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MISSOULA – “Motion,” one of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular traveling exhibits, will visit Lolo on Tuesday-Thursday, Nov. 3-5.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of physics and engineering, “Motion” will transform the gym at Lolo Elementary School into an interactive science museum. 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. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Lolo Elementary School gymnasium in Building 2, where students will be able to share the exhibit and activities with family, friends and community members.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive exhibits. spectrUM Director Holly Truitt said the goal of spectrUM’s mobile outreach is to “help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”
Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programs. This tour stop is powered by the Jane S. Heman Foundation.

Since 2006, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to 71 schools and three public libraries in 29 Montana counties, including all seven American Indian reservations in Montana. In total, spectrUM’s mobile science program has served over 51,000 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and over 75 percent live in rural communities.

SpectrUM’s sponsors and partners include the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, Community Medical Center, 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, the Simons Foundation and the Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 12,000 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.

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 School of Journalism to Host First Missoula Podcast Festival

October 30, 2015

MISSOULA – Great Montana stories will be shared during the first Missoula Podcast Festival at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Roxy Theater.

“It’s like a mini film fest, but without the film and tailored to people who love great radio,” said Jule Banville, a University of Montana journalism assistant professor. Banville edits and hosts the local “Last Best Stories” podcast, which features the best of her students’ work as well as pieces from independent radio producers in Montana. Some of those stories will be included in the Missoula Podcast Festival.

The Missoula Podcast Festival will also feature stories from other professional producers, including Amy Martin, who is debuting a podcast project on Montana Public Radio, and Clay Scott, who has produced more than 125 stories about the people of the West for his series “Mountain West Voices.”

Banville said the audience does not need to know what a podcast is to enjoy this event. “Really, it’s simply a chance to hear great audio stories you won’t hear anywhere else,” she said.
The event is sponsored by the UM School of Journalism, the “Last Best Stories” podcast and the Roxy Theater. Advance tickets are available at http://www.theroxytheater.org and at the Roxy, located at 718 S. Higgins Ave.

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UM Folklore Society to Host Halloween and Town and Gown Dances

October 29, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Folklore Society will host a Halloween dance Saturday, Oct. 31, and its annual Town and Gown Dance Saturday, Nov. 7.

The Halloween dance will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Missoula Senior Center, located at 705 S. Higgins, and a workshop for beginners will be offered at 7:30 p.m. The event costs $6 for UM students showing their Griz cards and $9 for general admission. Costumes are encouraged but not required.

The Halloween dance will feature Irish music by Skippin’ a Groove, and Morna Leonard will teach and call the dance steps. Refreshments will be provided.

The Town and Gown Dance will take place from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in the University Center Ballroom at UM. The event also includes a beginner workshop at 7:30 p.m. This dance is free and open to the public, but donations to cover costs are appreciated. Dress is casual and eclectic. Day of the Dead costumes and political buttons are welcome.
Live music will be played by Out of Wood, which specializes in Irish music, jigs and reels. Singles, couples, families, beginners and dance stars are all welcome, and no experience or partner is required.

The Town and Gown Dance features a series of European country dances that were adapted in America to be danced in barns. Two long lines of people dance a series of simple figures and continually move along the lines until each person has danced with everyone else. Organizers said the dance figures are easy to learn and are called during the dance.

“If you can walk and smile at the same time, you can do these dances,” said Vicki Watson, UM Folklore Society adviser.

Mark Matthews of the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau also will lead an old-time dance workshop at noon Friday, Nov. 6, in the UM UC Atrium to gather more interest for the Nov. 7 dance.

To see an example of the type of dancing featured at the UM Folklore Society dances, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvHEnAKlalY&feature=related.

For more information call UM Folklore Society Adviser Vicki Watson at 406-243-5153, email vicki.watson@umontana.edu or visit http://www.missoulafolk.org.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has released the Summer/Fall 2015 issue of its UM Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone E-Magazine. The magazine is online at http://issuu.com/um_crown_gye/docs/crown_of_the_continent_and_greater_fd322d8e688cf4.

In this issue readers will find articles, essays, special features and a large number of photos and other visuals that focus on a wide range of topics involving these two iconic ecosystems, said Rick Graetz, co-director of UM’s Crown of the Continent and Greater Yellowstone Initiative.

“This issue contains a wealth of information about research projects on the changing grizzly bear movement throughout the Crown, for example, and about population fluctuations of the intriguing boreal toads in Glacier National Park,” Graetz said.

Another piece discusses the inspiring collaborative efforts of the Blackfoot Challenge, which has brought scientists, ranchers and conservationists together to solve shared problems, and another article describes an initiative in Glacier’s Quartz Lake to remove an invasive lake trout population.
Graetz said a special photography segment in this issue features photos from John Ashley’s marvelous book, “Glacier National Park After Dark.” And in the Greater Yellowstone section, there’s a piece about the recent discovery of a much larger, deeper magma reservoir in under the park that is four times the size previously thought.

An installment of articles on the Yellowstone River is included in the issue, as is a piece about bark beetles that may be controversial because it poses this question: Are they really so bad? An essay on Yellowstone’s wildflowers and a personal story about a first encounter with hot and cold geysers in the southwest part of Greater Yellowstone region conclude that section.

The issue ends with four interesting Field Notes – short news pieces from and about these two magnificent and ever-fascinating landscapes and issues pertaining to them.

For further information about this UM initiative and previous issues of the e-magazine, visit https://crown-yellowstone.umt.edu/ or email the editors at fetzga@mso.umt.edu and rick.graetz@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The 21st Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition will be on display Nov. 12 through Dec. 10 in the Gallery of Visual Arts at the University of Montana. An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, with award presentation at 6 p.m.

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

The students invite an art professional not associated with the University to serve as the juror who selects the works to be exhibited and designate awards. This year’s juror is Missoula artist Stephanie Frostad. She received her Master in Fine Arts degree from UM in 1994 and has exhibited her work throughout the United States and abroad in Canada, China, Italy and New Zealand. Frostad’s work is held in numerous private and public collections, and she received several public art commissions, including Missoula’s Montana Natural History Center.

The Gallery of Visual Arts is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and by appointment on Mondays.
During the exhibit, the gallery will be closed Nov. 25-27 for Thanksgiving Break. The gallery is located on the first floor of the UM Social Science Building. All events and exhibitions are free and open to the public.

More information about the UM School of Art and Gallery of Visual Arts is online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

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October 29, 2015

MISSOULA – The annual DiverseU symposium at the University of Montana will feature a performance by Native American sketch comedy group the 1491s at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public.

The 1491s use cultural and political satire to poke fun at how Native Americans are perceived by non-Natives and to address taboo topics in their own communities. The group rose to fame nationally after appearing on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” in a 2014 segment that debated the Washington Redskins mascot.

The 1491s also will present an educational session about Native American representation in the media at noon the same day in the UC Theater.

The events are part of DiverseU, UM’s two-day symposium celebrating diversity that will take place Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, in the University Center. It will feature discussion, including comedy and satire, on relations between different races and backgrounds.
Sketch Comedy Group the 1491s to Perform at UM Diversity Symposium - UM News - University Of Montana

More information and a complete schedule are online at http://www.umt.edu/diverseu. All DiverseU events are free and open to the public.

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October 28, 2015

MISSOULA – The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and the University of Montana’s African-American Studies program are convening a symposium on historical trauma Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, at UM. The interdisciplinary program will explore emerging Holocaust research on historical trauma, as well as current research on the topic in Native American studies, African-American studies, and women’s, gender and sexuality studies.

Sara Horowitz, professor of comparative literature at York University, will deliver a keynote address titled “The Inheritance of Trauma across the Disciplines: A View from Holocaust Studies” at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in UM’s University Center.

The symposium also will feature four panel discussions that will consist of scholars and professors from the region as well as throughout the U.S. delivering papers on victim- and survivor-centered histories of trauma, the impact of trauma on children in the wake of war, the psychological effects of the boarding school system in contemporary Native American communities, legal responses to trauma, and how histories of trauma unfold in the realm of gender and sexuality.
UM President Royce Engstrom and Robert M. Ehrenreich, director of University Programs at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum’s Mandel Center, will offer opening remarks. Participants on the closing roundtable will discuss with the symposium’s audience how these issues are addressed in the classroom.

The symposium is free and open to the public, but registration is requested. View the conference program and register at http://ushmm.org/historical-trauma-symposium.

The event is co-sponsored by the UM’s African-American Studies Program, College of Humanities and Sciences, Davidson Honors College, Department of Anthropology, Department of Communication Studies, Department of History, the Mansfield Library, Native American Studies Department, the Office of the President, University Center, and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program. It is supported by a generous grant from the Joyce and Irving Goldman Family Foundation to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The symposium is held in conjunction with UM’s DiverseU, a campuswide series of events focused on topics of diversity. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members discuss, present, perform and exhibit art throughout the program. For more information, visit http://www.umt.edu/diverseu.

A living memorial to the Holocaust, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum inspires citizens and leaders worldwide to promote human dignity, confront hatred and prevent genocide. Its far-reaching educational programs and global impact are made possible by generous donors nationwide. For more information, visit http://www.ushmm.org.

By bringing together scholars, teachers, students and community members, the Mandel Center’s outreach symposia seek to enrich campus dialogue and forge connections with diverse audiences that will ensure the vitality of Holocaust studies in an increasingly interdisciplinary and multicultural academic landscape.

