Alanna Shuey, Mark Simonton, Megan Stevenson, Zachary Stoeger, Andrew Todaro, Brittany Urbaniak and Josephine Warner.

For more information on the Business Major Field Test visit <https://www.ets.org/mft/about/>.

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# IT'S YOUR CALL – 911 CONTINUES COMMITMENT: Updated Booklet and Website Provide Info for Victims of Sexual Assault

April 23, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana and the City of Missoula have rolled out an updated version of their It's Your Call – 911, a website (<http://www.missoula911.com/>) and 30-page booklet that offer complete information about reporting sexual assault in Missoula.

The update includes 7,000 copies of the It's Your Call – 911 booklet, which are now available throughout the Missoula community and UM campus and at all agencies that help victims of sexual assault.

Outlets include the Missoula Police Department, Missoula County Sheriff's Office, UM Police Department, Crime

Victim Advocate Program, Missoula County Attorney's Office, UM Student Advocacy Resource Center, UM Dean of Students Office, YWCA and First Step.

The public information program is a project of the City of Missoula Office of the Mayor, UM Office of the President and Missoula Police Department Office of the Police Chief. It launched in March 2012 as an immediate response to emerging reports that victims of sexual assault, in particular UM students, were unsure of how and where to report and seek help. At the time, there was no central resource with complete information.

The public information campaign stressed from the beginning that while a call to 911 is the quickest route to services, it is never too late to seek help, and a 911 call does not obligate a victim to file an official police report. The aim is to offer the public and victims a full menu of services available.

The campaign was the first step in the work to build stronger collaboration between UM and the City of Missoula, as well as with the Missoula County Attorney's Office and other agencies, in addressing sexual assault.

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# UM To Host Second Annual Cyber Triathlon

April 23, 2015

**MISSOULA** – After last year’s success, the University of Montana will host the second annual Cyber Triathlon from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2. High school and college students from across the state will converge on the UM campus to solve a digital forensics puzzle, a data analytics puzzle and a penetration-testing puzzle.

The first team to find the “Cyber Coin” by solving the puzzles will win cash prizes and a trophy. Second and third places also will be awarded.

Registration for the event and other information can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/cyberlab/cyber-triathlon.php>, by calling UM Graduate School Postdoctoral Associate Raquel Arouca at 406-243-6695 or emailing [raquel1.arouca@umontana.edu](mailto:raquel1.arouca@umontana.edu).

The Cyber Triathlon will start at 9 a.m. in University Center Rooms 330-332. Teams of up to five members will work on digital forensics and data analytics puzzles to find clues about the location of the Cyber Coin. In the afternoon the teams will make their way to the Cyberlab in the Interdisciplinary Science Building Room 107 to solve the final puzzle, which will involve hacking into folders to find the remaining clues.

If events play out like last year, teams will dash across campus to search for the Cyber Coin. The event will conclude with an award ceremony at 5 p.m.

New this year, the UM Office of Research and Creative Scholarship is offering a special prize for the top performing high school team at the competition. According to Scott Whittenburg, vice president for research and creative scholarship, "Last year a high-school team won the first leg of the triathlon, and we felt it was important to encourage students from Montana schools to continue to include cybersecurity in their future education and career goals."

LMG Security has provided professional guidance and sponsored student interns to create the puzzles. "The Cyber Triathlon is like 'Top Chef' for information technology students throughout Montana," said Sherri Davidoff, CEO of LMG Security. "Students get the chance to put their skills to the test and compete head-to-head using real-world cybersecurity and data analytics challenges."

This event is made possible through a partnership among the UM's Cyber Innovation Lab, the Data Science Committee and private sponsors, including ALPS Inc., LMG Security, KPMG, Oracle, Axiom, Arisant, ATG, UM Office of Research and Creative Scholarship, UM Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the UM School of Business Administration, the UM Graduate School and Missoula College.

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# Opinion: Efforts to Combat Sexual Assault Make Up Next Chapter

April 23, 2015

**By Missoula Mayor John Engen and UM President Royce Engstrom**

This week, Missoula residents are reading about our community in Jon Krakauer's book, "Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town." Around the nation, many others are learning about Missoula for the first time as the book hits the shelves and is covered in the news. Whatever your opinion of the book, it graphically demonstrates that sexual assault is a pervasive problem that ruins lives, and that it happens in even the most desirable of communities.

We write together not as a rebuttal to the book but to reinforce the hard work of many, many committed people on our campus and in our city who are working diligently to care for survivors of sexual assault; to bring to justice those who, through due process, are found to commit assault; and to decrease the actual occurrence of sexual assault. Our community's collective efforts constitute the next chapter in this story, the chapter that demonstrates we have learned from the past and have dedicated ourselves to making our city and our campus even safer.

Through our agreements with the U.S. Department of Justice and Department of Education, the city and the

university committed to establishing policies, procedures and practices that are improving our own situation and are serving as a guide for other communities. A DOJ blog post on April 20 said this about Missoula's efforts:

“This first of its kind multi-pronged approach to combating sexual assault – which reaches from the campus to the courthouse door – has resulted in significant improvements in the response to sexual assault within the Missoula community. We, along with our colleagues at the Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, are working with leaders from across the community as they implement these agreements so that whenever sexual assaults are reported, policies and procedures are already in place; first responders and investigators are trained to handle the report appropriately; and supports and services are more readily available and better coordinated. It is with this kind of focused attention and collaboration that sexual assault can be eradicated from our communities and students can feel safe and supported in school.”

For the city, some key steps taken include establishing a Special Victims Unit dedicated to investigating sexual assaults, using advanced techniques informed by the survivor’s trauma response. We now have an in-house advocate for people reporting sexual assault. We have created new and stronger policies and operating procedures that have been reviewed and revised by a multi-disciplinary group of community partners. Our officers and other responders have undergone approximately 3,800 hours of advanced or in-service training specifically addressing sexual assault. We engage in constant communication with the advocacy community, with prosecutors and with medical examiners.

At the University of Montana, we have engaged in extensive education about sexual assault through mandatory education for all students and employees. Our online tutorial for students has been successfully completed by almost 24,000 students and has been sought out by more than 20 other universities. Our police officers, too, have undergone more than 900 hours of specialized training. Our Student Conduct Code and Student-Athlete Conduct Code have been re-written. We have added personnel to our police department and our investigative staff. Our students are determined to make campus safer through special programming and dialogue that they have initiated.

We are seeing results in the city and at the university. Increased reporting of sexual assault is an indication of greater trust in process and people. Increased levels of survivor participation in the investigation provide for a greater likelihood of action being taken. Our efforts are reviewed by external advisors who provide us with unbiased and constructive feedback. Countless people have worked around the clock to make Missoula a safer place. And there is much more good work being done within the advocacy community, within other law enforcement agencies and in the County Attorney’s Office.

None of us want to be characterized solely by the narrative in Krakauer’s book, and we can’t deny that we had some terrible episodes in our past. At the same time, we can all commit to working tirelessly to write the next chapter in our history – a chapter of responsiveness, compassion and determination to care for all of our citizens.

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# UM Model United Nations Students Travel to NYC for International Conference

April 22, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Twelve University of Montana students on the Montana Model United Nations Team recently joined 3,500 students from across the globe at an international conference in New York City. They spent five days working on committees and in plenary sessions acting as delegates of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

UM students represented the Kingdom of Bahrain on the following committees:

- Andrew Surratt of Missoula, senior, political science, served on the Treaty on Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- Mariah Leder of Missoula, senior, political science, served on the Treaty of Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons.
- Betsy Story, of **Emigrant**, junior, political science, Russian and Arabic, served on the United Nations Environmental Programme.
- Maggie Hering, of **Salem, Oregon**, junior, political science, French and Arabic, served on the United Nations Environmental Programme.
- Dani Howlett of **Polson**, senior, political science, international development and global public health, served in

the General Assembly Second Committee.

- Megan Harbaugh of **Spokane, Washington**, junior, political science, economics and music, served in the General Assembly Second Committee.
- Mary O'Malley, of **Maysville, West Virginia**, junior, political science, served in the General Assembly Third Committee.
- Jared Halvorson, of Missoula, sophomore, economics, political science and mathematics, served in the General Assembly Third Committee.
- Sydney Ausen, of **Billings**, senior, Spanish and international development studies, served in the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia.
- Wyatt B. Smith, of Missoula, freshman, economics and political science, served in the Economic and Social Commission of Western Asia.
- Cody Meixner, of Missoula, junior, political science, Arabic and History, served in the General Assembly First Committee.
- James Alan Rolph, of **Seattle**, senior, journalism and political science, served in the General Assembly First Committee.

The team interacted with students from all over the globe while acting in the capacity of a diplomat of a nation that is far from their own home and culture.

"I enjoyed working across cultures not only through the countries we represented but through each delegations origin," O'Malley said.

Smith also enjoyed the international aspect of the conference. "I loved working with students from all over the world who had differing perspectives on almost everything," he said. "It was also memorable to spend time with delegates outside of committee sessions and hear their stories about how they ended up in New York."

The team members were divided into two-person teams for each committee, and each team worked hard to either write or substantially edit and contribute to a "working paper" with anywhere from five to 30 other delegates. The sizes of the committees ranged from around 30 to up to 180 delegations.

"My most memorable moment was when I facilitated a discussion between working groups and was perceived as the great mediator of the group," said Leder, who served in one of the more intimate committees. "My authority, opinions and diplomatic skills were respected and trusted. After the discussion I was thanked repeatedly by every group present."

For Halvorson, the most memorable experience was the closing ceremony, when the team visited the United Nations for the first time. "The feeling of being in the General Assembly Hall at the UN is one I will never forget," he said. "As our speaker told us, there are very few rooms like it in the world, where so many wars have been pre-empted."

In preparation for the National Model UN Conference, the team researched the political atmosphere and history of the region, in order to represent Bahrain as accurately as possible while serving as "diplomats" in New York City. As well as participating in four full days of committee proceedings, the team visited Bahrain's Mission to the UN and met with the Bahraini staff. To the team's delight, one of the diplomats participated in National Model United Nations several years prior and was eager to discuss his experience in the program compared to his current job as a real diplomat.

Although the experience of being in New York City itself was one of the greatest highlights of the trip, each team member agreed that the diplomacy and foreign policy-making skills they gained at the conference were highly valuable and will play a factor in any continued work they do with Model United Nations and their future careers.

For more information or to acquire photos of the team during the conference, visit the MMUN Team website at <http://www.cas.umt.edu/mun/Traveling-Team>, call incoming MMUN Team President Betsy Story at 406-223-9043 or email [elizabeth.story@umontana.edu](mailto:elizabeth.story@umontana.edu).

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# UM College of Humanities and Sciences to Host Dialogue on Education

April 22, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana College of Humanities and Sciences will host a dialogue titled “Why and How: The State of General Education” at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 30, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

This year’s discussion will focus on the state of general education programming at the university level, and will feature Davidson Honors College Interim Dean Elizabeth Putnam, classics Professor Linda Gillison and mathematical sciences Professor Mark Kayll. Regents Professor of Philosophy Albert Borgmann will moderate the event.

“I expect this to be a lively discussion based on the expertise of our panelists and moderator and the spirited commitment of our faculty to broad education that speaks to the aspirations of our students,” said Chris Comer, dean of UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences. “This is a great annual event for faculty, staff and students to meet and celebrate collegiate life and the uniqueness of UM and our college.”

The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be provided. The college also will announce the 2015 Humanities and Sciences Teaching Awards at the event. For more information call Ian Withrow, media and

information coordinator at the College of Humanities and Sciences, at 406-243-2683 or email [ian.withrow@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ian.withrow@mso.umt.edu).

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# Missoula College to Offer Second Summer CNA Course

April 22, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Due to increased demand, Missoula College University of Montana will offer a second noncredit certified nursing assistant course this summer.

The second training session will take place Aug. 3-20 at the Missoula College UM East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. Clinical hours will occur at Riverside Healthcare Center at 1301 E. Broadway. The course will prepare students for health care careers under the supervision of a licensed nurse. The first training session will take place from May 26 to June 11. Seats are still available for both sessions.

Curriculum includes training for duties of a CNA: providing or assisting in all aspects of client care, using equipment, documenting and reporting the well-being of clients. Theory and clinical study will provide the necessary information and skills to take the Montana Department of Health state competency CNA evaluation and will provide necessary knowledge and skills needed in long-term, home- and acute-care settings.

Nursing assistant lecture classes will be held at Missoula College on weekdays, Aug. 4-14. Students will participate in clinicals during the week of Aug. 17-21 at Riverside Healthcare Center.

The course costs \$800, which includes the textbook, supplies and the state examination fee. Participants do not need to be enrolled UM or MC students, and no previous academic experience is required. Students are required to possess a current Healthcare CPR/First Aid card and those who do not must attend training from 7:30 to noon Monday, Aug. 3. A separate fee is charged for the training.

The application deadline for the August CNA course is 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16. Applicants are required to submit a copy of current immunization records and copies of online criminal background check documents. A maximum of 10 students are accepted into the program. The application is available online at <http://www.mc.umt.edu/outreach/Certified%20Nursing%20Assistant%20Training/default.php>.

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# UM Hosts Techbridge 'Role Models Matter Workshop' for Faculty, Grad Students

April 22, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Techbridge, a national leader in informal science education, will host a free workshop for University of Montana faculty and graduate students on successful role-model-engagement practices.

The "Role Models Matter Workshop," sponsored by We Are Montana in the Classroom, is slated for 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, April 24, in Phyllis J. Washington Education Center Room 123. It's a facilitation and best-practices training for academic and professional role models, who can play a vital part in generating K-12 students' excitement about higher education and career pathways.

During the three-hour workshop, participants will learn how to weave research, teaching and personal narrative into a K-12 classroom visit. The goal is to provide a fun and intellectually stimulating environment while raising awareness about research-based best practices in role model engagement, said Holly Truitt, director of We Are Montana in the Classroom.

"We are excited for our grad students and faculty to learn about the many different practices and resources for engaging with K-12 students to get them on the fast track to higher education and dynamic careers," Truitt said.



We Are Montana in the Classroom connects UM students and faculty with K-12 students. In addition to providing professional development for graduate students and faculty, the initiative embeds UM faculty members in K-12 classrooms both face-to-face and digitally. We Are Montana in the Classroom is a collaboration between UM Enrollment Services, the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, spectrUM Discovery Area and the UM Office of International Programs.

Based in Oakland, California, Techbridge works to expand academic and career options for girls in science, technology and engineering. Its approach emphasizes the power of educators, families and other role models in giving young learners the support they need to succeed in any discipline or career.

Space for the workshop is limited. To reserve a spot, email Truitt at [holly.truitt@umontana.edu](mailto:holly.truitt@umontana.edu). More information about Techbridge is available at <http://www.techbridgegirls.org/>.

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# University of Montana Offers Students Business Minor

April 22, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Now University of Montana students graduating after the fall of 2015 can earn a minor in business administration. Students can enroll in the qualifying courses immediately.

“It is hard to identify a student that would not benefit from some basic business knowledge,” said School of Business Administration Associate Dean Terri Herron. “Physical therapists, pharmacists, freelance artists, journalists, archeologists, scientists, politicians, educators, ecologists, psychologists, computer programmers – all will be responsible for managing finances, people and operations as they progress in their careers. In addition, students will become more knowledgeable consumers of goods, services and information.”

Students will be required to take five SoBA courses before applying for the business minor. In order to be eligible students must have earned 60 credits, earned a C or better in all primary lower core courses and have a 2.0 overall GPA.

After the application to the business minor has been approved, students will be required to take four upper minor core courses.

“Because our programs are AACSB-accredited, the faculty and courses are of an extremely high quality,” Herron said. “An added bonus is that students who complete the minor will be just one course shy of completing the foundation required for graduate coursework in our two graduate programs. This is such a great opportunity for UM students.”

For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu/Students/AcademicAdvising/BusinessMinor.aspx>, call the SoBA Advising and Admissions Office at 406-243-5971 or email [sobaadvising@business.umt.edu](mailto:sobaadvising@business.umt.edu).

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# UM Club to Host Irish Hurling Cup April 25

April 21, 2015

**MISSOULA** - Having won the 2014 National Collegiate Gaelic Athletic Association Hurling Championship of America last summer, the University of Montana Griz Hurlers will host the McEneaney Cup from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Hurling is an ancient Irish game based on single-person combat and has been played for more than 3,000 years. It is the national sport of Ireland the world's fastest field sport. It has been described as a mix of lacrosse, field hockey and baseball.

The McEneaney Cup is a Cascade Hurling League competition that was named in honor of the McEneaney family who donated the cup for the first tournament in 2014. The event will bring together the Montana Grizzlies Hurling club; Regina Gaels GAA from Saskatchewan, Canada; the Columbia Red Branch Hurling Club from Portland, Oregon; and the Benton Brigade Hurling Club from Corvallis, Oregon.

The McEneaney Cup is free and open to the public. Organizers encourage families and individuals with an interest in Irish culture and sports to watch the competition.

The Montana Grizzlies Hurling team was founded in the fall of 2013 when Naoise Waldron from Kilkenny, Ireland,

came to Missoula to teach Irish as a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant. Less than a year later, the Montana Grizzlies Hurling team not only won the first McEneaney Cup under Waldron's tutelage, but also went on to win the National Collegiate Gaelic Athletic Association Hurling Championship in Gaelic Park, New York, in May 2014.

The team also will host this year's NCGAA Championship Saturday and Sunday, May 23-24, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

"The McEneaney Cup promises to be the first of two fantastic sporting events here in Missoula that will be fun for the whole family," said Naoise Waldron, co-founder, coach and captain of the Montana Grizzlies Hurling Team, "Anyone proud to be a Griz or who is Irish will want to be at both this week's international tournament and at next month's National Hurling Championship games in Washington-Grizzly Stadium."

Participants can order limited-edition Montana Grizzlies Hurling jerseys, the proceeds of which will help support the future development of the UM club. Donations also will be accepted at the event in the form of a check.

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# UM Caps President's Lecture Series with Award-Winning Harvard Professor

April 21, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A conservative political philosopher, well-known on the Harvard University campus and beyond, will deliver the final installment of the 2014-15 President's Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Harvey Mansfield, Harvard University's William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Government, will present "Science and the Humanities in America's Universities" at 8 p.m. Friday, May 1, in the Dennison Theatre. The lecture is held in collaboration with the project on American Democracy and Citizenship.

Mansfield also will lead a seminar titled "The Wisdom of the U.S. Constitution" earlier that day 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.

After receiving his doctorate in government from Harvard in 1961, Mansfield joined the Harvard faculty and has remained there ever since. His conservatism comes chiefly from two sources: his delighted discovery of Leo Strauss' political philosophy, and his appalled reaction to the campus protest movements of the 1960s.

In the course of his career as an award-winning teacher at Harvard and a legend on the campus as a politically

incorrect controversialist, he has been honored with the National Humanities Medal, the Sidney Hook Memorial Award from the National Association of Scholars and an invitation to give the Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities.

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's Payne Family Native American Center Honored by Green Building Council

April 21, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Payne Family Native American Center at the University of Montana recently received the highest award for sustainable building from the Montana Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The building received an Honor Award in the Montana Sustainable Building Award Commercial Category.

“This 30,000-square-foot LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Platinum





building in the heart of the Missoula campus has an incredible array of high-performance features that express 'deep respect and integration with the natural world,'" the USGBC Montana Chapter wrote.

The design of the Payne Family Native American Center preserved existing site trees while the construction used logs from a Superfund cleanup site. Excavated rocks from the site were used for retaining walls. The flooring and cabinets are made from recovered wood and the building uses extensive daylight. Performance data shows the building saves 55 percent energy over comparable conventional buildings.

Judges of the competition said the building is an "exciting expression of Native American cultures" in Montana.

The Payne Family Native American Center was designed by Glenn and Glenn Architects. A&E Architects, P.C. worked as the architect of record and interior design with general contractor Jackson Contractor Group. Engineers included Associate Construction Engineering, Beaudette Consulting Engineers and WGM Group. Landscape Architecture Studio did the landscaping for the building, which uses plant species native to Montana. Kath Williams and Associates served as the LEED consultant while Flow Engineers, LLC, was the commissioning agent.

The Sustainable Building Awards celebrate the best buildings in sustainable design and construction throughout Montana. The competition drew participation from the architectural, engineering and construction professionals from across the state. Winning projects represent the highest standards in sustainability, innovation, building performance and overall integration.

The Boys and Girls Club of Carbon County in **Red Lodge** also received an Honor Award in the Commercial Category. Other recipients in the category



include the Garlington Building in Missoula, which received a Merit Award; First Interstate Bank's main branch in Missoula, which received a Citation Award; and the HH

A Early Learning and Job Training Center in **Helena**, which received a Special Award.

###For more information on the Montana Sustainable Building Awards, call USGBC Montana Chapter Chair Jacob Augenstein at 406-475-2016 or email

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**Payne Center 1:** The Payne Family Native American Center at the University of Montana. Photo credit: Todd Goodrich.

**Payne Center 2:** An interior view of the Payne Family Native American Center at the University of Montana. Photo credit: Todd Goodrich.

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# Public Invited to Buy, Sell or Both at UM Bike Swap

April 21, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Community members are welcome to consign, buy or both at the Missoula Bike Swap on Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the University of Montana Adams Center. Students with the UM Global Leadership Initiative organized the event to benefit the nonprofits Bike Walk Alliance for Missoula and Free Cycles.

The public is invited to drop off bikes for consignment from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. The sale goes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. There is no fee to sell your bike, but 15 percent of each individual sale will be donated to the nonprofit organizations.

Sellers set their own prices for their bikes. Missoula Bike Swap volunteer mechanics will check each bike for safety and functionality. Bike frames and bikes with minor maintenance issues will be accepted. Sellers must report any maintenance issues when they drop off their bike. Bike experts from Free Cycles will be available to assess bike functionality and answer appraisal questions.

Sellers do not need to be present at the sale. Missoula Bike Swap will call all owners of bikes that don't sell and mail out checks to the previous owners of sold bikes after the event. Unsold bikes must be picked up by 5 p.m. the

day of sale. Any bikes not picked up will be donated to Free Cycles. Free Cycles appreciates these donations and will ensure that each bike finds a new home.

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# Montana's eGovernment Service: High Satisfaction and Saving Money

April 20, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A recent study completed by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research discovered the state of Montana's transition to online services has "produced high levels of satisfaction" and has "resulted in substantial, ongoing cost savings in the operations of state government."

UM School of Business Administration Associate Professor of accounting Ron Premuroso and BBER researchers worked with various heads of state agencies and other state officials as well as the state's major eGovernment services provider and, separately, surveyed state-eGovernment-service users to collect data for the study results.

For the agencies analyzed, the study found "over the five-year period ending in June 2014, the State of Montana realized approximately \$3.4 million in measured operational cost savings by providing eGovernment services in place of manual and paper-based transaction processing." Going further, "If the per transaction savings determined in this study were valid for all of the 10.7 million transactions originating through the Montana.gov Web portal during Fiscal 2013, the total cost savings to the State of Montana could be as much as 20 times greater, in the range of \$60 million to \$70 million over the same five-year period."

Regarding user satisfaction with the State of Montana's eGovernment services, the study found "more than nine out of every 10 eGovernment users who responded to the survey gave the State of Montana's eGovernment online business services a positive (good, very good, or excellent) overall rating." The user satisfaction survey sample was comprised of an online survey sent to Montana businesses using eGovernment services in 2014.

The study was supported by the Montana Department of Administration and the Office of the Governor.

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

BBER is the pre-eminent 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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# Montana Middle-School Girls to Attend STEM Career Workshops at UM

April 20, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Western Montana middle-school girls will gather on the University of Montana campus on Saturday, April 25, for the second annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference. The full day of science, technology, engineering and math – or STEM – career workshops, organized by the UM Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, will feature 21 workshops hosted by female STEM professionals from UM, as well as local STEM businesses and organizations.

The EYH Network, based in Oakland, California, provides conference framework and assistance in 31 states and in Europe and Asia. The UM EYH Conference is one of three hosted in Montana. STEM role models and hands-on activities are designed to motivate girls to become innovative and creative thinkers, ready to meet 21st-century challenges.

Kim Lund, a consultant with Advanced Technology Group, loves her job. “I remember losing interest in math at about sixth grade because we were led to believe that’s what boys were good at,” she recalls. Lund, and her co-worker, Carey Davis, will teach students what business and IT consultants do to improve everyday technologies through hands-on activities that explore students’ business analysis and project management skills. Lund insists

that these girls “need to know that there are powerful careers out there – that they can do amazing things and they can start now.”

UM geosciences graduate student Caitlyn Florentine will teach about physical properties of ice and help the participants simulate glacier motion. “My grandma was my source of inspiration,” Florentine notes. “She earned a degree in chemistry in the 1940s, when there were so few women scientists.” For Florentine it’s important to participate in EYH because she wishes to teach the young women to “support one another, be determined and don’t be shy about loving science, technology, engineering and math.”

Lisa Blank, UM curriculum and instruction professor who is directing the conference, is thrilled women from the community have stepped forward to act as professional role models for girls attending EYH.

“We have such an exciting array of workshops ranging from meeting the flight crew of the MedStar Air Ambulance helicopter after it lands on the UM Oval to exploring structural stability with architects from CTA Architects engineers,” Blank said. “We couldn’t sponsor this event without the generous contribution of these STEM professionals. Missoula truly is a STEM-positive community role model for the state of Montana.”

Additionally, UM student-teacher candidates will act as workshop moderators and group guides.

The April 25 EYH Conference is sponsored by SHAPE P-20, the Dennis & Phyllis Washington Foundation, UM’s PJW College of Education and Human Sciences, spectrUM Discovery Area, Western Montana Area Health Education Center and UM.

For more information about the EYH Conference, visit <http://www.missoulagirlsstem.net/> or call Blank at 406-243-5304.