African-American Studies at UM is the country’s third oldest such program and one of the fastest growing programs at UM, having experienced fivefold growth in the past seven years. According to Director Tobin Miller Shearer, students in the program are equipped to speak with nuance and precision about this country’s racial fracture lines. For more information visit http://hs.umt.edu/aas/.

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MISSOULA – The Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana has launched a new One Button Studio, an automated video-recording facility that can be used by UM students and employees and requires no previous video production experience.

The facility is modeled after the One Button Studio at the Penn State Libraries that integrates third-party hardware to create an automated and streamlined video recording studio. UM’s One Button Studio is the first one in a region that includes the Rocky Mountain West and the Dakotas.
“This gives us a production studio for making digital films, training videos and more,” UM Provost Perry Brown said. “To produce a video with it, you don’t need major technical knowledge. There is a projector on the side so you can show things on a green screen and talk about what is being projected. It’s a great setup.”

The video recording setup can be used by students, faculty and staff without any previous video production experience. Glenn Kneebone, the project manager for UM’s One Button Studio, said the design of the studio enables users to create high-quality video projects without having to know anything about cameras, lights or audio recording.

“The process of creating and saving a video is automated, with the user interaction confined to three simple steps – inserting a flash drive, pressing a button to start or stop recording, and removing the flash drive to end the session,” he said. “Once the recording is done, they can upload the video to YouTube or use one of the library’s four multimedia workstations to do further editing, such as adding music and images to the recorded video.”

Kneebone began designing and assembling the studio during the summer in consultation with colleagues nationwide. He said the studio is designed for such things as presentation practice for a class, creating demonstrations and e-portfolio content.

“A new high-tech, green-blue screen appears like magic with a simple flip of a switch to create high-tech presentation videos,” Kneebone said.

“The One Button Studio in the library is an innovative way to help UM students, faculty and staff create, communicate and captivate using the power of video,” said Shali Zhang, UM library dean. “We are committed to providing the finest facility and tools for UM students and faculty to enhance their learning and teaching experience. The One Button Studio is a perfect example of how we enable them to produce quality videos for their teaching and learning needs.”

Zhang said the facility also puts UM on the world map where other institutions implemented a similar project: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zhlKpzX8je8.kDKhKRvgPMDw.

The workstation that holds all of the recording equipment is height adjustable, making it accessible to all. This feature puts the controls within reach and allows people of all heights to be in the shot, as well as allowing for seated or standing presentations.

“I’m proud that we are the first studio that I know of to focus on accessibility and access for everybody when using the facility,” Kneebone said. “We are the first with all the controls, the projector and the camera being height adjustable with the press of a button. I think we are going to get a lot of positive feedback from the One Button Studio Community on this innovation, and I’d like to think we will serve as the new model for future studios.”

The One Button Studio will be available to the entire campus community through the library’s online reservation system at http://www.lib.umt.edu/OBS.

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Missoula College Nursing Students Earn 100 Percent Pass Rate, Top Scores in National Licensure Exam

October 28, 2015

MISSOULA – Students at Missoula College University of Montana are well above average when it comes to passing licensing tests required to practice nursing.

In 2015, every student in Missoula College’s Associate of Applied Science Practical Nursing Program who took the National Council Licensure Exam passed, compared to 81 percent of students nationwide from other schools.

Likewise, students in MC’s Associate of Nursing Program garnered a pass rate of 94 percent in 2015, compared to 85 percent nationwide.

“These pass rates not only indicate the knowledge base of our faculty, but also the consistent care and individualized instruction they give to each of our students,” said MC Dean Shannon O’Brien.
O'Brien emphasized how the professional knowledge and experience of Missoula College faculty is coupled with their commitment to student learning. "That combination of qualities is revered in the education field, but particularly in this vital role for ensuring high quality patient care," O'Brien said.

MC students historically score well on the NCLEX Licensing Exams, which are required to practice nursing in Montana.

"We feel our students are well prepared to take the test and well prepared as nurses," said Dixie McLaughlin, MC's Nursing Program director.

McLaughlin points to MC's dedicated staff, high quality lab facility and small classes as reasons MC students succeed on the national licensure exam. Additionally, the new East Broadway campus, slated to opening the summer of 2017, will feature a functioning triage center, capable of both classroom clinical exercises and real-life disaster response.

The NCLEX pass rates indicate the programs’ success in preparing students to enter the workforce. MC's averages a 99 percent pass rate for the LPN NCLEX exam and a 95 percent pass rate for the RN NCLEX exam.

“A lot of potential students look at pass rights, and that's one reason they apply here," McLaughlin said.

After completing MC's associate degree programs in nursing, students may continue their education in baccalaureate programs or begin careers. Many graduates of the programs go on to work in the community at local long-term care facilities, home health facilities, hospitals and clinics.

For more information about the NCLEX, visit the National Council of State Boards of Nursing online at https://www.ncsbn.org/nclex.htm.

For more information about the Montana Board of Nursing, visit http://bsd.dli.mt.gov/license/bsd_boards/nur_board/board_page.asp.

For more information about MC’s Nursing Program, visit http://mc.umt.edu/nursing/.

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New Documentary on Concussions to Air on MontanaPBS

October 28, 2015

MISSOULA – A new documentary telling the intertwined story of the promising research undertaken by two University of Montana scientists and the real experiences of two athletes recovering from concussions is set to debut on MontanaPBS in November.

“Concussion: Answers in the Blood?” premieres at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. It also will air at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12; at 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 15; and at 5 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16. It will be available to watch online beginning Saturday, Nov. 14, at http://watch.montanapbs.org/.

Concussions, particularly in the sports arena, are at the forefront of people’s minds as new information surfaces about their potentially damaging effects on some athletes. While concussion awareness is on the rise and current diagnostic protocols are improving, concussion diagnosis still relies heavily on observed symptoms and self-reporting by athletes. Now, a team of scientists at UM is attempting to develop a blood test to provide a definitive diagnosis for concussions.

Tom Rau and Sarj Patel, scientists in UM’s Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences in the Skaggs
School of Pharmacy, are in the early stages of promising research to discover biomarkers in the blood that indicate how the brain reacts following a traumatic brain injury. The film tracks a year of their research, results and quest for funding to continue their work.

The documentary follows two athletes with concussions: Payton Agnew, a UM women’s soccer player, and Bridger Skillcorn, a member of a high school football team. The athletes, trainers and parents face uncertainty and frustration as they follow current protocols and attempt to assess their healing in efforts to determine whether they can safely return to play.

There are still many unanswered questions that need to be addressed. Will Rau and Patel’s research lead to blood tests that will provide a more definitive diagnosis, treatment and assessment of concussions for athletes? Only time will tell.

For more information call MontanaPBS Producer John Twiggs at 406-243-4565 or email john.twiggs@mso.umt.edu.

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UM Researchers Work on Model to Help Restoration Managers with Decision-Making

October 27, 2015

MISSOULA – It sounds rather simple: In order to restore the original high level of biodiversity in our rivers, they should be returned to their original state. Yet, researchers from the University of Montana and the Helmholtz Center for Environmental Research (UFZ) determined it really is not that easy, as efforts often are limited by historical, cultural or economic factors.

Because it is profoundly difficult for on-site researchers to examine the wide array of ecological factors that may take priority from an ecological perspective, the research team set out to develop a system to help land managers identify restoration project priorities.

UM and UFZ researchers developed an ecological simplification concept and tested it in two river landscapes that differ in length of human influence: the Missouri River, located in Montana, and the Elbe River, located in Saxony-Anhalt, Germany. Their findings recently were published in the journal BioScience, which can be found online at...
In the case study, the team of researchers carefully and systematically examined the Missouri and Elbe rivers and observed components of complexity. A section of the Missouri River in eastern Montana with comparatively low human influence was compared to a section of the Elbe River that flows through populated areas of northeastern Germany, where it has been influenced by intensive agricultural activity, shaped as an important shipping lane and isolated from its flood plains over most of its length.

“When selecting efficient management measures, it makes a big difference how the ecological problems were derived from past transformations,” said UM systems ecology Professor Maury Valett. “Challenge can arise from development of human infrastructure, from a history of pollution caused by chemicals and/or from invasion by alien species.”

The authors’ concept recognizes that man-made bank structures such as the groyne fields of the River Elbe can be optimised for biodiversity. If they have the “right” shape, they can create ecological niches and increase the variety of species living there.

A comparison of both rivers showed that although the original niche diversity of a natural location cannot be fully restored, certain parameters – such food variety for wildlife – are converging back to their natural state through the influence of man-made structures. At the same time, the researchers also noted that artificially increasing the complexity of the Elbe River created new problems, such as invasive species taking hold, making it more difficult for native species to repopulate in the long term.

The research team now will underpin the theoretical concept with specific case studies and corresponding recommendations for action.

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SpectrUM’s ‘Best of Show’ Exhibit Travels to Charlo

October 27, 2015

MISSOULA – SpectrUM’s “Best of Show” exhibit, a collection of some of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s most popular traveling exhibits, will visit Charlo on Monday, Nov. 2.

Featuring some of the best hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, health, nanotechnology, physics and engineering, the exhibit will transform the Charlo School Gymnasium into a powerful science learning center.