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# Long-Running UM Student-Produced TV Program Highlights 200th Business

April 20, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Bear-resistant boxes, custom river surfboards, machining services for railroaders, handmade burial urns and laboratory-testing serums are the subjects of a University of Montana student-produced television program featuring Montana-based businesses.

"Business: Made in Montana" profiles companies that create products in Big Sky Country and do business around the state, the country and the world. The new program will premiere at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30, across the state on MontanaPBS. An encore presentation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday, May 3.

Over the span of 22 years, "Business: Made in Montana" has featured hundreds of different businesses. The show profiles its 200th business in this episode, which also happens to be during UM School of Journalism's centennial celebration.

This episode introduces viewers to Mad Cow Metal Works of **Bozeman**, Strongwater Mountain Surf Company in Missoula, Montana Hydraulics in **Helena**, Alpine Urns in **Columbia Falls** and Rocky Mountain Biologicals in Missoula.

Mad Cow Metal Works makes waterproof, bear-resistant aluminum boxes for camping, boating, horseback riding and all other outdoor activities.

Strongwater Mountain Surf Company in Missoula builds custom river and powder surfboards.

Montana Hydraulics in Helena creates railroad products and offers custom machine-shop services.

Alpine Urns in Columbia Falls creates handmade, custom urns for grieving families.

Rocky Mountain Biologicals in Missoula makes serums that are distributed to medical facilities and pharmaceutical companies around the world to aid in creating drugs and remedies.

Students at the UM School of Journalism and Department of Radio-Television produced the program during autumn semester 2014. Junior journalism student Sojin Josephson from **Big Timber** hosts the program.

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

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

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# Study: Soil Nutrients May Limit Ability of Plants to Slow Climate Change

April 20, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Many scientists assume that the growing level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere will accelerate plant growth. However, a new study co-written by University of Montana researchers suggests much of this growth will be curtailed by limited soil nutrients.

The end result: By the end of the century, there may be more than an additional 10 percent of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere, which would accelerate climate change.

"If society stays on its current trajectory of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the growth rates of plants don't increase as much as many models project, the result by the end of the century could be more extreme than we predicted," said Cory Cleveland, a UM associate professor of biogeochemistry.

The study was published in the journal *Nature Geoscience*. Cleveland and former UM doctoral student Bill Smith did the research, along with partners at the University of Colorado and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

"Humanity so far has greatly benefited from plants removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere," said Will Wieder,

a National Center for Atmospheric Research scientist affiliated with CU. "But if a lack of nutrients limits their ability to keep soaking up CO<sub>2</sub>, then climate change becomes an even bigger problem than we thought – unless society can cut back on emissions."

Cleveland and co-authors looked at 11 leading climate models to examine changes in nitrogen and phosphorous. They found that nitrogen limitation actually will reduce plant uptake of CO<sub>2</sub> by 19 percent, while a combined nitrogen and phosphorous limitation will reduce plant uptake by 25 percent.

Most of the world's leading climate models assume that plants will respond to increased atmospheric levels of CO<sub>2</sub> by growing more and more, which is known as the CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization effect. The more the plants grow, the more CO<sub>2</sub> they absorb from the atmosphere, thereby slowing climate change.

"But CO<sub>2</sub> is far from the only determinant of plant growth," Cleveland said. "Soil nutrients – especially nitrogen and phosphorus – also are critical. Because the supply of such nutrients is limited, scientists have warned that plant growth will be less than indicated in climate models."

He said most climate models so far have not included nutrients because such biogeochemical processes are difficult to simulate and vary greatly from one type of terrestrial ecosystem to another. The Community Earth System Model from the National Center for Atmospheric Research, jointly funded by the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Energy, is one of the first to begin considering the role of soil nutrients in the models that are used for climate change projections.

In the new study, the researchers studied the world's leading climate models that were used in an international study known as the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project, Phase 5. They focused on how the models represented plant growth in specific geographic regions, comparing that to changes in nitrogen and phosphorus availability caused by deposition of airborne particles and other factors.

"We found that instead of acting as a carbon sink and drawing down CO<sub>2</sub>, the terrestrial biosphere could become a net source of the greenhouse gas to the atmosphere by the end of the century, with soil microbes releasing more carbon than growing plants could absorb," Cleveland said.

Uncertainties remain, however. One of the questions is how soil microbes – which free up nitrogen in the soil, but also release carbon dioxide into the atmosphere – will respond to warming temperatures. Similarly, scientists don't know if plants will become more efficient at drawing up additional nutrients from the soil. If not, plants won't be able to keep up with society's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

"To store that much carbon on land, plants will need more nitrogen and phosphorus," Wieder said. "If they can't get it, we're going to go from terrestrial ecosystems sponging up CO<sub>2</sub> to actually having them contribute to the problem."

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# UM Ecological Restoration Students Invite Public to Help Restore River Confluence

April 17, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A group of ecological restoration students at the University of Montana and the Five Valleys Land Trust invite the public to volunteer at Fishing for Weeds from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

Participants will help remove noxious weeds and build a short trail at the confluence of Rock Creek and the Clark Fork River east of Missoula. The day will begin with an educational talk on invasive weeds and the Rock Creek site, followed by work periods with scheduled breaks. Volunteers will have a chance to win prizes in a friendly fly-casting competition at the end of the event, which also will feature food, beverages and a live band.

“Fishing for Weeds will be an amazing opportunity for community members to help restore a remarkable area while learning and having fun,” said ecological restoration student Ben Enseleit.

The students are leading the volunteer day as part of their capstone course in the UM College of Forestry and Conservation’s ecological restoration program. They’ll educate volunteers on the impact of invasive plant species, methods of eradicating infestations, and the resulting benefits to the confluence site and blue ribbon fishery.



Five Valleys Land Trust, a nonprofit conservation organization, acquired the Rock Creek confluence property in 2012 and has been working with several partners to restore its natural characteristics. The site has high ecological value and strong potential for outdoor recreational opportunities.

Those interested in volunteering should RSVP by April 22 to [fishingforweeds2015@gmail.com](mailto:fishingforweeds2015@gmail.com). Volunteers should bring work attire and a fly rod if they plan to participate in the casting competition.

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# SpectrUM's Motion Exhibit Travels to Fort Benton

April 16, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular Motion exhibit to **Fort Benton** Monday through Wednesday, April 20-22.

Highlights of the exhibition include a larger-than-life spinning turntable, a gravity well and spectrUM's ever-popular flight simulator.

A free family science night will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Fort Benton Elementary School gym, where students will be able to share their knowledge with family, friends and community members. Students from the neighboring communities of **Highwood** and **Geraldine** also will travel to Fort Benton for field trips at the exhibit.

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

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.

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

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, NISE Network, the Noyce Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, SciGirls, and Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 10,127 Montana children. This tour stop is powered by the Chouteau County PEAK Program.

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

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

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# UM Theater Project Shares Veterans' Perspectives on Serving Overseas, Returning Home

April 16, 2015

**MISSOULA** — Theater-goers in Missoula will have an opportunity to learn what military life, demobilization and reintegration are like for Montana veterans thanks to a unique project developed by University of Montana theater classes and the UM VETS Office.

"Learning Through Our Troops: Monologues about Service and Reintegration" will feature audio recordings of veterans sharing their perspectives and talking about the experiences they faced when returning home from active duty. Audiences attending the School of Theatre & Dance production of "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter" can hear these recordings before the show at listening stations in the lobby of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The recordings also will be posted online at <http://www.umt.edu/umarts/theatredance/>.

"I was interested in hearing from many different veterans — men and women, young and older," said UM theater Professor Jillian Campana, who spearheaded the project. "We wanted to collect a wide spectrum of experiences

and individual perspectives on returning home after military service.”

Students in Campana’s applied theater courses interviewed veterans individually about military life, demobilization and reintegration. The students recorded and transcribed the veterans’ answers, then crafted two- to three-minute monologues by pulling snippets from the longer interviews. Some of the monologues were recorded by the veterans, while the student actors recorded others.

“Just know we’re struggling, but we’re human and appreciate a smile,” one veteran revealed. “I just don’t fit in; there is just no place for me in a lot of situations because the things that matter in this society don’t really matter in the grand scheme of things,” said another.

All the veterans featured in the project are connected to UM in some way. Most are current students, while some are UM staff or family members of student veterans. Nearly 700 veterans are currently enrolled at UM.

The School of Theater & Dance will present “Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter” Tuesday-Saturday, April 28-May 2, and May 5-9, in the PAR/TV Center. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., and tickets cost \$10 to \$16. To purchase tickets, go online to <http://www.griztix.com> or call the UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information about “Learning Through Our Troops: Monologues about Service and Reintegration,” call Campana at 406-243-5846 or email [jillian.campana@umontana.edu](mailto:jillian.campana@umontana.edu).

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# Limited Seating Still Available at the Mansfield Asia-Montana Energy Summit

April 16, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The 2015 Asia-Montana Energy Summit will take place Wednesday and Thursday, April 29-30, at the University of Montana Dennison Theatre and Gallagher Business Building.

Organized by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, this international conference will host nearly 100 thought-leaders and speakers from across Asia, the United States and Montana to discuss the future of global, national and Montana energy.

Participation is free and open to the public, but interested participants should pre-register for the conference to reserve a spot at one of the 20 different panels and receive a complimentary UM parking pass. To register or to find out more about the conference speakers and agenda, visit the event website at <http://mansfieldconference.org>.

Participants will listen to and engage with distinguished thought-leaders, discussing topics including the international energy market, prospects for U.S.-Asia natural resource trade, advancements in renewable energy and the current troubles with global carbon emissions.



The central goals of this milestone conference are to raise public awareness on critical energy development across Montana, the U.S. and internationally, and to promote much-needed balanced and constructive dialogue among energy-related communities.

Keynote speakers for the event include Norman Bay, chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; Adam Sieminski, head of the Energy Information Administration; Montana Gov. Steve Bullock; former Wyoming Gov. Jim Geringer; and Northwestern Energy CEO Robert Rowe.

The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM promotes better understanding of Asia, U.S. relations with Asia and ethics in public affairs in the spirit of Sen. Mike Mansfield (1903-2001) and his wife and life partner, Maureen Hayes Mansfield. The center houses programs that focus on the people and cultures of modern Asia and ethics in public affairs – the core interests and hallmarks of Mansfield’s career.

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# Tickets on Sale Now for Death Cab for Cutie Concert at UM

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Contemporary alternative rock band Death Cab for Cutie will perform at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the University of Montana Adams Center.

Tickets are on sale now and cost \$29.50, plus applicable fees. They are available online at <http://www.griztix.com>, by calling 406-243-4051 or 888-666-8262 during regular business hours, or at GrizTix outlets including The Source in the University Center, Worden's Market, Southgate Mall and MSO Hub.

For nearly two decades, Death Cab for Cutie has been hailed as one of contemporary music's most compelling and creative collectives. Founded in Bellingham, Washington, in 1997, the band has had several chart-topping singles, including "Soul Meets Body" and "I Will Follow You Into The Dark." The group has been nominated for four Grammy Awards.

The band's Missoula performance, presented by UM Productions, is part of the nationwide tour promoting their eighth studio album, "Kintsugi." The tour will feature original band members Ben Gibbard (singer/guitarist), Nick Harmer (bassist) and Jason McGerr (drummer). The lineup also will feature touring members Dave Depper and Zac

Rae on guitar and keyboard.

Doors for the show will open at 6:30 p.m. The opening act will be announced at a later date.

For more information call UM Productions marketing coordinator Mati Tressler at 406-243-4719 or email [marketing@umproductions.org](mailto:marketing@umproductions.org).

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# UM Physical Therapy to Host Fun-Run Fundraiser

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana School of Physical Therapy will host the Bust-A-Gut 1-Mile Fun Run at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Sentinel High School track. The event is open to all ages and ability levels.

The event will feature a 1-mile timed race, a 1-mile fun run for kids, a 1-mile adaptive race for anyone using wheelchairs or hand bikes and a 400-meter relay at the end for families or any group of four. All proceeds from Bust-A-Gut will support scholarships for UM physical therapy students.

Participants may register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Missoula/BustAGut> or with cash or check starting at 9 a.m. the day of the race. The races cost \$10 for children under 18 and students, \$15 for adults and \$35 for a relay team.

Visit the UM Physical Therapy Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bust-A-Gut-1-Mile-Fun-Run/655443194521320?fref=ts> or email [montanapta@gmail.com](mailto:montanapta@gmail.com) for more information.

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# 'Innovation and Imagination 2015' to Spotlight UM Research, Creative Scholarship

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana will celebrate research and creative scholarship at its upcoming “Innovation and Imagination 2015” event.

Spanning three days, this year’s II15 will explore all areas of research, creative scholarship and entrepreneurship at UM, with a one-day exploration in the theme of mental and behavioral health in Montana. Undergraduates, graduate students and faculty members from all disciplines will present.

In addition, during the annual UM Research Day luncheon at noon Monday, April 20, the Mansfield Library will present its suite of services and resources available to support Montana research enterprise.

“I’m very pleased with this year’s lineup of high-caliber speakers and presenters,” said Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship. “The events we have planned will showcase the high level of

research and creative scholarship being accomplished by our students and faculty.”