Families and friends also are invited to attend a free Family Science Night from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, at the Charlo School Gymnasium, where students will be able to share spectrUM’s “Best of Show” exhibition and activities with family, friends and community members.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring interactive exhibits. According to spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM’s mobile outreach is to “help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”
Committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area is an interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula. Annually, spectrUM serves more than 50,000 Montanans through in-museum and mobile programs. This tour stop is powered by the Charlo School 21st Century Community Learning Centers and the Big Sky Brain Project.

Since 2006, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to 71 schools and three public libraries in 29 Montana counties, including all seven American Indian reservations in Montana. In total, spectrUM’s mobile science program has served over 51,000 people, of whom 30 percent are Native American and over 75 percent live in rural communities.

SpectrUM’s sponsors and partners include the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, Community Medical Center, 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, the Simons Foundation and the Western Montana Area Health Education Center. Its Science for All Scholarship Fund has given the gift of science to more than 12,000 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.

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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Next President’s Lecture at UM to Feature ‘The Legacy of the 1960s’

October 27, 2015

MISSOULA — An expert on 19th- and 20th-century politics and social movements will deliver the next installment of the 2015-16 President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Michael Kazin, Georgetown University history professor, will present “What is the Legacy of the 1960s?” at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, in the University Center Ballroom. The lecture is in collaboration with the Project on American Democracy and Citizenship.

He also will lead a seminar earlier that day titled “A War Against War: The Americans Who Fought For Peace: 1914-1918” at 3:10 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar both are free and open to the public.

Kazin holds a doctorate from Stanford University. Prior to joining the Georgetown history department, he taught at American University in Washington, D.C.

He has published several books, including “Barons of Labor: The San Francisco Building Trades and Union Power...

Kazin currently is working on “War Against War: The Rise, Defeat and Legacy of the American Peace Movement, 1914-1918.”


The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of eight talks throughout the academic year on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. 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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Boston Review Poetry Editor to Lecture at UM

October 27, 2015

MISSOULA - An award-winning poet who teaches at Columbia University's School of the Arts will deliver a lecture at the University of Montana on Friday, Nov. 6.

Timothy Donnelly, poetry editor of Boston Review, will present the Bagley Wright Lecture Series on Poetry, “Sighing: Audible Breath and Its Relation to Poetry,” at 7 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Winner of the 2012 Kinglsey Tufts Poetry Award, Donnelly is the author of “Twenty-seven Props for a Production of Eine Lebenszeit” and “The Cloud Corporation.” His chapbook “Hymn to Life” recently was published, and he is the co-author of “Three Poets” with John Ashbery and Geoffrey G. O’Brien.
“Timothy Donnelly is our contemporary Wallace Stevens, taking a few cues from Ashbery,” said Joanna Klink, UM English professor and poet. “He is deep inside the bright sprawling energy of being alive.”


The Bagley Wright Lecture Series is a nonprofit that provides leading poets with the opportunity to explore in-depth their own thinking on the subject of poetry and poetics, and through financial and logistical support, to arrange for the delivery of several lectures that result from these investigations. For more information visit http://bagleywrightlectures.org/.

To learn more about the Creative Writing Program and Donnelly’s visit to UM, call Karin Schalm, program coordinator, at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http:// hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/.  

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UM Students to Award $10,000 to Local Nonprofits

October 27, 2015

MISSOULA – A University of Montana class, Engaging Social Responsibility through Philanthropy, will grant a total of $10,000 to local nonprofits, with a minimum award of $2,000 and a maximum award of $8,000. Local nonprofits are welcome to apply by Friday, Nov. 6.

The philanthropy class at UM teaches community building and giving strategies to address social issues and meet local needs. It engages students in a philanthropic experience by allowing them to review applications and disperse grants. The class receives its $10,000 grant from the Learning by Giving Foundation, which promotes undergraduate study of philanthropy at colleges and universities nationwide.

The awards will enhance the Missoula community through benefiting local nonprofits. The class focuses on giving the monetary donations to nonprofits that operate within Missoula County and address the needs of youth mental health or the environment. Recipients last year included North Missoula Development Corporation, Missoula Food Bank and the Poverello Center.

Application forms for nonprofits that meet the criteria are available online at http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce/nonprofit-
For more information call UM’s Office for Civic Engagement Director Andrea Vernon at 406-243-5159 or email andrea.vernon@mso.umt.edu.

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Alternative Winter Break Service Trip to Hollywood Open to UM Students

October 26, 2015

MISSOULA — The Office for Civic Engagement will sponsor an Alternative Winter Break trip to Hollywood, California, for students at the University of Montana to work with a volunteer organization called DOOR. The service trip provides opportunities for service, learning and leadership development within an urban context.

The seminar runs Wednesday through Friday, Jan. 6-8. The trip leaves Missoula on Saturday, Jan. 9, and returns Sunday, Jan. 16. There will be a final group reflection session on Tuesday, Jan 19.

The Hollywood branch of DOOR focuses on poverty, hunger relief and helping the chronically homeless. Once in Hollywood, students will be assigned each day to different work sites such as soup kitchens, food pantries, homeless shelters and service providers. Jobs will be assigned based on what the city needs most at the time of the trip. Students will have free time to explore the glamorous side of Hollywood, exposing them to the contrasts between poverty and prosperity.

The cost of the trip is less than $200 and, combined with the attached service learning seminars, is worth two honors credits. Students do not need to be in the honors college to participate.
Applications are available online at http://dhc.umt.edu/oce/, or they can be picked up in the Office for Civic Engagement. They are due by the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 2.

For more information stop by the OCE office in Davidson Honors College Room 015 or email Kellie Hofstetter, Office for Civic Engagement alternative breaks coordinator, at kjhof@comcast.net or call 406-243-5531.

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MISSOULA – SpectrUM’s “Best of Show” exhibit, a collection of some of the University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area’s most popular traveling exhibits, will visit Fort Benton Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 26-28.

Featuring hands-on exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, health, nanotechnology, physics and engineering, the “Best of Show” exhibit will transform the gym at Fort Benton Elementary School into a powerful science learning center.

Students will be able to share spectrUM’s exhibition and activities with families, friends and community members at a free Family Science Night from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Fort Benton Elementary School.

An interactive science center located in the heart of downtown Missoula, spectrUM is committed to inspiring a culture of learning and discovery for all, serving more than 50,000 Montanans annually through its in-museum and mobile programs.

Since 2006, spectrUM has brought exhibits and educators to 71 schools and three public libraries in 29 Montana
counties and all seven American Indian reservations. Thirty percent of the students spectrUM reaches statewide are Native American and over 75 percent live in rural areas. The Fort Benton tour stop is sponsored by the Chouteau County PEAK Program.

In recognition of its innovative approaches to mobile engagement, spectrUM has won awards from the Simons Foundation, the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science and through the Noyce Foundation’s Bright Lights Community Engagement awards competition.

According to spectrUM Director Holly Truitt, the goal of spectrUM’s mobile outreach is to “help inspire Montana’s next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries.”

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer massages as part of its biannual campus fundraising clinics.

The clinics will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 26-29 and Nov. 2-5, 9,10,12 and 16-19 in Skaggs Building Room 129. The massages are open to the public and cost $12 for a 20-minute massage and $20 for a 40-minute massage. Only cash or checks will be accepted as payment.

Proceeds directly support scholarships for UMPT students and will help them travel to local and national conferences. UMPT students have attended the National Student Conclave to hear guest lecturers discuss new findings in the field of physical therapy and the Combined Sections Meeting to network for jobs and residencies and learn about different forms of treatment. Fundraising money also goes toward PT students to study abroad in places such as South Africa, Thailand and Ethiopia.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling the UMPT front office at 406-243-4753.
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They also can follow the conference on social media with the hashtag #21EdUM.

The conference will be held Monday and Tuesday on the third floor of the University Center. It will focus on important and timely topics in higher education, including liberal education, global education, workforce development, academic innovation and educational delivery.

One of three keynote presenters will be U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez. A full schedule and registration information are online at http://www.umt.edu/21stcenturyeducation/. Most events are free and open to the public.

UM President Royce Engstrom said the conference is meant to be inclusive, and he encourages all faculty and staff members, students, administrators and community members to attend the conference as their schedules permit.
“Those who attend will help define the future directions of our University,” he said. “We want insightful, constructive dialogue to help enhance this great place of learning.”

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UM Neural Injury Center to Host Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Conference Nov. 6-7

October 22, 2015

MISSOULA – The Neural Injury Center at the University of Montana will host the Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Conference Friday and Saturday, Nov. 6-7, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 100 Madison St., in Missoula. The conference starts at noon on Friday and runs until 4 p.m. Saturday.

The conference is designed to teach attendees how to apply state-of-the-art research findings to assessing and treating patients with concussions and other mild traumatic brain injuries. Experts from across the country will present information on assessing and treating sports concussions; evaluating new best practices and technological interventions, such as “brain games,” for enhancing neuroplasticity and training of attention; understanding the impact of repeated concussions on neurodegeneration and applying this knowledge to clinical practice; and other topics. A complete conference schedule is available online at http://health.umt.edu/nic/events.php.

The cost to attend the conference both days is $275, while one day costs $200. Students receive a discounted rate
of $90 to attend both days. Continuing education credits also are available for athletic trainers and physical, speech and occupational therapists. To register, email Cindi Laukes, UM Neural Injury Center chief operating officer, at cindi.laukes@mso.umt.edu. The registration deadline is Monday, Nov. 2.

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Historian to Deliver Lecture on Sand Creek Massacre

October 22, 2015

MISSOULA – Ari Kelman, the McCabe Greer Professor of History at Penn State University, will deliver the University of Montana Department of History’s 2015 Hampton Lecture on the historical memory of the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre, one of the most infamous examples of state-sponsored violence against Native Americans.

His talk, “A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek,” will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, in Gallagher Business Building Room 106. It is free and open to the public.

For more than half a century, the Sand Creek Massacre has been at the center of struggles over history and memory in the American West: from government investigations launched in the massacre’s immediate aftermath and the controversial work of so-called Indian reformers, to the impact of popular histories such as Dee Brown’s “Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee” and the recently opened Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

Based on his Bancroft Prize-winning book “A Misplaced Massacre,” Kelman will discuss the meaning and impact of this long-standing fight to shape and control memories of Sand Creek.
For more information call UM history Professor Jeff Wiltse at 406-243-2987 or email jeffrey.wiltse@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Art is traveling Montana to share educational and career opportunities in art with high school students. In partnership with We Are Montana in the Classroom, a UM initiative to inspire students about higher education, the faculty- and staff-led tour will visit Kalispell on Monday, Oct. 26, Havre on Tuesday, Oct. 27, and Helena on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

School of Art Director Bradley Allen and Program Assistant Ed Morrissey will travel with a mobile gallery of UM student artwork and tools from the art school’s Fab Lab, including 3-D pens and a 3-D printer and scanner. During their visits, they also will share a documentary featuring profiles of UM art majors and their studio practice.

“We hope to energize the students and faculty we meet by introducing them to artworks from UM’s School of Art and the tools we use to produce them,” Allen said.

Over the course of the 800-mile journey, the tour will stop at Glacier High School in Kalispell, Havre High School, and Capital and Helena high schools in Helena.
“We are so excited for students in these communities to engage with UM School of Art faculty and experience what it’s like to study and practice art as a college student,” said Nathalie Wolfram, the We Are Montana in the Classroom program manager.

The UM School of Art provides a comprehensive instructional program in visual art that develops professional artists, art historians and critics, art educators and informed citizens.

The tour is co-sponsored by We Are Montana in the Classroom, a program of the UM Broader Impacts Group that places higher education role models in K-12 classrooms throughout the state to inspire students about higher education and career pathways. This autumn, We Are Montana in the Classroom has reached over 3,800 students on the president’s statewide “We Are Montana” tour, at the all-digital Montana STEMfest and in classroom placements throughout the Missoula region.

K-12 teachers can learn more about the array of free programs offered through We Are Montana in the Classroom by emailing nathalie.wolfram@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – As Montana Public Radio nears the end of its 50th anniversary, it needs public support to complete a significant fundraising goal.

MTPR will accept on-air donations daily through Friday, Oct. 23, as part of its sixth annual fall fundraising event. Donations may be made over the phone from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday.

“This end-of-the-year campaign is going to define what MTPR can be going into our 51st year,” said Linda Talbott, MTPR interim director. “Once again, with gratitude, humility and relentless optimism, we place the future of MTPR in the hands of our listeners.”

Through its private support and nonprofit educational mandate, MTPR differs from other radio services and media outlets. Talbott said declining financial support from the University of Montana and the loss of a federal grant used for equipment upgrades has heightened MTPR’s reliance upon the generosity of listeners.
“The listener response so far this year has been record-breaking and heartening,” Talbott said. “Listeners tell us that MTPR is essential to them, worthy of their time and worthy of their increased financial investment.”

The MTPR fall pledge drive also benefits various Montana communities. MTPR has partnered with Missoula Federal Credit Union to create a Montana Food Bank Network thank-you gift for listeners who pledge. MFCU then will make a $5 cash donation to MFBN, which distributes food to feeding programs, school pantries and local food banks across Montana.

“One in seven Montanans struggles with hunger,” Talbott said. “We know that our listeners and supporters want to help, in addition to helping us meet our goal.”

MTPR’s objective is to raise $423,000 by Dec. 31 to achieve its annual fundraising goal of $1.5 million.

MTPR is a public service of UM and a National Public Radio affiliate, broadcasting throughout western and central Montana. People can make financial contributions to MTPR by calling 800-325-1565 or visiting http://mtpr.org.

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SpectrUM, SciNation Receive Award for Science Communication

October 16, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area and its partner on the Flathead Indian Reservation, SciNation, have received the 2015 Paul Shin Memorial Award from the Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science. The award recognizes dedication to communicating science to the public and inspiring others to do the same.

The award, which carries a cash prize, was announced at the COPUS annual conference on Oct. 2. SciNation members Whisper Camel-Means and Stephanie Gillin, both wildlife biologists with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Wildlife Management Program, and Jessie Herbert, spectrUM's STEM Education Program manager, jointly accepted the award.

The award honors spectrUM and SciNation’s collaborative engagement with the Flathead Reservation's communities. Their cooperative efforts include the Science Learning Tent at the annual Arlee Celebration and the Science Bytes program that provides hands-on STEM enrichment at free lunch sites during the summer.

SciNation and spectrUM's community-based approach to rural and tribal STEM engagement previously earned an
award through the Noyce Foundation’s Bright Lights Community Engagement Awards competition. An award from the Simons Foundation also recognized spectrUM as a national model in the “just add science” approach to embedding STEM engagement in community events.

SciNation, which steers spectrUM’s engagement on the Flathead Reservation, is an organization of STEM and education leaders from Tribal Health and Human Services, Ronan Elementary School, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Wildlife Management Program and Salish Kootenai College.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana faculty members and graduate students will pair up with local professionals for Montana STEMfest, an all-digital event showcasing educational and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19-20.

Through interactive video conferencing with high school students, presenters will lead discussions about their research and share some of their career-shaping experiences. More than 500 students from over 50 classrooms across Montana will join the two-day festival and video recordings of each session will be available to teachers and schools after the event.

STEMfest includes nine, 50-minute interactive sessions:

**Monday, Oct. 19**
9-9:50 a.m.: “Chemistry at Work,” Reuben Darlington (Sunburst Sensors) and Mike DeGrandpre (UM)

10-10:50 a.m.: “Reliving the History of Life,” NASA and Frank Rosenzweig (UM)

11-11:50 a.m.: “Biomass, Chemistry and the Future of Sustainable Products,” Stacy Jackson and Michaela Davenport (Blue Marble Biomaterials) and Franny Gilman (UM)

1-1:50 p.m.: “Montana Ecosystems on Land and in Water,” Paul Parson (Trout Unlimited) and Whisper Camel-Means (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Wildlife Management Program)

2-2:50 p.m.: “Combining Games, Coding and Careers,” Josh Hughes (Team Kaizen Games) and Tom Gallagher (UM)

Tuesday, Oct. 20

9-9:50 a.m.: “Exercise Metabolism, Strength and Recovery,” Jennifer LaForest (Community Medical Center Physical Therapy) and Brent Ruby (UM)

10-10:50 a.m.: “Merging Science and Renewable Resources through Biochemistry,” Tyler Smith (Rivertop Renewables) and Brian Kerns (UM)

11-11:50 a.m.: “The Physics of Design,” Jackie Bull (CTA Architects) and Mark Reiser (UM)

2-2:50 p.m.: “Technology and Communication,” Paul Gladen and Devin Holmes (Montana Code School) and Shannon Hinds Furniss (UM)

Each STEMfest session will begin with a recorded message from Gov. Steve Bullock as he shares his vision for STEM education in Montana.

Montana STEMfest is a collaboration between Missoula College, We Are Montana in the Classroom and Inspired Classroom.

The event is coordinated by the Energy Technology Program at Missoula College and co-organized by We Are Montana in the Classroom, a program of the UM Broader Impacts Group that brings higher education role models into K-12 classrooms throughout the state. This autumn, We Are Montana in the Classroom reached over 1,700 students in the Missoula area and on the UM president’s “We Are Montana” tour.

Inspired Classroom, a Missoula-based company that brings learners together through video conferencing, curriculum development, and green screen technology, will facilitate and broadcast the Montana STEMfest.

Supported by the National Science Foundation, UM and VisionNet, Montana STEMfest is part of the national STEM Career Accelerator Day.

STEM Fest’s live sessions are now fully booked, but teachers can request copies of the recorded sessions by emailing Inspired Classroom’s Alli DePuy at alli@inspiredclassroom.com or visiting
They can also learn more about the array of free programs offered through We Are Montana in the Classroom by emailing program manager Nathalie Wolfram at nathalie.wolfram@umontana.edu.

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UM Career Services Office Now Offers CPA Exam

October 16, 2015

MISSOULA – Testing Services, a division of the Office of Career Services at the University of Montana, now offers the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Examination to test-takers hoping to earn CPA licensure in Montana and other states.

Previously, Helena and Billings were the only testing sites in Montana, forcing UM accounting students to travel to take it. The new availability in Missoula will make the examination process more convenient and less stressful for accounting students in Western Montana.