With \$63.8 million in research awards already allocated this fiscal year, UM is on track to easily surpass last year's total award volume of \$64.4 million, Whittenburg said.

“Critical to UM's success has been the caliber of the faculty and staff, as well as the strong institutional support and services, like those provided by the Mansfield Library, and ongoing state support from the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education,” he said.

All II15 events are free and open to the public. The full schedule is listed below.

#### **Friday, April 17:**

- **9 a.m.-5 p.m., University Center Third Floor:** The UM Conference on Undergraduate Research will feature presentations by undergraduates from across campus on their research and creative scholarship. For more information visit <http://www.umt.edu/ugresearch/>.

#### **Saturday, April 18:**

- **9 a.m.-4 p.m., UC Commons and Third Floor:** The UM Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference will feature presentations from graduate students in all disciplines on their research and creative scholarship. For more information visit <http://scholarworks.umt.edu/gsrc/>.

#### **Monday, April 20:**

- **Noon-1 p.m., UC 330:** The II15 Research Day Luncheon will include a discussion of the Mansfield Library's support and resources for researchers and an introduction of Janelle Booth, the new state research director.
- **1:10-4 p.m., UC 330:** II15 Research Day Presentations. The theme is “Mental and Behavioral Health in Montana.” Each presentation will run 10 to 15 minutes.

#### **Session 1, 1:10-2 p.m.:** “Perspectives from the Mental Health Field”

- Erin Butts, mental health policy specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction, “Statewide Initiatives and Partnerships”
- Cameo Stanick, UM assistant professor of clinical psychology and coordinator of evidence-based practices for the Institute for Education, Research and Service, “The Role of Evidence-Based Practice”
- Rick van den Pol, director, Institute for Education, Research and Service, “Collaborative Relationships Rarely Found in Nature”
- Carol Ewen, response to intervention specialist, Missoula County Public Schools, “Reaching All Kids: Universal Interventions to Support Underserved Youth”

## **Session 2, 2:10-3 p.m.: "Montana Health Systems Integration"**

- Joseph Knapp, physician, Providence/St. Patrick Hospital, "The Role of the Social and Behavioral Sciences in Shaping the Future of Health Care in Montana (A Collaborative Research Agenda)"
- David Schuldberg, clinical psychology professor and director of the National Native Children's Trauma Center, "Changing Health Systems: Skills for Doing the Impossible"
- Tom Seekins, psychology professor, "The Rural Community as Context for Health"

## **Session 3, 3:10-4 p.m.: "Promoting Behavioral Health in Underserved Populations"**

- Annie Belcourt, public health and pharmacy practice assistant professor, "Environmental Health: Air Quality Interventions Aimed at Improving Public Health"
  - Rosemary Hughes, Rural Institute senior research scientist, "Partnering with People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Address Interpersonal Violence"
  - Gyda Swaney, clinical psychology associate professor, and Blakely Brown, health and human performance professor, "Partnerships to Prevent Childhood Obesity on the Flathead Indian Reservation"
  - Mandi Zanto, program manager, Montana Nutrition & Physical Activity Program, Healthy Lifestyles Section of the Chronic Disease Prevention Bureau
- **4:15-5 p.m., UC 330:** II15 Reception
  - **5-6:30 p.m., UC 330:** II15 keynote speech by Michael Gamel-McCormick, associate executive director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities.

For more information on II15, visit <http://www.umt.edu/research/outreach/II2015.php>, call Whittenburg at 406-243-6670 or email [vpr@umontana.edu](mailto:vpr@umontana.edu).

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# UM to Host 13th Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Faculty, students and researchers from around the world will gather to participate in the 13th annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at the University of Montana on Wednesday through Friday, April 22-24.

The conference, hosted by the Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center at UM, will feature several panels and presentations on the history, culture, politics and religions of China, the Middle East, and Central and Southwest Asia.

“It’s a major international conference, which is quite exceptional for not only Montana, but for the United States,” said Mehrdad Kia, Central and Southwest Asian Studies director. “We are very proud of that.”

Speakers include Paris-based author Liliane Messika, who will deliver a keynote presentation about the terror attack on Charlie Hebdo magazine; Chinese scholars Yang Yang and Qian Xuming, who will speak about the relationship between China and the Middle East; and Robert Greene, UM’s own distinguished expert on Russia, who will discuss the ongoing crisis in Ukraine in his keynote presentation.

The Rocky Mountain Ballet will perform several times during the conference before the sessions begin, adding a musical and artistic dimension to the event.

“This is an incredibly important event for us,” Kia said. “It puts the University of Montana not only on the national radar, but on the international radar and makes us a center for the study of a very important region of the world, which extends from Western China all the way to North Africa.”

All events will be held in the University Center Theater and are free and open to the public. The schedule of events follows:

### Wednesday, April 22

- 10:30 a.m.-noon: Panel: **“Hope in Action-NGO Partnerships and Faith Systems Unified by Common Goals and Values,”** presented by United States of Hope members Susannah Cragwick, Kelcie Murphy and Hanan Alsairi. Moderator: Samuel P. Redfern, United States of Hope.
- 12:10-2 p.m.: Panel: Central Asia, Afghanistan and Iran. **“Golden Ages of Central Asia,”** presented by Ardi Kia, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center. **“Politics of Leadership and Spheres of Influence in Central Asia, Afghanistan and Iran,”** presented by UM students James Papai and Cris Carson Blake. Moderator: Samir Bitar, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 2:30-4:30 p.m.: **“Uyghurs in the Chinese Educational System: Inside and Outside Perspectives,”** presented by Nijat Hushur, Berlin University of the Arts. Moderator: Ardi Kia, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 7-9 p.m.: Keynote Presentation: **“Language Politics in Modern Ukraine,”** presented by Robert Greene, UM Department of History chair and professor of Russian history. Welcome remarks: Nathan Lindsay, UM associate provost for dynamic learning. Moderator: Michael Mayer, UM Department of History professor.

### Thursday, April 23

- 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Panel: Orientalism and the Images of Arabs and Muslims in Western Literature and Media. **“Tales of Saladin: Islam, 20th Century British Fiction and the Culture of Modernity,”** presented by Andrew Long, Department of Cultural Studies at Claremont Graduate University. Moderator: Samir Bitar, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 12:30-2 p.m.: **Central & Southwest Asian Studies Student Scholar Panel**, presented by UM students Larry Himes, Eamon Ormseth, Mariah Rys-Sikora, Tim Severson and Luke Whitford. Moderator: Ardi Kia, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 2:10-3:30 p.m.: Panel: Women and Islam: Contemporary and Comparative Issues. **“Critical Context: Understanding the Veil through Film and Art,”** presented by Fazia Aitel, Claremont McKenna College. **“Rape in India: Myth and Reality,”** presented by Ruth Vanita, UM liberal studies program. Discussant: G.G. Weix, UM Department of Anthropology.

7-9 p.m.: Keynote Presentation: **“French Liberalism, Charlie Hebdo, Islam and the Jewish State,”** presented by Paris-based author Liliane Messika. Moderator: Michel Valentin, UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

## Friday, April 24

- 12:30-2 p.m.: Panel: China and the Middle East in the New Era. **“China-Israeli Relations in the New Era,”** presented by Yang Yang, Shanghai International Studies University. **“One Belt and One Road Strategy and Middle East Strategy,”** presented by Qian Xuming, Shanghai International Studies University. **“The Islamic State: Real Challenges in a Virtual World,”** presented by Bao Chengzhao, Shanghai International Studies University. Moderator: Zhen Cao, UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.
- 2:10-3:30 p.m.: Panel: **Perspectives on Islam**, presented by Samir Bitar, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center, and Jane Borish, UM. Moderator: Samir Bitar, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 3:40-5 p.m.: Panel: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia and Iran. **“Religion, Diversity and Democracy in Georgia,”** presented by Milena Oganessian of Tbilisi, Georgia. **“Territory, Minority Relations and the 2008 War Between Russia and Georgia,”** presented by Greta Starrett, University of Washington-Seattle. **“Iran and Republic of Azerbaijan: Politics of Language and Ethnicity in Post-Soviet Space,”** presented by Mehrdad Kia, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center.
- 6-8 p.m.: Roundtable Discussion: **“Muslims in Europe and the United States,”** presented by Fazia Aitel, Claremont McKenna College; Samir Bitar, UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center; Andrew Long, Claremont Graduate University Department of Cultural Studies; Liliane Messika, Paris-based author; and Michel Valentin, UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. Moderator: Robert Seidenschwarz, Montana World Affairs Council. Sponsored by the UM Central & Southwest Asian Studies Center; Montana World Affairs Council; UM Department of History; UM Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures; and the UM Russian Studies Program.

For more information on the Central and Southwest Asia Conference, call Kia at 406-243-2289 or email [mehrdad.kia@mso.umt.edu](mailto:mehrdad.kia@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM To Host Fifth Annual Montana Academic State Championship

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Thinking caps must be worn at all times when the University of Montana hosts the fifth annual Montana Academic State Championship Monday and Tuesday, April 20-21, in the University Center.

Students from 11 schools will compete this year, arriving April 20 for a dinner and social followed by a campus tour. Monday night's events will take place from 6 to 7:45 p.m. on the third floor of the UC.

UM President Royce Engstrom, UM Vice President for Integrated Communications Peggy Kuhr, Missoula Mayor John Engen and Academic State Championship Co-Coordinator Merle Johnston will speak at the dinner. Numerous faculty members also will attend.

The competition will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, in UC Rooms 330-332 and 326-327. Sponsored by UM and NorthWestern Energy, the championship is a round-robin quiz tournament. To qualify, teams must place in regional tournaments.

Questions will cover high school subjects, as well as pop culture and recent news. Each school will square off

against one another during the morning preliminary rounds, and schools with the best records will advance to the championship rounds in the afternoon.

This year's participating high schools are **Billings Skyview, Billings Senior, Frenchtown, Glendive, Great Falls High, Lewistown, Livingston, Three Forks, Sentinel, Shelby, and Stevensville.**

For more information call Johnston, retired Frenchtown teacher and co-coordinator of the event, at 406-727-2842 or email [mandmj70@gmail.com](mailto:mandmj70@gmail.com).

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# Missoula College to Host Early Advising Nights for New Students

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Missoula College of the University of Montana will host two Early Advising Nights open to new students admitted for summer or fall semester 2015.

The first session will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, in the Missoula College Administration Building, located at 909 South Ave. W. This session is open only to applied computing and engineering, health professions and business technology students.

The second session will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 14, at the Missoula College West Campus, located at 3639 South Ave. W. This session is open only to industrial technology students.

All new Missoula College students must attend an advising session before registering for classes. During Early Advising Nights, students meet with an adviser, create a class schedule and register for summer or fall semester classes online.

For more information or to RSVP for a session, call the Missoula College Admissions Office at [406-243-7882](tel:406-243-7882).



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# UM Presents New Issue of Greater Yellowstone E-Magazine

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana recently published a new Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone e-magazine, which reveals essential work being done by UM and its partners in two of America’s most iconic landscapes.

Recently expanded from its initial exclusive focus on the Crown of the Continent ecosystem, the e-magazine now includes the Greater Yellowstone. The issue is 83-pages long, contains stunning and inspiring photos and includes a mix of 16 articles and feature stories. Features in the issue include topics regarding scientific research, the history of these two fascinating regions, their spectacular and important geography and the people who study, explore and interact with them.

This issue presents a special feature titled “The Art That Created the Park” that discusses the paintings of Thomas Moran, the iconic artist of what became Yellowstone National Park. Moran’s paintings, perhaps more than anything else, convinced the U.S. Congress to pass legislation that made Yellowstone the first national park in the country.

Articles report on various scientific projects undertaken in Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, as well as the

greater areas that surround them, offering insights into some of the important work taking place to broaden scientific understanding of the areas.

A number of personal stories from very diverse perspectives add even more color to this issue, providing new and inspiring ways to view, explore, enjoy and understand these special places more completely. Book reviews of “The Atlas of Yellowstone” and “Crown of the Continent: The Wildest Rockies” as well as the concluding “Field Notes” section round out the issue.

The 12th issue of Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone e-magazine can be viewed online at [http://issuu.com/um\\_crown\\_gye/docs/crown\\_of\\_the\\_continent\\_and\\_greater\\_](http://issuu.com/um_crown_gye/docs/crown_of_the_continent_and_greater_).

UM launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative several years ago to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National Park. Now encompassing the Greater Yellowstone, the initiative includes many groups, organizations, agencies and institutions in Montana, Alberta and British Columbia, as well as Wyoming and Idaho.

More information is online at <http://crown.umt.edu/>, including current and past issues of initiative publications and e-publications. For more information email UM Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone Initiative Co-Directors Rick Graetz and Jerry Fetz at [umcrown@umontana.edu](mailto:umcrown@umontana.edu).

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# UM Awarded Fulbright Instructor to Teach Hindi Language

April 15, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana students will have the opportunity to learn the Hindi language next year. UM's South & Southeast Asian Studies program was awarded a Fulbright instructor to teach the language during the 2015-16 academic year.