“Having the CPA exam offered on the UM campus in Missoula is a huge benefit to UM accounting students and anyone on this side of the state,” said Teresa Beed, UM professor and director of the Master of Accountancy program at the School of Business Administration. “Many students went to Spokane when the Helena testing site was full. Current students are elated they don’t have to travel for the exam. We’re grateful to UM Career Services for working so hard to make this a reality.”

Test-takers can schedule morning or afternoon appointments to take the exam Monday through Friday (and some
Saturday mornings) in January, February, April, May, July, August, October and November. Test-takers need to go online to http://nasba.org/exams/cpaexam/montana/ to apply and pay for the exam and to www.prometric.com\cpa to schedule a day and time to take it.

Testing Services at UM is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday year-round. Testing also is available some Saturday mornings. The office is located in Suite 154 of the Lommasson Center.

For more information about the CPA or other exams Testing Services offers, call Tammi Flickinger at 406-243-2175 or email tammi.flickinger@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – An author who won the Rome Prize and a 2010 Guggenheim Fellowship will visit the University of Montana on Friday, Oct. 23, to lecture during the day and read nonfiction that evening. Both events are free and open to the public.

Tom Bissell will present his craft lecture, “The Best Paragraph and The Worst Paragraph: A Comparison,” from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Payne Family Native American Center Room 105. His nonfiction reading begins at 7 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room.

Bissell has written several books, including “Extra Lives,” “Magic Hours” and “The Father of All Things.” He also is a video game writer and has worked on several franchises, including “Gears of War,” “Battlefield” and “Uncharted.”
Visiting Nonfiction, Video Game Author Tom Bissell to Read, Lecture at UM - UM News - University Of Montana

His new book “Apostle: Travels Among the Tombs of the Twelve” will be released next year.

“Tom Bissell’s intelligence, clarity, honesty, energy and omnidirectional curiosity – about subjects ranging from politics to video games to the 12 apostles – have made him one of the most vital and engaging writers now working,” UM creative writing Professor David Gates said. “He’s been a visionary book editor, a brilliant writer, a tireless reporter, an astute critic and an inspiring teacher.

“I can’t wait to see what he’ll turn his hand to next,” Gates said. “Nothing should surprise us.”

To learn more about the Creative Writing Program and Bissell’s visit to UM, call Karin Schalm, program coordinator, at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/.

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MISSOULA – The Davidson Honors College at the University of Montana has 204 students in its entering cohort this year, the largest class since 2008. Competition for the entry into the Davidson Honors College is more intense than ever, the average SAT and ACT scores of DHC applicants were at record highs, and the average GPA of all DHC applicants was the second highest in the past decade.

This year’s winners of the prestigious Presidential Leadership Scholarship also had a higher average GPA (3.96) and ACT score (32) than any previous class of PLS awardees.

“Perhaps the brightest point of progress, though, is the number of students we have studying and working overseas in a purposeful manner,” said DHC Dean Brock Tessman.

Examples include UM Global Grizzlies Kayla Secrest and Sophie Friedl, who spent time as humanitarian...
ambassadors in Uganda this past summer, and two-time Udall Scholarship winner Hope Radford, who studied agriculture in Latin America. Claire Chandler taught English in China and studied abroad in Austria last year.

This coming winter, DHC student Rebecca Keith will study transboundary peace parks in Vietnam. In the spring, Goldwater Scholar Rachel Dickson will study native pollinators in Argentina. Meanwhile, Peregrine Frissell just returned from a summer journalism internship in Nepal, Mercedes Baker interviewed leaders in Ireland for her psychology research, and Claire Robertson studied Russian language and voice while abroad in Russia.

"I think this is a real step forward," Tessman said. "I see a lot of value for our students in this type of international exposure."

Tessman said international experiences will continue to be an area of emphasis for DHC students. Currently about 700 UM students across all academic majors are enrolled in the honors college. Students must complete seven honors courses in order to graduate as a University Scholar. Up to two courses can be outside-of-classroom experiences that carry academic credit. Opportunities include studying abroad, civic engagement, undergraduate research, internships, and several global programs and honors institutes and societies.

The Presidential Leadership Scholarship is UM's premier freshman scholarship and is awarded solely on academic merit. UM designates about 25 PLS awards – which include a full tuition waiver to resident students and in-state tuition credit equivalent for nonresident students – annually to incoming freshmen. Awardees may renew the scholarship for four years.

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MISSOULA – The widely popular novel and movie “The Help” fictionalized the relationships of white employers and black domestics in the South. On Thursday, Oct. 22, Professor Jervette Ward from the University of Alaska Anchorage will give a lecture at the University of Montana titled “The Real Help: The Story Behind ‘The Help’ in Print and on Screen.”

The lecture will begin at 7 p.m. in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room at UM, and is free and open to the public.

Ward is an English professor who describes herself as “a Southerner who specializes in African-American women’s literature, living and working in the last frontier – Alaska.” Her research and teaching areas focus on American literature with an emphasis in African-American women’s literature. She has taught and published on Zora Neale Hurston, the addition of African-American characters to the “Dick and Jane” series and black women in reality television. She is the editor of “Real Sister: Stereotypes, Respectability and Black Women in Reality TV.”

The lecture is sponsored by UM’s Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, African-American Studies Program, Department of Sociology, and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program.
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MISSOULA – George Stanley, an accomplished paleontologist and University of Montana geosciences professor, will discuss mass extinctions during the next installment of the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at UM.

Stanley will present “Mass Extinctions in Geologic Time and the Implications for the Past, Present and Future” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, in the third-floor University Center North Ballroom. The lecture is free and open to the public.

“In the geologic past, numerous mass extinctions severely pruned the great tree of life," Stanley said. “One of the five largest killed off the dinosaurs. While many scientists focus on unravelling the causes, others gain insight by analyzing the post-extinction aftermath when the lonely survivors recover. Such insight may help us better understand the present-day ecological crisis and possibly avert the sixth mass extinction, which appears to be looming increasingly near.”

Stanley’s research and teaching experiences are international in scope, dealing with paleontology and paleoecology, modern and ancient reefs, and Mesozoic paleontology. He lectures and teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in paleontology and evolution, leads field trips and supervises masters and doctoral-level
research students.

Stanley also directs the UM Paleontology Center ([http://hs.umt.edu/paleo/](http://hs.umt.edu/paleo/)) and was named a Fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in late 2014.

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UM Students Launch Project Telling Stories About Race in Montana

October 12, 2015

MISSOULA – Students in the University of Montana School of Journalism have launched a new endeavor to tell the uncovered stories of racial experiences in Montana.

The project, “The Montana Race Project: Everyone Has A Story,” launched Oct 12. Students in UM’s Diversity in Media class are gathering six-word essays by working with all 16 Montana University System campuses along with Montana’s seven tribal colleges. The class has the goal of reaching out to all 47,000 students enrolled in the Montana University System.

Additionally, the students invite anyone who lives in Montana to submit an essay. Interested individuals can share their essays online on http://jour.umt.edu/student-projects/montana-race-project1/default.php, and they can do so anonymously if they choose. The project also is on Facebook.

As part of the campuswide DiverseU symposium, stories curated through the project will be displayed at the University Center Nov. 4-5. Students in the Diversity in Media course will formally present the project, read a curated selection of essays and lead a Q-and-A at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, in the UC Theater, followed by a
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public presentation in conjunction with the display.

“Through this project, journalism students are helping to create a proactive, honest conversation about a topic that can be very difficult to discuss,” UM journalism Dean Larry Abramson said. “I encourage all Montanans to share their experiences or reflections on race with our students as they work to put classroom lessons to work in our communities.”

From Ferguson, Missouri, to the Washington Redskins debate, race in America continues to be one of the most charged narratives of every news cycle. However, in Montana stories about race are often unseen and unheard. Through the project, students are asking all Montanans to share their stories and submit them online.

“As a class, our students are testing whether the old adage, ‘everyone has a story’ holds true when it comes to the racial experiences of Montanans,” said Kathy Weber-Bates, Diversity in Media instructor. “Our goal is not simply to study how to tell untold stories in the classroom but to actually give all Montanans a platform where those stories can be shared.”

The six-word memoir has taken on new interest in the literary world, said Weber-Bates, perhaps because of ever-shortened attention spans or perhaps because of its power to capture the essence of a story. This NPR story discusses such short life stories: http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123289019. There also are several websites devoted completely to the six-word essay such as http://www.sixwordstories.net/. The national Race Card Project (http://theracecardproject.com/about-the-race-card-project/) also encourages brevity by gathering six-word essays on race.

After referring to the project in a lecture, it occurred to Weber-Bates that it would be a great hands-on experience for students to do something proactive about the topics they’ve been analyzing in class.

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UM Plans Major Educational Conference Oct. 26-27

October 12, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a major educational conference on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 26-27, highlighted by a keynote address from U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez.

The conference, “Defining a 21st Century Education for a Vibrant Democracy,” will be held both days on the third floor of the University Center. It will focus on important and timely topics in higher education, including liberal education, global education, workforce development, academic innovation and educational delivery.

“The goal of this conference is to identify initiatives that will help us provide a stellar 21st century education,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “A national conference I attended concerned liberal education and workforce development and how those themes are so essential to the future of our republic. I was inspired to host a similar conference here in our corner of the Rocky Mountain West.”

Most events are free and open to the public. A full schedule and registration information are online at http://www.umt.edu/21stcenturyeducation/.
The labor secretary will present a keynote at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in the UC Theater as part of a session titled “Preparing a Competitive Workforce.” The other keynote speakers are:

- Debra Humphreys, vice president for policy and public engagement with the Association of American Colleges & Universities, 9:15 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, UC Theater, part of a session titled “Fostering Engaged Citizens Through General Education.”
- Patti McGill Peterson, presidential adviser for global initiatives with the American Council on Education, 1:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, UC Theater, part of a session titled “Developing Tomorrow’s Global Leaders.”

Other conference sessions include “Academic Alignment and Innovation” and “How Do We Deliver a 21st Century Education?” Each session will include panel discussions and breakout groups to generate new ideas for UM.

Engstrom said the conference is meant to be inclusive, and he encourages all faculty and staff members, students and administrators to attend the conference as their schedules permit. Members of the Missoula community also are welcome.

“Those who attend will help define the future directions of our University,” he said. “We want insightful, constructive dialogue to help enhance this great place of learning.”

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MISSOULA – Recycled wood products, fashionable hats for active Montanans, high-tech printers and personal grooming products for men are the subjects of a University of Montana student-produced television program featuring Montana-based businesses.

The award-winning “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 newest program will premiere at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, across the state on MontanaPBS. An encore presentation is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25.

This episode introduces viewers to Fang Mountain Wilderness Hardware of Missoula, Wizbang Hats of Missoula, Acuity Design in Missoula and Beard Mountain Trading Company in Billings.

Fang Mountain Wilderness Hardware of Missoula recycles used materials to create one-of-a-kind pieces of furniture. For more information on the business, visit http://www.fangmountain.com.

Missoula’s Wizbang Hats creates affordable, fashionable and comfortable hats and headbands for active Montana
families. More details on the business are available online at https://www.wizbanghats.com.

In addition to helping create products, Acuity Design of Missoula manufactures 3-D printers in an emerging marketplace. Visit http://acuitydesign.co to learn more.


Students at the UM School of Journalism and Department of Radio-Television produced the program during autumn semester 2015. Junior journalism student Noelle McAvoy from Missoula hosts the program. In the past 22 years, “Business: Made in Montana” has featured more than 200 different businesses. For photos and additional information on this episode, visit http://www.montanapbs.org/BusinessMadeInMontana/2301/2301/.

“Business: Made in Montana” is made possible with support from the Greater Montana Foundation. Founded by pioneer broadcaster Ed Craney in 1958, 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 comprises KUFM-TV in Missoula and KUSM-TV in Bozeman and is a service of UM and Montana State University. Visit http://montanapbs.org for a TV schedule, show descriptions and more.

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Eighth Annual ‘Pianissimo!’ to Take Stage at UM

October 09, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Music will present the eighth annual “Pianissimo!” concerts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 16-17, in the Music Recital Hall. This high-energy show includes two different programs, nine pianos and more than 25 pianists.

The concerts feature piano solos, duets, trios, quartets and, at one point, 10 pianists performing on five different pianos.

“The coordination of such a feat is pretty tremendous,” said UM piano faculty member and “Pianissimo!” organizer Christopher Hahn. “You really have to see it to believe it.”

Included in the concerts will be a wide variety of music and styles, ranging from Mozart and Gershwin to Copland and Joplin. “The program is designed to please any and all audience members,” Hahn said.

The performers are some of Missoula’s most well-known and talented pianists, including Hahn and other UM faculty members Steven Hesla and Barbara Blegen; community members Dorothy Beck-Peterson, Scott Billadeau,
Aneta Panusz, Scott Koljonen and Paul Nonnenmacher; as well as many current students in the piano program at UM, and an appearance by the UM Keyboard Society’s acrobatic mascot, Bearthoven.

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

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

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UM to Present Distinguished Alumni Award to Billings Judge

October 08, 2015

MISSOULA — The University of Montana Alumni Association will present a 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award to Judge Sidney Thomas during an alumni gathering Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Billings.

The UM Networking Night event, part of the University’s “We Are Montana” Tour, will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Stockman Bank, 402 N. Broadway St. The event is open to all alumni and friends of UM and will be an opportunity to socialize with fellow Grizzlies, meet UM President Royce Engstrom and catch up on campus happenings. Beverages and appetizers will be provided.

The Distinguished Alumni Award is UMAA’s highest honor and is presented to recipients during Homecoming festivities each year. Thomas, who earned a law degree from UM in 1978, was unable to attend the Homecoming ceremony because of prior commitments.

Thomas is chief judge of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, the largest judicial circuit in the country. The third Montanan to serve as chief judge in the history of the 9th Circuit, Thomas is the administrator for Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, California, Arizona, Hawaii, Guam and the Northern Mariana
Islands. He was nominated to serve as a judge on the 9th Circuit by President Clinton in 1995 and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 1996.

In the past 20 years, Thomas has served as the en banc coordinator and capital case coordinator for the 9th Circuit. He also serves on the National Committee on Information Technology and chairs the Court of Appeals’ Committee on Automation and Technology. He was interviewed by President Obama and placed on the short list for the U.S. Supreme Court in 2010.

Previously, Thomas practiced law with the firm of Moulton, Bellingham, Longo and Mather in Billings. For 15 years, he was an adjunct instructor in law at Rocky Mountain College, from which he received an honorary doctorate of law in 1998. He is married to Billings attorney and fellow UM law school graduate Martha Sheehy ’85, J.D. ’88.

This year’s other distinguished alumni are John Grotzinger, M.S. ’81, of San Marino, Calif.; Jennifer F. Isern ’89 of New Delhi, India; and Sheila M. Stearns ’68, M.A. ’69, Ed.D. ’83, of Missoula. They were honored at Homecoming.

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UM Rural Institute Receives $2.5 Million Health Promotion Development Grant

October 08, 2015

MISSOULA – Researchers at the University of Montana will develop a state-of-the-art health promotion program to advance the ability of people with disabilities to live independently in their communities through a new five-year, $2.5 million grant from the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research.

The Rural Institute’s Research and Training Center on Disability in Rural Communities (RTC:Rural) will increase access to its evidence-based health promotion curricula, “Living Well with a Disability,” using an online multimedia presentation to increase individuals’ motivation and confidence to learn how to improve their health.

“Many people with disabilities live healthy and productive lives,” said Craig Ravesloot, principal investigator of the new award and center co-director. “But to be healthy with a disability, many people need access to resources like specific health promotion information they can use to improve and maintain their health.

He said the UM-based disability and health research team has worked with community partners to develop “Living Well with a Disability” into a promising program to meet this need over the past 20 years. With the new funding, RTC:Rural will use state-of-the-art technology to expand the program in order to reach as many people with
disabilities as possible.

For more than 25 years, the center has responded to the needs of people with disabilities by developing new techniques to help them improve their health, employment and participation in community life. During the next five years, this grant will contribute to improving the health of people with disabilities by increasing health promotion opportunities delivered by community-based service agencies.

The project team will use a participatory curriculum development procedure that involves people with disabilities from across the United States to ensure relevance and usefulness of the multimedia program. To ensure adoption and use, the center will provide training and technical assistance to community agencies located in both rural and urban areas of the country.

RTC:Rural researchers at the UM Rural Institute on Inclusive Communities work to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities, especially those living in Montana and other rural areas across the country. The institute is part of the national network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. The National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research is the research institute of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Community Living.

For more information on this project and others, visit http://ruralinstitute.umt.edu/ or http://rtc.ruralinstitute.umt.edu/.

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UM Outdoor Program to Host Used Outdoor Gear Sale

October 07, 2015

MISSOULA — The Outdoor Gear Sale put on by the University of Montana’s Outdoor Program will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, in the University Center Atrium. Anyone in the Missoula community can buy or sell used outdoor equipment including bikes, boating equipment, skis snowboards, backpacks, camping gear, clothing and more.

Those interested in selling gear can drop off their items between 7 and 11 a.m. the day of the sale in the UC Atrium. Sellers can pick up gear and receive a cash payout for the sold items between 6-7:30 p.m. the same day. The UM Outdoor Program will collect 20 percent of the selling price and proceeds benefit the UM Outdoor Program for new programs and equipment.

The UM Outdoor Program also seeks volunteers to help with the event. Flexible shifts and roles are available throughout the day, and those that work at least three hours gain access to a special preview sale.

For more information call Jefferson Heath, UM Outdoor Program coordinator at 406-243-6846 or email at crecop@mso.umt.edu. To volunteer call the Outdoor Program at 406-243-5172 or email Jefferson Heath at
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UM Chamber Chorale Invited to Perform at Seattle Conference

October 07, 2015

MISSOULA – The University of Montana Chamber Chorale has been honored by the American Choral Directors Association with an invitation to perform at the association’s 2016 northwest conference March 3-6 in Seattle.

It is UM’s first ACDA invitation and follows the choir’s recent
invitational performance at the National Association for Music Education’s Northwest Conference in February, which also was a first in the choir’s history.

The UM Chamber Chorale is a select choir whose members are chosen by audition at the beginning of each school year. Singers in the choir include music majors as well as students from a variety of majors across campus. As UM's premier choral ensemble, the Chamber Chorale tours the state and region presenting a repertoire from a variety of genres, historical periods and cultures.