Gaurav Mishra, a native Hindi speaker, will arrive mid-August to teach a two-course sequence of elementary Hindi, beginning in fall semester and finishing in the spring. Mishra is from Uttar Pradesh in northern India. He currently teaches English as a second language at a college in India.

"This is a rare honor and a big achievement because only four universities in the nation have been allotted Hindi instructors," UM liberal studies Professor Ruth Vanita said.

Fulbright requires Mishra to serve as a cultural ambassador to the University and the community, which he is enthusiastic about doing. UM faculty, staff and students are welcome to invite him to give guest lectures and to participate in events and discussions.

Hindi, the national language of India, is the third-most common language in the world. It is an Indo-European language, connected through a common ancestor to European languages, including English. The Hindi language is almost completely phonetic, which means it is written almost exactly as it is spoken. Every letter of the alphabet stands for just one sound.

Vanita said the South & Southeast Asian Studies program plans to apply for a Fulbright instructor for the 2016-17 academic year to continue Hindi classes at UM.

For more information on the Fulbright instructor or the South & Southeast Asian Studies program, call staff adviser Jana O'Connor at 406-243-6082 or email Vanita at [ruth.vanita@umontana.edu](mailto:ruth.vanita@umontana.edu).

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# 22 UM Students Display Art During Senior Thesis Exhibition

April 14, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana School of Art will present the 2015 Bachelor of Fine Arts Senior Thesis Exhibition in the Gallery of Visual Arts April 30-May 15 and the University Center Gallery April 27-May 15.

Both galleries will host opening receptions on Thursday, April 30. The UC Gallery reception will be from 4 to 6 p.m., and the Gallery of Visual Arts reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Both galleries will host Commencement receptions from 3 to 4 p.m. Friday, May 15. All events are free and open to the public.

The annual B.F.A. Senior Thesis Exhibition is a



diverse array of media and content. With the large number of students, 17 artists will exhibit in the Gallery of Visual Arts and five will exhibit in the UC Gallery. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, installation art, photography, video, printmaking and ceramics will be featured.

All bachelor of fine arts candidates in the UM School of Art are required to participate in the Senior Thesis Exhibition. Students will display work that reflects their chosen media.

Participating artists in the Gallery of Visual Arts are Hannah Callahan, Troy Case, Erik Ehlert, Tricia Gieser, Elisha Harteis, Kyle Kankelborg, Glory Lawson, Sarah Magar, Max Mahn, Thomas Manzanarez, Stephaie Reiman, Alexandra Stewart, Bridget Stokes, Eva Stone, Lindsey Tucker, Michael Workman and Alissa Wynne.

Participating artist in the UC Gallery are Yana Dryden, Benjamin Fondell, Samantha French, Shelby Johnson and David Sampson.

The Gallery of Visual Arts, located on the first floor UM's Social Science Building, is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. The UC Gallery, located on the second floor of the UC, is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information call the Gallery of Visual Arts at 406-243-2813 or email [gallery.visarts@umontana.edu](mailto:gallery.visarts@umontana.edu) or call the UC Gallery at 406-243-5564 or email [ucgallery@mso.umt.edu](mailto:ucgallery@mso.umt.edu). Additional information can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/art/>.

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**Images:**



Elisha Harteis, "I had a Bunny Once, Girl, Detail," 2015, lowfire white earthenware, underglaze, black copper oxide and ribbon, 42" x 14" x 11"

Alissa Wynne, "The Graduate," 2015, watercolor, ink and pen, 18" x 12"

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# UM DeWit RiteCare Clinic Announces 2015 Summer Camps

April 14, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The DeWit RiteCare Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic at the University of Montana will host its annual Youth Engagement Through Intervention Social Skills summer camps June 15-19 and 22-26, as well as Camp CHRONICLE June 19-July 3.

YETI Social Skills Camps are designed for school-age children grades 2-7 who have social-skill challenges secondary to a diagnosis of autism or related disorders. YETI provides social-skills intervention in a fun and safe environment with a one-to-one ratio of adults to children. Evidence-based practices are employed throughout the camp experience.

The schedule for YETI Social Skills Camps follows:

- YETI Explorers Camp: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 15-19, UM DeWit Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, Curry Health Center. Sack lunch required.
- YETI Arts Camp: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, June 22-26, UM DeWit Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic, Curry Health Center. Sack lunch required.

YETI Social Skills camps cost \$265 per camp, or insurance may be billed (prescription required). Interested parties should email [jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu](mailto:jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu). To secure a spot, a nonrefundable \$25 fee is required for one camp and a \$40 fee for both camps. Call 406-243-2405 to request a registration packet.

Camp CHRONICLE (Creating High-quality Renderings & Original Narratives in a Language-rich Environment) is designed for children ages 9-11 who experience difficulties with reading or writing such as dyslexia, reading comprehension deficits, difficulty with spelling or grammar, or struggle with planning, organizing and prioritizing tasks when completing a project.

Each camper will receive a complete language-literacy evaluation to determine his or her areas of specific need. Campers will learn strategies to improve their literacy skills while creating an original comic with help from a professional comic book illustrator. Since the adult-to-camper ratio is one-to-one, campers will benefit from both group and individual instruction.

Camp CHRONICLE will run for two weeks from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 19-July 3. Campers are required to bring a sack lunch.

The total cost of Camp CHRONICLE is \$1,306. However, most insurance plans cover about \$1,056, leaving an out-of-pocket payment of \$250 for the two-week camp. Need-based scholarships also are available. To secure a spot, a nonrefundable \$25 fee that will be applied to the cost of the camp is required when the application is submitted. Call 406-243-2626 to request a registration packet.

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# SpectrUM's Brain Exhibit Travels to Browning

April 14, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular “The Brain: A World Inside Your Head” exhibit to **Browning** on Thursday, April 16.

A free family science night will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Browning Middle School gym, where students will be able to share their knowledge with family, friends and community members.

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

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

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 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 a stop in **Fort Benton** on April 20-22.

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

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, NISE Network, the Noyce Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, SciGirls and Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 10,000 Montana children.

The public can visit spectrUM Discovery Area at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula. Public hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-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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# Montana Cyber Triathlon Prep Session Set for April 18 at UM

April 13, 2015

**MISSOULA** – In preparation for the second Montana Cyber Triathlon at the University of Montana, a prep session will be offered for any high school or college students interested in participating in the event on May 2.

The prep session will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 18, in Gallagher Business Building Room 119. It also will be broadcast live over Google Hangouts. The prep session will prepare students for the Cyber Triathlon and cover all tools needed in order to participate successfully in the competition.

Event sponsors include LMG Security, ALPS, Inc., KPMG, Oracle, Axiom, Arisant, ATG, UM Research & Creative Scholarship, the UM School of Business Administration, Missoula College and the UM Cyber Innovation Lab.

For more information about the prep session or the Cyber Triathlon, visit <http://www.umt.edu/cyberlab/cyber-triathlon>, call UM student Megan Johnson at 406-489-1088 or email [megan3.johnson@umontana.edu](mailto:megan3.johnson@umontana.edu).

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# Montana Museum of Art & Culture Makes TripAdvisor Editor's Choice of Great Museums

April 13, 2015

**MISSOULA** – TripAdvisor's travel blog Travel Pod has named the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana an Editor's Choice pick in its list of best museums in the United States. The only museum or cultural entity in Montana to make the list, MMAC joins institutions across the United States including the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee, and the Crystal Bridges Museum of Art in Bentonville, Arkansas.

"We are delighted that TripAdvisor has selected MMAC as the 'must-see' cultural institution in Montana this summer vacation season," said MMAC Director Barbara Koostra, who also serves on the board of directors for Destination Missoula.

MMAC Curator Brandon Reintjes shares Koostra's excitement at the accolade.

"We're honored that the quality of our institution holds its own alongside some of the top institutions in the United

States," he said.

MMAC is housed in the Paxson and Meloy galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM. With a collection of nearly 11,000 pieces of art and antiquity, 2015 marks the organization's 120th anniversary.

"The out of doors is so beautiful throughout the year here. We warmly welcome all our special visitors to share the inspiration that's indoors, too, here at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture," Koostra said.

For more information on the Montana Museum of Art & Culture, call program coordinator Jessica Vizzutti at 406-243-2019 or email [jessica.vizzutti@umontana.edu](mailto:jessica.vizzutti@umontana.edu).

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# UM To Host Clark Fork Symposium April 23-24

April 13, 2015

**MISSOULA** — The University of Montana will host the 2015 Clark Fork Symposium Thursday and Friday, April 23-24. The symposium will be held in conjunction with the Clark Fork Task Force's annual Water Supply Outlook Forum.

Since 1985, residents of the Clark Fork basin have met every five years to discuss conservation science and actions in the basin. This year's symposium will evaluate the science-guided conservation progress the past 30 years, and consider challenges facing the Clark Fork basin in the future.

Speakers will explain recent and ongoing studies guiding actions planned or taken to conserve and restore the Clark Fork basin. Watershed groups, scientists and others interested in the basin will present posters and slideshows.

Events begin Thursday with the Water Supply Outlook Forum, featuring reports from the National Weather Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, operators of reservoirs in the state and others. The forum is slated for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Downtown and includes lunch. A business meeting of the Clark

Fork Task Force is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m., followed by a field trip to the new Milltown State Park, a former Superfund site.

Other symposium events include:

- **7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, North Underground Lecture Hall ([UM map](#)):** “State of the River Report” keynote event featuring speakers from UM, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology. Posters of river studies also will be on display. Free and open to the public.
- **8:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, Davidson Honors College:** Registration.
- **9 a.m.-noon Friday, April 24, Davidson Honors College:** Twenty short talks in three concurrent sessions will summarize recent studies and actions in the basin.
- **Noon-2 p.m. Friday, April 24, University Center Atrium:** More than 20 posters and displays will be available for the public to view.
- **3:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, April 24, Missoula Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1100 Clark Fork Lane:** The symposium will conclude with a tour of Missoula’s state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant and nearby tree plantation that is irrigated with the plant’s effluent. The tour will highlight the plant’s progress toward becoming a Zero Waste facility.

Registration information and a complete 2015 symposium schedule are online at [www.umt.edu/clarkforksymposium](http://www.umt.edu/clarkforksymposium). Proceedings of past symposia are on the same website.

Symposium co-sponsors include the UM President’s Office, Watershed Health Clinic, University Center, Davidson Honors College, Environmental Studies Program, Clark Fork Task Force, Clark Fork Coalition and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality.

For more information, call UM Professor Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153 or email [vicki.watson@umontana.edu](mailto:vicki.watson@umontana.edu).

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# Public Invited to Celebrate Native Culture During Annual Kyi-Yo Powwow

April 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Some of the best Native American dancers and drum groups in North America will gather at the University of Montana for the 47th annual Kyi-Yo Celebration on Friday and Saturday, April 17-18, at the UM Adams Center.

Hosted by the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association, the event is one of the oldest student-run powwows in the country and allows the Native American community to share its culture with the UM campus and the city of Missoula through traditional dance and song.

The theme this year is “We are Montana.” Student club members are proud to be a link between the Native American community and UM. Club members believe Native culture and history in Montana are important parts of the state’s identity and ones that should continue to be celebrated by future generations.

The first Grand Entry event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 17. Saturday Grand Entry times are noon and 7 p.m.

Head dancers at this year’s powwow are UM alumni Dustin Whitford and Michelle Guzman. Guzman also is the



current academic adviser for the Native American Studies Department at UM. Standing Horse, last year's drum contest winner, will be this year's host drum. Ruben Little Head will return as Master of Ceremonies along with longtime Honorary Master of Ceremonies Chief Earl Old Person.

General admission session passes cost \$5 and weekend passes cost \$12. One session will be offered Friday and two sessions will be offered Saturday. Seniors age 65 and older and children age 6 and younger get in free. Dancer registration costs \$5, and drum registration for 10 passes costs \$50. Tickets and passes can be purchased at the door, online at <http://www.griztix.com>, at all GrizTix locations or by calling 406-243-4051.

At 9 a.m. Friday morning before the powwow, UM's Sacred Roots Language Society will host the "Save our Languages Run!" The 5K run and walk includes a 1-mile children's run and aims to build awareness for Native American languages. The race begins where the pedestrian crossing meets the Kim Williams Trail. Preregistration for the 5K race costs \$20 and is available until the day of the run, while registration the day of the race costs \$25. Runners will be honored at the Kyi-Yo Powwow, and more information can be found online at <http://www.sacredrootssociety.com>.

The Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association plays an integral role in promoting the cultural traditions and customs of all Native Americans. Through extracurricular activities offered throughout the year, Kyi-Yo engages the faculty and students of UM in the cultural identities of Native Americans to support cultural diversity at UM. Kyi-Yo is open to all Native American and non-native students, as well as any community members who wish to become members. The club is a chartered member of the Associated Students of UM.

Costs of the powwow have risen substantially in recent years. To counteract these costs, the club actively fundraises year round. Top fundraisers include Indian taco sales and Kyi-Yo's own athletic line of "Native Griz" apparel. Iva Croff, a UM graduate student and former club member, drafted a resolution to add a \$1 fee to student registration bill to help create a long-term solution to powwow funding. ASUM senate passed this resolution unanimously, and the initiative will appear on the student ballot this spring. If the resolution passes, it will proceed to the Board of Regents for approval.