"ACDA is the gold standard when it comes to choral music in the United States," said David Edmonds, director of choral studies at UM. “While at the conference the Chamber Chorale will perform alongside many of the best choral ensembles from the Northwest at the high school, college and professional levels. So, this is indeed a great honor.

“The audition process for the ACDA conference is extremely rigorous and requires demonstration of three years of outstanding artistic achievement by each selected choir,” Edmonds said. “Therefore, this is not just an accomplishment of the 2015-16 singers, but of the many students who have participated in the Chamber Chorale since 2012.”

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UM Mansfield Center Offers Thailand Exchange

October 06, 2015

MISSOULA – Twenty students and two educators from across Montana will be selected for an all-expense paid program to Thailand through the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana. Applications for this open competition are available now through the first week of November.

The American Youth Leadership Program for Thailand, funded by the U.S. Department of State, offers a six-month study on food security issues, climate change, leadership development and community service and culminates in a month-long exchange program to Thailand in July 2016.

This is the fourth year the Mansfield Center has received a grant to implement AYLP. Emphasizing U.S.-Asia relations, the first two years of the study took Montanans to Cambodia, while the Thailand program began in the third year.

Because of the Mansfield Center’s success in managing international exchanges, Montana is one of only six areas in the country where students are eligible to apply for AYLP. Most AYLP programs draw from major metropolitan areas such as San Francisco and Houston.
A key objective of AYLP is to provide international engagement opportunities to underserved populations. According to Mansfield Center Associate Director Deena Mansour, the program "provides a rare opportunity for students who are traditionally underrepresented in international exchange."

AYLP funding covers travel for 20 high school students who want to be immersed in another culture and learn about the global issues facing both Thailand and Montana. Upon returning home, students put their new knowledge and skills into action by spearheading a service project in their communities.

“I saw the world from a completely new perspective, and gained skills that can only be learned through first-hand experience,” said Isaiah Hesford, a student from Boulder. “Everyone should have an experience like this in their lives.”

The grant also pays expenses for two educators to participate. Those with youth experience in an educational setting are encouraged to apply. While emphasis is on international affairs, food security and climate change, the program seeks educators with the mindset to engage in a challenging experience, regardless of their expertise.

In Thailand, the group will explore the diversity of the country, including the bustling capital city of Bangkok, the southern beaches of the Malay Peninsula and the diverse hill tribe region in the north. Participants will compare the global issues affecting both Montana and Thailand. Cultural exchange is interwoven throughout the program, as participants will stay with Thai host families for full-immersion into local society. Students also are partnered with Thai high school peers in each of the three locations.

Mansour said the program is a true “people-to-people” exchange, with hosts who are “incredibly kind and hospitable.”

“Participants should be ready to eat rice three times a day with a Thai family, take an occasional bucket shower in rural areas and thrive in the heat of the tropics with an occasional dip in the ocean,” she said.

“Many of our exchange participants are surprised by how much they have in common with people halfway around the world,” Mansfield Center Program Manager Kelsey Stamm Jimenez said. “I have yet to meet a participant who hasn’t been grateful for stepping out of his or her comfort zone to take on this unique and challenging adventure.”

AYLP is designed to advance mutual understanding between the people of the U.S. and of other countries, spark an interest in learning about foreign cultures and prepare youth leaders to become responsible citizens by developing a generation of Americans who are able to advance international dialogue and compete effectively in the global economy.

The Mansfield Center promotes better understanding of Asia and relations with the U.S., as well as ethics and public affairs in the spirit of longtime U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield and his wife, Maureen.

“Successful AYLP students are those who are open to new challenges and experiences, have a real interest in connecting with people who speak a different language and follow other cultural norms, and are ready to come home to use their experience to make their community a better place,” Stamm Jimenez said.
More information and applications can be found on the Mansfield Center’s website at [http://www.umt.edu/mansfield](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield) or by calling Stamm Jimenez at 406-243-2838. Applications for teachers are due Nov. 1, while student applications are due Nov. 8.

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Acclaimed Sports Reporter, UM Alum to Present Annual Pollner Lecture

October 05, 2015

MISSOULA – Award-winning sports reporter Kevin Van Valkenburg will deliver the University of Montana School of Journalism’s annual T. Anthony Pollner Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, in the University Center Theater.

Van Valkenburg, UM’s 2015 Pollner Distinguished Professor, will present “The Art of Storytelling Will Always Be What Matters, Not the Medium.” The lecture is free and open to the public.

“The most important thing to understand about modern media,” Van Valkenburg said, “even as it changes rapidly, is that there is an enormous appetite for storytelling in almost all conceivable forms.”

He emphasized that the news media is still relevant, despite what many people may think. “It’s more relevant now than ever,” he said. “But we have to be creative as we reinvent it, finding new models to tell stories and reach an even broader audience.”

Van Valkenburg graduated from the UM journalism school in 2000 and went on to work as a reporter and columnist for the Baltimore Sun. In 2012, he joined ESPN.com and ESPN The Magazine as a news, features and
“It’s great to have a distinguished graduate of our program give the Pollner lecture,” journalism Dean Larry Abramson said. “Kevin is in a unique position to help our students prepare for life in a modern newsroom. And I know the community is excited to hear about his life as a digital journalist.”

This semester, Van Valkenburg serves as the 15th Pollner professor, a professorship created in 2001 in memory of T. Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism alumnus who died two years after graduating. The Pollner endowment allows the school to bring a distinguished journalist to campus for a full semester to teach a course and to mentor students at the Montana Kaimin newspaper. Van Valkenburg was a classmate and friend of Anthony Pollner.

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A leading expert on Latin America and American foreign policy will deliver the next installment of the 2015-16 President’s Lecture Series at the University of Montana.

Greg Grandin, New York University professor of history, will present “Kissinger’s Shadow: The Long Reach of America’s Most Controversial Statesman” at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, in the University Center Ballroom. The lecture is the Ezio Cappadocia Memorial Lecture on Politics and History in collaboration with UM’s Department of History and Latin American Studies program.

He also will lead a seminar earlier that day titled “Current U.S.-Latin American Relations in Historical Perspective: How Latin American Opposition to U.S. Expansion Helped Shape the Global Order” at 3:10 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The lecture and seminar are both free and open to the public.

Grandin is the author of a number of prize-winning books, including most recently “The Empire of Necessity: Slavery, Freedom and Deception in the New World,” which won the Bancroft Prize in American History and was shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson Prize in the U.K.

His other books include “Empire’s Workshop: Latin America, the United States and the Rise of the New Imperialism,” “The Last Colonial Massacre: Latin America in the Cold War” and “The Blood of Guatemala: A History of Race and the Nation.” His most recent book and the topic of his seminar, “Kissinger’s Shadow: The Long Reach of America’s Most Controversial Statesman,” was published in August.


The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of eight talks throughout the academic year on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers. 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 Law School Offers Lecture Series for Public

October 02, 2015

MISSOULA – The Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana will offer a series of lectures starting Wednesday, Oct. 7, designed to familiarize the public with the judicial system and basic legal concepts.

The Citizens’ Law School will cover a variety of topics, including the fundamentals of constitutional law, civil litigation, landlord-tenant law, criminal law, family law, estate, probate and business planning, and the Montana courts.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays, Oct. 7-Nov. 18, in Law Building Room 201. Registration for the seven lectures costs $40 per person and is available by calling the law school at 406-243-6169.

The Citizens’ Law School was launched almost 20 years ago to introduce people to the most common areas of law that they are likely to come into contact with during their lives, said Larry Riley, a senior partner at Garlington, Lohn and Robinson and instructor in the program.

“It’s very affordable because we raise a lot of funds from local firms to help defray the cost,” Riley said.
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MISSOULA – The University of Montana today announced an overall, preliminary fall enrollment of 13,358 students.

Fall 2015 headcount enrollment at the mountain campus was down 3.8 percent, while Missoula College numbers were down 6.5 percent. The headcount for graduate students grew 2 percent.

The UM Office of Planning, Budgeting and Analysis had projected a lower fall enrollment. “We were conservative in our projections because we knew we had large numbers of students graduating again this past year and smaller classes still in the pipeline,” said Dawn Ressel, associate vice president for planning, budgeting and analysis.

UM had a record 3,020 students graduate last year, who also earned a record number of degrees: 3,322.

“In my State of the University address, I identified enrollment as an ongoing challenge,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “A number of factors affect enrollment. For UM, they include the sharp rise in two-year enrollment at Missoula College during the recession and a decline as the economy has improved.”

Other factors are the declining number of high school graduates across Montana combined with keen recruiting competition, the high popularity of engineering as an incoming major, student loan debt and economic difficulties...
that have kept several key countries from sending so many of their students to UM.

The University has made significant changes in the past several years to respond to enrollment challenges and to ensure that more students who come to UM are prepared, stay and are successful, Engstrom said. That new and continuing work includes enhanced advising, additional scholarship money, faculty outreach to Montana high schools, additional recruiting visits and new marketing materials. UM continues to invest in and grow its digital channels, which play an increasingly important role in how prospective students make college decisions, Engstrom said.

UM serves many nontraditional students – both those enrolled in credit-bearing courses and those in other education programs. Those students include about 450 high school students taking dual enrollment classes, students who have signed up for the new Montana Code School at UM that began this fall, and Missoula residents over 50 who have signed up for MOLLI programs. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM (MOLLI) offers noncredit short courses, special member events, lectures and community activities and is growing fast. This fall, MOLLI has more than 800 paid members, up 12 percent from last year, and close to 1,000 registrations for classes.

In addition to enrollment, UM tracks a number of key measures, Engstrom said. “Students' personal lives and their academic lives matter at UM, so we put our time and money into a great variety of programs every year,” he said. “That’s why we have a campus safety program that’s become a national model for other universities and why student services such as UM Dining received national recognition for going local – spending more than $1 million in food purchases to support Montana producers.

“We celebrate many other metrics. We have 100 percent job placement for our music education students, 100 percent job placement for Missoula College’s culinary students and 100 percent placement for speech-language pathologists – to name only a few,” he said.

“UM’s School of Business Administration is the only program in Montana that is accredited in both business and accounting – excellence earned by fewer than 5 percent of business programs worldwide. And for those students interested in health and medicine, there’s no better place to prepare for medical school. This spring, almost two-thirds of UM’s medical school applicants were accepted, compared with less than half nationally,” he said.

“UM’s faculty are second to none. Last year, three UM professors were named to an elite list of the world’s most influential minds in science. This week, we learned that UM biology Professor Doug Emlen’s book on animal weapons will receive the 2015 Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science." The society is the oldest and most recognized academic honor society.

Philanthropy is up. Donors are supporting UM students and programs at higher levels than ever before. Private support in fiscal year 2015 totaled $52.6 million, just shy of last year’s record-breaking total of $53.7 million. The UM Foundation received cash gifts, pledges, estate gifts and private grants from more than 14,000 individuals, corporations and private foundations nationwide.

Research at UM also is at record-breaking levels. UM received nearly $83 million in research awards during fiscal year 2015 – an all-time record for the institution. UM research expenditures are up 11 percent, vaulting from $58.3 million in fiscal year 2014 to $64.6 million in 2015.

UM also has a long tradition of community service and civic engagement – another measure of excellence. In 2008,
UM was the first institution of higher education in Montana to earn a Community Engagement Classification. UM earned that honor again in 2015. The prestigious ranking came from community service that students performed in 2013-14, when 2,991 UM students volunteered through student-group activities, AmeriCorps service and service-learning courses. In total, UM students spent 221,832 hours volunteering during the academic year.

“It’s important to us that our students are learning from the best faculty in the world, are entering civic life as informed and engaged citizens and are thriving in chosen careers once they leave UM,” Engstrom said.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Paleontology Center invites the public to “dustoff them bones and party with paleontologists” at the sixth annual National Fossil Day on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

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

Activities include fossil identifications and tours of the Research Collections Room, which only occur annually. Visitors can check out a special guest from the Two Medicine Dinosaur Center and have a chance to hear about current paleontological research happening at the center. Activities geared especially for children ages 5 to 12 will take place in the Junior Paleontologist Room.

The first 20 people who sign up for a Friends of the UMPC membership will receive a promotional UMPC T-shirt. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

The UMPC collections represent the ancient heritage of Montana and western North America. There are more than
50,000 vertebrate, invertebrate and plant specimens in the research collection, which was started in 1898.

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

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MISSOULA — The Student Involvement Network at the University of Montana will host Love Your Body Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the University Center Atrium. Love Your Body is a national campaign that challenges the message that a woman’s value is best measured through her willingness and ability to embody current beauty standards. The day is designed to promote positive body image and health.

The events at UM include tabling, a photography display of self-love and self-expression, a paper wall for attendees to write down their thoughts on several subjects, a dance party from noon to 12:30 p.m., and body painting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information about Love Your Body Day, call Adrianne Donald, UC associate director and Student Involvement Network lead, at 406-243-6029, email adonald@mso.umt.edu or visit the UC website at http://www.umt.edu/uc.
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MISSOULA – Marking the 27th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, the Student Involvement Network at the University of Montana will host related activities Friday, Oct. 9, in the University Center. National Coming Out Day celebrates the power of identifying with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other diverse groups as an ally.

An open mic event will be held in the UC South Atrium from noon to 1 p.m., followed by a panel on gender and sexual diversity from 1 to 2 p.m. in UC Room 326.

The events are designed to promote gender and sexual diversity, while allowing students to share their own coming out stories, poems or prose.

For more information about the events, call Adrianne Donald, UC associate director and Student Involvement Network lead, at 406-243-6029, email adonald@mso.umt.edu or visit http://www.umt.edu/uc.
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UM Professor’s ‘Animal Weapons’ Book Earns Major National Award

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MISSOULA – A book written by Douglas Emlen, an acclaimed University of Montana evolutionary biologist, has been awarded the 2015 Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science.

Emlen officially will receive the award for his book “Animal Weapons: The Evolution of Battle” and a $10,000 prize at a gala dinner Dec. 4 at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The award is presented by the Phi Beta Kappa Society, the nation’s oldest academic honor society. Since 1959, the group has presented the award to recognize outstanding contributions by scientists to the literature of science. Past book winners include the likes of “Guns,
Germs and Steel" by Jared Diamond, which also won the Pulitzer Prize.

“I worked long hours on this book, and receiving this award is a wonderful affirmation,” Emlen said. “Writing at this level, with this voice and to this audience, was the most enjoyable and meaningful thing I’ve ever done. It’s a great feeling to know you are bringing real science to the public in an entertaining and meaningful way.”

“Animal Weapons” tells the story behind the incredible weapons we see in the animal world and what they can tell us about the way humans protect ourselves. Emlen takes the reader outside the lab and deep into the forests and jungles of the world to explain the processes behind the most extreme of animal weapons.

The UM researcher also uses the evolution of these animal weapons to draw parallels to the way humans develop and employ their own weapons. “Animal Weapons” analyzes the role of camouflage, the evolution of the rifle and the structures human populations have built across different regions and eras to protect their homes and communities, among many other examples.

The book includes stunning illustrations of these concepts at work. “Animal Weapons” brings the reader the complete story of how weapons reach their most outsized, dramatic potential, and what the animal world can tell us about our own relationship with weapons.

One Phi Kappa selection panel member described the book as a “Lively, engrossing account of the arms races in animal evolution, development and ecology. Emlen is a natural storyteller and the book moves swiftly through different fields of science and military history.”

More information about the book is online at
Emlen is an internationally renowned expert on horns, antlers, claws and other animal armaments, and he frequently uses beetles as an animal model in his research. He earned his doctorate in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University in 1994 and joined the UM faculty in 1996.

His many awards, honors and grants include UM’s Distinguished Teaching Award in 2014, the E.O. Wilson Prize from the American Society of Naturalists in 2013, a Presidential Early Career Award in 2002 and the Young Investigator Prize in 1997. For more information visit http://www.cas.umt.edu/dbs/emlenlab/doug/default.php.

For more about Emlen and his research:

http://www.animalweapons.com/
http://archive.umt.edu/urelations/Rview/summer09/horned.html
http://archive.umt.edu/urelations/Rview/601/beetles.htm

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MISSOULA – Step Up! – a bystander intervention program that educates students to be proactive in helping others – will begin a three-week series of training sessions at the University of Montana on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

“Step Up! is an exciting new program here at UM,” said Sara Agostinelli, assistant director of Residence Life. “Residence Life was looking for an educational opportunity for our students to take an active role in their communities. We know we have amazing students who care about others, and we want to provide them with the knowledge and skill sets they need in order to help their peers. Step Up! is a program that does that. It helps students know how to help others, and we look forward to using it with our students.”

Hundreds of colleges, universities and organizations are using Step Up! with their students, and UM now has joined the ranks. The Step Up! Be a Leader, Make a Difference program was developed by the University of Arizona C.A.T.S. (Commitment to an Athlete’s Total Success) Life Skills program, along with the NCAA and national experts, to encourage students leading students to live safely and responsibly in their communities.

Students who attend the training will learn information about how to Step Up! when someone else is in need, offer...
support and call for help. Additionally, students who attend the training and sign a pledge to Step Up! will receive a free T-shirt from Residence Life.

Eleven student leaders from the UM Residence Life office have been trained on Step Up! material and will present the sessions.

“Students are taught the difference between right and wrong, but not always are taught what to do when they see something they know is wrong,” said student trainer and Residence Life Community Development Coordinator Brandi Bruno. “Through Step Up! they are empowered to make a difference through their actions. By going through the Step Up! training, students will learn effective helping skills. After the training students will become better leaders for their communities.”

All students are welcome and encouraged to attend. The full schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 6:** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall
- **Wednesday, Oct. 7:** 7:30-8:30 p.m., Dell Brown Room
- **Thursday, Oct. 8:** 7-8 p.m., “Light Up The Night,” UM Oval
- **Tuesday, Oct. 13:** 7:30-8:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14:** 6:30-7:30 p.m., University Center Rooms 330-331
- **Thursday, Oct. 15:** 7:30-8:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall
- **Tuesday, Oct. 20:** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21:** 7:30-8:30 p.m., University Center Theater
- **Thursday, Oct. 22:** 6:30-7:30 p.m., Urey Lecture Hall

The program is a collaborative effort of UM’s Residence Life Office, the Student Advocacy Resource Center at UM’s Curry Health Center and the Make Your Move intervention initiative. For more information call the UM Residence Life office at 406-243-2611.

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