The Missoula County Public School's Indian Education Department and Title VII Parent Association will provide volunteers at the powwow to support the event. The Indian Education Department and the Parent Advisory Committee also will host a raffle table at the powwow. This year they are raffling a star quilt. The proceeds will pay for the metal feathers gifted to each MCPS Native American senior at the Native American Senior Dinner in May. These feathers are crafted by Moses Yellowrobe II, a local artist, for MCPS graduating seniors. MCPS honors Native graduating seniors at the annual senior dinner on Thursday, May 21.

UM's Native American Student Association provides free tickets to the powwow for all MCPS fourth-grade students. "We value the opportunity to connect our fourth-grade students because our curriculum includes powwows," said Cathie Cichosz, Native American specialist.

For more information on powwow events, visit <http://cas.umt.edu/kyiyo>, email Kyi-Yo Co-President Amber Shaffer at [amber.shaffer@gmail.com](mailto:amber.shaffer@gmail.com) or visit the Kyi-Yo Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Kyi-Yo-Pow-Wow/337255636055>.

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# UM Gerontology Society to Host Screening of 'Alive Inside'

April 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Gerontology Society will sponsor a screening of the film “Alive Inside” from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 20, at the University Center Theater.

As part of Careers in Aging Week, the UM Gerontology Society and local professionals also will participate in a panel discussion after the film from 7:30 to 9 p.m. about careers in aging. Both the film and discussion are free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

“Alive Inside” is a story of music and memory. The documentary explores the use of music in treating patients with Alzheimer’s disease. Today, 5.3 million Americans live with Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia (ADRD). By 2050, up to 16 million people will have the disease. The cost of caring for these people is estimated to total \$226 billion in 2015. In Montana, 11 percent of adults older than age 65 have ADRD.

“Alive Inside” explores one approach to treat and connect with ADRD patients. It provides tools and examples for connecting the patient with past memories and improving their quality of life.

For more information email Stefano Zamora, UM Gerontology Society president, at [info@umgerontologyclub.com](mailto:info@umgerontologyclub.com).

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# UM to Hold Suicide-Prevention Training

April 10, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana will hold two suicide-prevention training workshops on campus in April.

The first session, titled “safeTALK (Suicide Alertness for Everyone),” runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, April 20, in Payne Family Native American Center Room 202. The course costs \$30.

The safeTALK program alerts community members to signs that a person may be considering suicide. It acknowledges that while most people at risk of suicide signal their distress and invite help, these intervention opportunities are often overlooked. SafeTALK participants learn to recognize when someone might have thoughts of suicide and connect them with further suicide-intervention help.

The second training is a two-day course called “Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)” and runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 22-23, in University Center Rooms 326-327. It costs \$110.

ASIST is an interactive workshop in suicide first aid. It teaches participants to recognize when someone might be at risk of suicide and work with them to create a plan to support their immediate safety.

The trainings, sponsored by the Institute for Educational Research and Service in UM’s Phyllis J. Washington

College of Education and Human Sciences, are intended for University staff and faculty, but students and the public are encouraged to sign up as well.

Registration for both courses is available online at <http://www.iers.umt.edu>. The sessions are limited to 30 participants each.

For more information call Nancy Berg at the Institute for Educational Research and Service at 406-243-4973 or email [nancy.berg@umontana.edu](mailto:nancy.berg@umontana.edu).

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# Educators Invited to Multistate Career Fair at UM

April 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana will host the Multistate Educators' Career Fair – an event enables teaching candidates, speech-language pathologists and school psychologists to network with regional, national and international school districts – on Sunday and Monday, April 19-20.

Junior-level education students also are invited to attend the fair to network with school administrators for student teaching positions and to learn about school districts.

Teacher candidate registration begins at noon Sunday, April 19, in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center. Teacher candidates may attend Montana school district information sessions, an ice cream social and resume critique sessions until 5 p.m. The Welcome and Strategy Session will provide information regarding what to expect at the career fair, and will include a mock interview between a school administrator and a teacher candidate.

On Monday, April 20, a record number of school districts will participate in a traditional multistate career fair. Out-of-state school districts will host information sessions from 8 to 10 a.m. in the University Center. From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., school districts will greet, network with and interview teacher candidates. The fair costs \$10 for UM teacher

candidates and UM alumni and \$25 for the general public.

School districts and teacher candidates can register, view a list of attending school districts and find a schedule of events online at <http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/EducatorsCF/default.php>.

For more information call the UM Office of Career Services at 406-243-2239.

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# UM Hosts Ceramic Artist Esther Shimazu

April 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Ceramic sculptor Esther Shimazu will demonstrate her techniques and give a lecture on her work Thursday, April 16, at the University of Montana. Both events are free and open to the public.

Demonstrations will run from 10 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Art Annex ceramics studio, located adjacent to the Grizzly Pool on the UM campus. The lecture will take place at 5:10 p.m. in Social Science Building Room 356.

Shimazu is a Hawaiian artist who is best known for her stoneware sculptures of oversized, bald, Buddha-like Asian women constructed with hand-building techniques. Her work is represented in numerous galleries internationally, including the John Natsoulas Gallery in Davis, California, the Ann Nathan Gallery in Chicago and the Kunstforum Solothurn in Switzerland.

She received the Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation Purchase Award in 2001 and an Individual Artist Fellowship Award from the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts in 1995.

Shimazu's visit is sponsored by the Jim and Jane Dew Visiting Artist Fund and the UM School of Art. For more information call UM art Professor Beth Lo at 406-243-5893 or call the School of Art office at 406-243-4181.

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# SpectrUM's Motion Exhibit Travels to Anaconda

April 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its Motion exhibit to the **Anaconda** Job Corps on Tuesday, April 14.

Highlights of the exhibition include a larger-than-life spinning turntable, a gravity well, and spectrUM's ever-popular flight simulator. At the Anaconda tour stop, Missoula College workforce navigator Mickey Lyngholm will inform Job Corps participants about the opportunities available to them in higher education.

SpectrUM's mobile science program travels statewide, transforming school gyms into science museums. "Our goal is to help inspire Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries," said spectrUM director Holly Truitt.

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 **Browning** (April 16) and **Fort Benton** (April 20-22).

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

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, NISE Network, the Noyce Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, SciGirls, and Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given 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 Student Wins Prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

April 09, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana sophomore Rachel Dickson recently learned she earned a prestigious Goldwater Scholarship, the top national award for undergraduate research in science, math and engineering. Dickson is UM's 16th Goldwater Scholar.

The Barry Goldwater Excellence in Education Foundation trustees awarded 260 scholars this year. As a Junior Scholar, Dickson is entitled to two years of funding up to \$7,500 per year for tuition, fees, books, and room and board.

Dickson is a sophomore from **Missoula** majoring in biology and environmental studies. She is the daughter of Mary and David Dickson of Missoula and a graduate of Missoula's Big Sky High School. She plans a career researching and teaching in sustainable agriculture and biodiversity. Her special research focus is on native pollinators.

"I'm really excited to combine my goal of being an environmentalist with science research," Dickson said. "I love discovering new things and sharing

them with others.”

Dickson began studying honeybees and mapping their pollination patterns during her time at Big Sky High School. Her decision to attend UM was influenced by the opportunity to continue working with the mentors she established while in high school.

“My first two years of college have helped me realize that I want to direct my research toward the larger environmental problem of sustainable agriculture,” she said.

Dickson will use the scholarship to investigate which aspects of floral bloom increase incentive for pollination efforts and subsequently increase the strength of pollinators and floral communities.



“This research is exciting because it allows me to approach environmentalism through obtaining concrete scientific data,” Dickson said.

The Goldwater Scholarship was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering. Students must be nominated for the scholarship by a faculty representative.

“Rachel was successful partly because she started her formal research career early, has a double major and writes very well,” said Laure Pengelly Drake, director of external scholarships. “She is a wonderfully imaginative scientist and adept at helping the public to understand the larger societal implications of scientific research partly because she has been involved in the arts and activism. Each of her interests helps to open her mind to new questions and new ways of thinking and reporting results. Rachel’s work will have broad impact.”

“Teachers, classes and mentors at UM have expanded and challenged my personal viewpoints and goals,” Dickson said. “This scholarship will take my research in a new direction that I’m extremely excited about.”

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**Photo:** Rachel Dickson

**Note to the media:** UM President Royce Engstrom will recognize Dickson for her scholarship at 8:10 a.m. on Friday, April 10, in the North Underground Lecture Hall. Members of the media are invited to photograph and film. Meet Drake and Engstrom in front of University Hall Room 109 at 8 a.m.

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# UM to Celebrate National Student Employment Week April 12-18

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana will acknowledge the value of student employees and the benefits students derive from employment at UM during National Student Employment Week, held Sunday through Saturday, April 12-18.

Many campus offices will celebrate UM student employees by offering rewards to them for presenting their latest paystub. Student employees are encouraged to visit <http://www.umt.edu/career/StudentEmployment/NationalStudentEmploymentWeek/default.php> to see what campus employers are offering.

The Office of Career Services and the Division of Student Affairs, in partnership with UM Dining, Residence Life, the University Center, the Mansfield Library, the Adams Center, Campus Recreation and the UM Foundation will host the 13th annual Student Employee of the Year reception. The event honors all student employee nominees and will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 16. In addition, Career Services will award a \$500 scholarship to the UM Student Employee of the Year.



Benefits of student employment include becoming more engaged with campus activities and organizations, which can be a factor in higher student retention rates and persistence to graduation; gaining hands-on experience to increase employability and apply classroom knowledge in real-world settings; more frequent interactions with fellow students, staff, faculty and other professionals; and opportunities to earn money to help students pay for their education.

For more information about National Student Employment Week, call Janay Whisman, student employment coordinator in UM's Office of Career Services, at 406-243-2239 or email [janay.whisman@umontana.edu](mailto:janay.whisman@umontana.edu). For more information or for ideas to celebrate student workers, visit <http://www.umt.edu/career/StudentEmployment/NationalStudentEmploymentWeek/default.php>. General information regarding student employment at UM can be found online at <http://www.umt.edu/career/studentemployment>.

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# UM Leads EPA-Funded Field-Based Groundwater Education Project

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The spectrUM Discovery Area and its partners have been awarded an Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Education Grant of nearly \$170,000 to implement a field- and data-based groundwater education program in western Montana.

The project is led by Beth Covitt, spectrUM’s head of Science Education Research & Evaluation, in collaboration with Bill Woessner and Deb Fassnacht. Woessner is a University of Montana Regents Professor Emeritus of hydrogeology, and Fassnacht is executive director of the Watershed Education Network.

The Montana Groundwater Academy will engage high school students in firsthand field- and data-based groundwater science, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about real-world water issues.

“The Montana Groundwater Academy reflects the great things that happen when our community comes together to educate young people about science that matters in our everyday lives,” said spectrUM Director Holly Truitt.

Supporting partners on the project include Mountain Water Company, Missoula Valley Water Quality District, Missoula Parks and Recreation and Newfields Companies, LLC. The Missoula Parks and Recreation board has approved the program's field site in Greenough Park.

Partner scientists and educators include the Bitter Root Research Conservation and Development Area, the Clark Fork Coalition, Salish Kootenai College and the Watershed Education Network.

The groundwater education field site in Greenough Park will comprise a network of about a dozen monitoring wells, three stream stage gauges and a climate station, which will be installed with funds contributed by Mountain Water Company.

The small monitoring wells, scheduled to be installed beginning April 8 and project instrumentation will have minimal impact on the park and on park users.

Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, 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.

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, NISE Network, the Noyce Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, SciGirls, and Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 10,000 Montana children.

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

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# Missoula College to Offer Summer CNA Course

April 08, 2015

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

The training will take place May 26-June 12 at the Missoula College UM East Campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. Clinical hours will occur at Riverside Healthcare Center at 1301 E. Broadway. The course will prepare students for health care careers under the supervision of a licensed nurse.

Curriculum includes training for duties of a CNA: providing or assisting in all aspects of client care, using equipment, documenting and reporting the well-being of clients. Theory and clinical study will provide the necessary information and skills to take the Montana Department of Health state competency CNA evaluation and will provide necessary knowledge and skills needed in long-term, home- and acute-care settings.

Nursing assistant lecture classes will be held at Missoula College on weekdays, May 26-June 5. Students will participate in clinicals during the week of June 8-12 at Riverside Healthcare Center.

The course costs \$800, which includes the textbook, supplies and the state examination fee. Participants do not need to be enrolled UM or MC students, and no previous academic experience is required. Students are required to possess a current Healthcare CPR/First Aid card and those who do not must attend training from 7:30 to noon Friday, May 22. A separate fee is charged for the training.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday, May 7. Applicants are required to submit a copy of current immunization records and copies of online criminal background check documents. A maximum of 10 students are accepted into the program. The application is available online at

<http://www.mc.umt.edu/outreach/Certified%20Nursing%20Assistant%20Training/default.php>.

For more information or to register, call Mickey Lyngholm, MC Outreach Department workforce navigator, at 406-243-7879 or email [mickey.lyngholm@umontana.edu](mailto:mickey.lyngholm@umontana.edu).

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# UM to Host World Rhythms Concert

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana World Rhythms Concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, in the Dennison Theatre on the UM campus.

The concert centerpiece will feature performances by Edi Gbordzi – a master drummer and dancer from Ghana, West Africa – along with the UM West African Ensemble and Dancers. They will perform a variety of traditional Ghanaian instrumental and dance pieces, including “Kenka,” “Kpan Logo,” “Siky,” “Gabada” and “Kpatsa.”

The concert will kick off with a rousing, high-energy performance by the Brazilian Batucada Ensemble, followed by the Mexican Marimba Band and the Salsa Band. The Salsa Band will feature several UM percussion students along with UM jazz program members in the horn section. The group will perform a number of fiery latin-jazz selections, including “Co Co May May,” “Ritmo Remo” and “Sonando.”

Tickets cost \$11 for general admission, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for students. For more information call percussion studies Director Robert Ledbetter at 406-243-4819 or email [robert.ledbetter@umontana.edu](mailto:robert.ledbetter@umontana.edu).

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# University of Montana TRiO Program Honors UM Philanthropists

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana TRiO Student Support Services will host a reception to pay tribute to the Grizzly Riders International from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, in Emma B. Lommasson Center Room 154. The event is free and open to the public.

The Grizzly Riders are a group of outdoor enthusiasts who foster and promote development at UM by bringing together people with diverse national and international interests. During the past five years, Grizzly Riders have donated more than \$50,000 to initiate and support a book-loan program that helps TRiO students purchase textbooks.

TRiO SSS is one of two programs at UM funded by the U.S. Department of Education that provides support services for first-generation, low-income or disabled students. It helps students graduate from high school and attain a college degree. TRiO SSS has existed at UM the past 36 years, while TRiO Upward Bound has existed at UM for 49 years.

Montana has seven TRiO SSS programs statewide serving 2,920 students. Grants awarded to eligible students

through the program amount to \$3.8 million. TRiO in Montana consists of 26 programs, including Educational Opportunity centers, Educational Talent Search, McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement, classic Upward Bound and Veterans' Upward Bound. Funding required to serve 9,049 Montana students amounts to \$7.9 million.

During the past five years, 852 students have received textbooks from TRiO SSS at a cost of about \$55,000. Each student participating in the TRiO program receives two or three loaner books to use during each semester, and textbooks are reused until new editions are required.

Although the book loan program is not a part of TRiO's federal funding, the Grizzly Riders have made an impact on the campus community by helping students afford textbooks. The Grizzly Riders initially invested in helping UM students who participate in the program with the intent to find matching donors to help sustain the program. Efforts are being made to seek additional support.

For more information about the reception or the TRiO Programs, call Director of TRiO Programs Darlene Samson at 406-243-4199 or email [darlene.samson@umontana.edu](mailto:darlene.samson@umontana.edu).

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# UM Events Celebrate Earth Week

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana and the Missoula community will celebrate progress toward sustainability with Earth Week events Saturday through Sunday, April 18-26.

Events kick off Saturday, April 18, with Earth Service Day and the Ecopentathlon. Service opportunities will include river cleanup, sorting recyclables at the UM recycling center and working in campus food gardens. Ecopentathlon participants work all the service events, riding their bikes to each one.

That evening, the public can enjoy the Earth Service Dance from 7:30 to 11 at Union Hall, 208 E. Main St. The dance will feature easy folk dances and old-time fiddle music by a local band. Members of the UM Folklore Society will teach the dances, and no experience or partner is needed. Entry costs \$9, and all Earth Service Day volunteers get free admission.

Other Earth Week events include:

- **Sunday, April 19:** 1000 New Gardens, a UM student group that partners with the community to put food gardens in Missoula yards, will host Dig Day. Volunteers should meet at noon at Kiwanis Park to join a garden crew. Another Dig Day will be held Sunday, April 26. For more information email [1000newgardens@gmail.com](mailto:1000newgardens@gmail.com).

- **Wednesday, April 22:** UM will celebrate Earth Day with the Sustainability Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Oval. Student and community groups will teach about sustainability through fun activities. The celebration also will include cake, the Greening UM awards ceremony, and live music and dancing. The event is free and open to the public.
- **Friday, April 24:** Volunteer work day at the UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology (UM FLAT). Visitors can help with the urban gardens, chickens, compost, solar and rainwater harvesting systems and more at the University's sustainable-living demonstration house at 633 Fifth St. E. The event will feature local food and live music.
- **Sunday, April 26:** The Missoula Urban Demonstration Project hosts its annual Earth Celebration in Caras Park. It will feature local food, beverages and music; children's activities; displays by green businesses and nonprofits; and demonstrations and workshops showcasing sustainable living skills.

Other events throughout the week include garden tours, food-related workshops, films at the International Wildlife Film Festival and more. For a complete list of Earth Week events at UM, visit <http://www.umt.edu/earthweekUM>. A schedule of events in Missoula and western Montana also is online at <http://www.umt.edu/earthweekmissoula>.

On Earth Day 2002, former UM President George Dennison signed the Talloires Declaration, rededicating UM to promoting sustainable development, self-determination and social justice on local, state, national and global levels. UM was the first university in the northwest to sign the declaration, which commits universities to working for a sustainable society in their teaching, research, service/outreach and operations. Dennison appointed a Sustainable Campus Committee to encourage efforts by UM and campus groups to foster sustainability and to document those efforts in an annual State of the Sustainable Campus Report. These reports are available online at <http://www.umt.edu/greeningum> and highlight the efforts UM, campus groups and community partners made to build sustainability over the past year.

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# Conference At UM Features Undergraduate Research

April 08, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana Conference on Undergraduate Research will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 17, on the third floor of the University Center.

The day-long conference, which is free and open to the public, offers opportunities for UM students to present their research and creative scholarship through oral presentations, posters, performances and exhibits. This year's conference will feature capstone presentations from seniors in UM's Global Leadership Initiative, which President Royce Engstrom launched in 2011. This year's seniors will be the first to graduate from the program.

UM has hosted the annual conference, organized by the Undergraduate Research Committee and the Davidson Honors College, since 2001. Sponsored by the offices of the UM President and Provost and the Davidson Honors College, UMCUR provides an opportunity for undergraduates of all majors to present their research and creative scholarship in a public forum and for students to learn how to get involved in research.

Awards for the top oral presentations and the top posters will be made in five different areas: fine arts, humanities, social sciences, life sciences and physical sciences.

Chemistry Professor Garon Smith will deliver the conference's keynote address at 12:20 p.m. in the UC Theater. In the "Wizard of UM in New Zealand," Smith will recount his adventures crossing the islands of New Zealand to bring his chemistry magic to students there, as well as the lessons learned about the country's environmental challenges.

Smith has been at the University since 1991. He has won UM's Most Inspirational Teacher of the Year Award and was named Montana Professor of the Year in 2008 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. His introductory chemistry course is one of the most popular classes on campus, with a thousand students taking the course across two semesters and multiple sections each year. Smith also is well known for the "Potions 101" class he teaches every other summer at the Kermit and Kathleen Schwanke Honors Institute at the Davidson Honors College.

For more information on the conference, visit <http://www.umt.edu/ugresearch/UMCUR/schedule.php>.

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# National Organization Honors UM's Dave Guffey with Lifetime Achievement Award

April 07, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The College Sports Information Directors of America recently announced they will honor longtime University of Montana Associate Athletic Director for Communications Dave Guffey with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

He will be recognized at the CoSIDA Convention, which is slated for Monday, June 15, in Orlando, Florida. The award is given to individuals who have served at least 25 years in the sports information profession, and who are retiring or leaving the profession.

Guffey plans to retire from UM in June after serving Grizzly Athletics for nearly 37 years.

"I am so pleased for Dave and the well-deserved retirement that awaits him," said Eric McDowell, CoSIDA president and the assistant athletic director for sports information at Union College in New York. "We are losing a tremendous sports communications professional and wonderful mentor and role model in our profession."

"Dave is certainly a passionate Grizzly," UM Director of Athletics Kent Haslam said. "He has spent countless hours



working on behalf of student-athletes, coaches and the athletic department. The contributions he has made to the University and Grizzly Athletics are immeasurable.”

Guffey is a resource for all things associated with Grizzlies athletics. He promoted, witnessed and reported on Montana's Division I-AA and Football Championship Subdivision championships in 1995 and 2001, and six more FCS football title games, 14 men's basketball postseason appearances since 1985, and numerous Big Sky Conference championships by the Grizzlies' 15-sport program.

“I often worked with Dave during my time at Cal Poly and I was so impressed with his dedication to his student-athletes at the University of Montana,” McDowell said. “All the students and staff for the Griz have been served so well by a dedicated individual.”

Guffey majored in journalism at Fresno State. He later wrote for and became sports editor for the Daily Collegian and Insight campus newspapers and caught the attention of Fresno State SID Tom Kane.

“He was a great asset to me,” said Kane, who gave Guffey his start in the sports information field in 1974 as a graduate assistant covering baseball and assisting with football. “Dave was very knowledgeable. Our football coach, Jim Sweeney, had a saying, ‘Bulldog-born, Bulldog-bred and a Bulldog till the day I’m dead.’ That was Dave.”

“When covering a university for a newspaper, you had to maintain your ethics,” Guffey said about his transition from sports writing to sports information. “You couldn’t cheer for a team. But, when you work for a university, you’re part of the deal now. It made it a lot more fun to cover sports. That was one of the main attractions for me.”

After a stint at the Fresno Bee reporting on prep sports and serving as the sports editor for the Fresno Guide, (now called Fresno State magazine) Dave and his wife of nearly 40 years, Mea Andrews, a Fresno State journalism major, too, made the trek to Montana. She would eventually join the staff of the Missoulian as a news reporter covering health, business and education. Together, they raised two sons, Matthew and Patrick.

“He’s seen the growth of Montana from a regional university to one that now has a nationally recognized athletics program,” Haslam said. “He saw where the football program started and what it's become today. He’s been a witness to it all and holds a lot of knowledge of this place. That’s very valuable, so we look forward to keep Dave engaged in what we do here, even in retirement.”

For more information on the CoSIDA award call Assistant Athletic Director for Union College Eric McDowell at 518-388-6170 or email [mcdowe@union.edu](mailto:mcdowe@union.edu).

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# UM Groups to Host Events Marking Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 07, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Student Advocacy Resource Center and Advocates for Non-Violence at the University of Montana will hold several events during April to raise awareness of sexual assault and offer support for survivors.

The events, held in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month, begin with a workshop titled “Make Your Move! Intervention to ACTion: Theatre for Social Change” from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 9, in Gallagher Business Building Room L14. This interactive theater performance by students will help participants hone their skills to prevent sexual violence. It is free and open to the public.

“All of SARC’s events are centered on the themes of hope, healing, support and unity,” said Drew Colling, SARC director. “Community is so important to healing, and we hope to have a large turnout to show support for survivors of sexual violence.”

Other UM events during Sexual Assault Awareness Month are listed below. Events are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

- **Noon-12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, UM Oval:** SARC will host an Honoring Survivors Shawl Round Dance to support Native American survivors of sexual assault. Food will be provided.
- **Noon-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, UM Oval:** SARC's Hope Quilt, an artistic patchwork with messages of support, hope and unity for those affected by sexual violence, will be on display. The community is invited to add messages to the quilt.
- **10 a.m. Sunday, April 26, Schreiber Gym:** UM ROTC and the University Council on Student Assault will host the Stomp Out Sexual Assault 5K Fun Run and Walk. The race costs \$15 and will include information about prevention and support services. To register visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/MT/Missoula/StompOutSexualAssault5KFunRunWalk>.

For more information call Drew Colling, SARC director, at 406-243-4429 or email [drew.colling@umontana.edu](mailto:drew.colling@umontana.edu).

In its ongoing effort to make campus as safe as possible for all students, UM continues to offer resources about preventing and responding to sexual assault. A new website outlines University-sponsored efforts and initiatives intended to eliminate sexual assault on campus and can be found at <http://www.umt.edu/safe>.

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# UM Study Finds Fast Food Just As Effective For Recovery as Sports Supplements

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – University of Montana researchers have good news for endurance athletes hankering for a burger and fries after an intense workout: Dig in.

In moderation, that is.

A new study, recently published by the International Journal of Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism, found there was no significant difference in glycogen recovery when cyclists ate fast food after a workout versus when they ingested traditional sports supplements such as Gatorade, Powerbar and Clif products.

Brent Ruby, director of UM's Montana Center for Work Physiology and Exercise Metabolism, graduate student Michael Cramer, and a team of researchers in UM's Department of Health and Human Performance detailed these findings in a paper titled "Post-exercise Glycogen Recovery and Exercise Performance is Not Significantly Different

Between Fast Food and Sport Supplements.” It appeared online prior to publication and is available at <http://bit.ly/1ljpaOt>.

In the study, 11 male cyclists completed two experimental trials in randomized order. Each trial included a 90-minute glycogen-depletion ride followed by a four-hour recovery period. Immediately following each ride and again two hours later, researchers provided participants with either sports supplements or fast food, such as hamburgers, french fries and hash browns. Following a four-hour recovery period, participants completed a 12.4-mile (20-kilometer) time trial.

The UM researchers analyzed muscle biopsies and blood samples taken in between the two rides and found no differences in blood glucose and insulin responses. Rates of glycogen recovery from the feedings also were not different between the diets. Most importantly, there were no differences in time-trial performance between the two diets.

“Our results show that eating fast food – in the right amounts – can provide the same potential for muscle glycogen as sports nutrition products that usually cost more,” Ruby said.

Dozens of publications, from the Washington Post and the Daily Mail to Runner’s World and Outside magazine, have picked up the results of the study since it first appeared online in late March. But not all of the articles are accurate, Ruby said.

“A lot of the articles out there are totally misrepresenting the study,” he said. “We had participants eating small servings of the fast-food products, not giant orders of burgers and fries. Moderation is the key to the results we got.”

For more information on the study, call Ruby at 406-243-2117 or email [brent.ruby@mso.umt.edu](mailto:brent.ruby@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM Psychology Teams Up With UM RightCare Clinic to Offer Parent Training

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The University of Montana departments of psychology and communicative sciences and disorders will team up with the UM DeWit RiteCare Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic to offer a parenting workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, at the UM DeWit RiteCare Clinic. The training is designed for parents with children ages 5-13 with autism spectrum and related disorders.

The workshop “Youth Engagement Through Intervention: Positive Parenting” will cover a number of topics, including why children misbehave, how to increase appropriate child behaviors and how to effectively discipline inappropriate child behaviors. Child care will be provided by undergraduate students from the UM Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders. Light snacks for children also will be served throughout the evening.

A \$5 registration fee is required to participate in the workshop. The UM DeWit RiteCare Clinic is located at 634 Eddy Ave. inside Curry Health Center. To register for the training or to request more information, call the UM DeWit RiteCare Clinic at 406-243-2405, or email [jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu](mailto:jennifer.closson@mso.umt.edu).

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# UM Entrepreneurship Club, SpectrUM Host 'Design, Build, Sell!'

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Aspiring entrepreneurs of all ages are invited to the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 11, for “Design, Build, Sell!” The event is co-sponsored by the UM Entrepreneurship Club and is free with museum admission.

Entrepreneurship Club members will lead hands-on activities designed to inspire kids to think about how to turn their creative ideas into a business plan. Participants will identify a problem, then offer a solution by making a mock-up or drawing using craft supplies. Members of the UM Entrepreneurship Club and spectrUM will provide guidance on how to market, sell or further develop ideas.

“A collaboration with spectrUM provides great opportunity for E-Club members to give back to children in the community by sharing things they are excited about, and show children they, too, can share something they love with others,” said the Entrepreneur Club’s John Gibson.

The UM Entrepreneurship Club is a student-led effort that uses lectures and hands-on workshops by successful entrepreneurs to spur entrepreneurial inspiration in the community.

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

SpectrUM's sponsors and partners include the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Jane S. Heman Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation EPSCoR Program, NISE Network, the Noyce Foundation, the O.P. and W.E. Edwards Foundation, SciGirls and the Western Montana Area Health Education Center. SpectrUM's Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 10,000 Montana children.

The public can visit spectrUM's museum at 218 E. Front St. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission costs \$3.50 per person.

For more information call Nicholos Wethington, spectrUM museum coordinator, at 406-728-7836 or email [nicholos.wethington@umontana.edu](mailto:nicholos.wethington@umontana.edu).

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# UM's Celebrate Piano Series to Feature Internationally Renowned Pianist

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – Pianist Stephen Beus will serve as the guest artist for the Celebrate Piano Series at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 12, in the Music Recital Hall at the University of Montana. The recital is the featured event of his four-day residency for the UM Spring Piano Festival, and his program will feature exciting works by Bach, Liszt and contemporary composers Ronn Yedidia and Arvo Pärt. The Spring Piano Festival is sponsored by the UM Keyboard Society.

Tickets cost \$20 for the general public, \$15 for seniors and \$10 for students. They may be purchased online at <http://www.griztix.com> or at the UMArts Box Office by calling 406-243-4581.

The public also is invited to a free masterclass from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, April 10, in UM's Music Recital Hall.

Beus is a Steinway Artist and serves on the faculty at the University of Oklahoma. In the span of just four months, he won first prize in the Gina Bachauer International Piano Competition, first place in the Vendome Prize International Competition and was awarded the Max I. Allen Fellowship of the American Pianists Association.

"While these are top awards for any aspiring concert artist," said UM piano Professor Steven Hesla, "Stephen Beus started gathering accolades at a very young age."

There are only two pianists who have won all three piano competitions sponsored by the Music Teachers National Association, and Beus is one of them. He claimed his first MTNA national title when he was still in junior high school. A native of Moses Lake, Washington, Beus went on to win the national title at the senior high school level, and yet again at the Young Artist level.

"Winning all three national titles is an understandably rare occurrence," Hesla said, "because nearly all of the seven national finalists at each level are worthy of such a victory, so the odds of winning all three is not unlike winning the Triple Crown in horse racing."

Audiences around the world and across America have been thrilled by Beus' solo and concerto performances. For more details visit <http://www.stephenbeus.com>.

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# Montana Supreme Court Case to Take Stage at UM

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Montana Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in Montana Department of Revenue v. Priceline.com Inc. at 10 a.m. Friday, April 10, in the Dennison Theatre at the University of Montana. An introduction to the hearing begins at 9:30 a.m. The hearing is expected to last about an hour and 15 minutes. The public is invited to attend, along with students from area schools and UM.

The question before the Montana Supreme Court is whether Montana travel taxes properly apply to the activities of online travel companies like Priceline.com. Priceline.com and other online travel companies provide travel information and secure reservations to lodging and car rental services for travelers, conducting business with consumers through the Internet. Under Montana law, the state imposes sales and use taxes on lodging and rental car services. The Montana Supreme Court will consider whether the District Court erred in granting judgment as a matter of law in favor of the online travel companies.

UM School of Law Professor Pippa Browde, an expert on federal tax law, will give an introduction to the case. Browde will include a background on the judicial system, both in Montana state courts and the federal courts. She also will outline the issues presented on appeal in the case, the arguments she expects the parties to make and the

national significance of the case as it relates to similar cases being litigated across the country.

For more information call UM School of Law director of external relations and marketing Carla Caballero-Jackson at 406-243-6254 or email [carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu](mailto:carla.caballero-jackson@umontana.edu).

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# Rural Health Care Program at UM Wins National Award

April 07, 2015

**MISSOULA** – A program at the University of Montana that ensures patients in rural areas have access to mental health care is receiving national recognition.

The National Rural Health Association will present a 2015 Rural Health Award to the Rural Behavior Health Primary Care Collaborative, a program of the Western Montana Area Health Education Center at UM, at its annual conference later this month.

“We’re especially proud of this year’s winners,” said Alan Morgan, NRHA CEO. “They have each already made tremendous strides to advance rural health care, and we’re confident they will continue to help improve the lives of rural Americans.”

The Primary Care Collaborative is a partnership between the Western Montana AHEC and critical access hospitals in five isolated Montana communities. The innovative program places pre-licensed, postdoctorate psychologists and pre-licensed social workers in **Libby, Glasgow, Deer Lodge, Plains and Kalispell** to provide mental health care services. University faculty members provide supervision until they become licensed.

By locating the specialists at rural health clinics and community health centers, the program reduces the stigma associated with mental health treatment and allows doctors to make referrals to a specialist in the same building. Locating more of a patient's health care providers in the same facility increases the chance of follow-through and allows specialists to intercept patients in need of behavioral interventions to improve their overall health. Additionally, pairing a psychologist and social worker at the sites prevents professional isolation.

"The idea is to always aim for the highest quality patient care, regardless of geographic location, in an effort to provide equitable care," said project director Sara Laney. "Improving access to behavioral health care in rural Montana is the goal of this project. We've had the opportunity to integrate a sustainable model of behavioral health care in parts of this state where it previously didn't exist."

One of five regional Area Health Education Centers in Montana, the Western Montana AHEC is a grant-funded, not-for-profit organization committed to making quality health care and health science education more accessible to rural Montanans. It is located in UM's College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences.

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# Slow Art Day Coming to Montana Museum of Art & Culture April 11

April 06, 2015

**MISSOULA** – When people look slowly at artwork they make discoveries. The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana is proud to join Slow Art Day on Saturday, April 11. Slow Art Day is an international movement of museums and galleries that encourages people to look at five pieces of artwork for 10 minutes each.

From the Tate Modern in London to the Seattle Art Museum and the Art Institute of Chicago, organizations around the world will participate in this one-day event that encourages people to slow down.

MMAC invites the public to join a docent-led Slow Art Day tour at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, in MMAC's Paxson and Meloy galleries, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM. The group will look at five pieces of art and then enjoy a group discussion of the experience. The event is free but participants are asked to reserve a spot by calling 406-243-2019.

"It's amazing that our capacity for images is so instantaneous, so immediate, that we often deny ourselves the pleasure of looking," said MMAC Curator Brandon Reintjes. "I think that the average time people spend with an artwork is under 12 seconds. It's incredible what happens, and how seeing and understanding shift, when you

challenge yourself to spend a longer amount of time with an object.”

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# Insane Inflatable Obstacle Race Coming to UM

April 03, 2015

**MISSOULA** – If you have what it takes to scramble across 11 extreme inflatable obstacles, plan to attend the Insane Inflatable 5K on Saturday, May 2, at the University of Montana.

The race will launch the first wave of racers at 9 a.m., with additional waves running until 1 p.m. The course is about 3 miles long and incorporates the unique terrain at UM.

Registration fees, which include a T-shirt and medal upon completion, range from \$59 for advance registration to \$75 for same-day registration. Children are welcome to participate, with a suggested minimum age of 8 years old and a minimum height requirement of 42 inches.

A special promotional code, sr10, can be used at checkout to receive additional savings and discounts. To make a donation to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Missoula, entrants can put in code **bbbsmissoula** at checkout. A special discount code for UM students and employees, **um20**, also is available at checkout. For more information or to register, visit <http://www.insaneinflatable5k.com>.

The inflatable obstacles range in size and complexity, including “Pure Misery,” a 100-foot obstacle testing strength, agility, flexibility and endurance; “Jump Around,” the largest inflatable of its kind with more than 70 feet of bounce pad; and “Vertigo,” where participants climb to the top of the steepest slide in the industry (at six stories tall) and slide down to finish the race and claim their medals.

Beyond the obstacles and the race, the Insane Inflatable 5K also will have a “Midway,” where participants can enjoy games, food, beverages, merchandise and swag from local vendors and sponsors. The event is presented by the Karl Tyler Auto Group, with additional support from DirecTV, First Montana Bank and Michelob Ultra. Additionally, the event will give back to the community, designating a portion of the race proceeds to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Missoula.

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# UM President Reappointed to Homeland Security Council

April 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has appointed University of Montana President Royce C. Engstrom to another two-year term on the Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council.

This council, composed of prominent university presidents and academic leaders, is charged with advising the secretary and senior leadership at the department on several key issues. Former secretary Janet Napolitano first appointed Engstrom to the newly created council in 2012.

The council underscores the department's commitment to working with the academic community. In his role, Engstrom provides advice and recommendations on issues related to student and recent graduate recruitment; international students; academic research; campus and community resiliency, security and preparedness; and faculty exchanges.

"It has been an honor to serve on this national council, and I appreciate that I was asked to participate for another two years," Engstrom said. "Our paramount goal has been to keep the United States and its campuses as safe as possible."



Engstrom became UM president in October 2010. Before that he served as UM provost and vice president for academic affairs for three years.

He came to Missoula in 2007 from the University of South Dakota, where he was a chemistry professor, chair of the chemistry department, vice president for research, Graduate School dean, and provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Born in Michigan, Engstrom grew up in Nebraska and received an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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# ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center to Host Housing and Community Resources Fair

April 02, 2015

**MISSOULA** – The Associated Students of the University of Montana Off-Campus Renter Center will host its annual Housing and Community Resources Fair on Tuesday, April 7. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in UM's University Center Atrium.

The event educates current and potential student renters on the different options in Missoula rentals and links them to community resources available to off-campus students. Participating organizations include property management companies, renter's insurance agencies, city agencies that offer services to renters, sustainability organizations, public assistance representatives and University agencies.

"The Housing and Community Resources Fair is the perfect one-stop shop for students looking for information about any aspect of living off-campus as a renter," said Katherine Brady, director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center. "The event brings property management companies and service providers together so that students can get all of their questions answered in one place."

New to this year's fair is a Roommate Speed Dating event that will take place from noon to 1:30 p.m. in University

Center Room 331. This interactive session will give students the opportunity to interview other students looking to live off-campus in hopes that they will find someone compatible with their lifestyle and whose housing needs are in line with their own.

This event is free and open to students. For more information call Brady at 406-243-2017 or email [katherine.brady@mso.umt.edu](mailto:katherine.brady@mso.umt.edu).

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