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UM Alumna, Instructor, Doctoral Student Wins Prestigious Literary Prize

November 30, 2017

MISSOULA – A University of Montana alumna, instructor and current doctoral student recently received a prestigious literary award for her novel-in-progress.

Dana Fitz Gale, who earned her MFA in creative writing in 2013 and currently teaches in UM’s Department of Communicative Sciences & Disorders, won the 2017 Ellen Levine Prize for “Able,” a novel she’s writing about a famous space monkey, the legacy of the Cold War and the hardships of small, Midwestern town. The award, which includes a $7,500 grant, honors writers who have already published at least one book of fiction. The Hudson Review nominated
her for the accolade.

“I’m deeply grateful to the Hudson Review for their support and to Ellen Levine for her amazing generosity,” Fitz Gale said. “This gives me renewed energy and confidence that the book is on the right track.”

Fitz Gale, who is pursuing her doctorate in curriculum and instruction at UM, received the Brighthorse Prize in Short Fiction for her debut story collection, “Spells for Victory and Courage,” published in 2016. That book was also a finalist for the Flannery O’Connor Award and the Ohio State Book Award.

The Ellen Levine Prize is sponsored by literary agent Ellen Levine and managed by the New York Community Trust.

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MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana is offering a new HVAC/Electrical Technician Apprenticeship starting this spring.

The apprenticeship is sponsored by the state of Montana and will offer students an “earn while you learn” schooling format. Apprenticeships benefit students by integrating career development and financial stability hand-in-hand with coursework. The end product is a more marketable prospective employee with less debt.

“The HVAC trade, among others, currently has a 0 percent unemployment rate,” said Bill Hillman, MC’s Industrial Technology Department chair. “Young men and women who choose to get into any trade within the construction industry and apply themselves can write their own ticket – and even more so in the near future.”

The apprenticeship is an expansion of MC’s Sustainable Construction Technology program, with students receiving
certification after completing 4,000 hours of schooling and workplace experience. Students will complete one semester of classes at MC’s west campus, then work with their sponsor to complete the apprenticeship.

In the apprenticeship, students will learn the scientific principles of HVAC systems, air conditioning and refrigeration, heating and ventilation, hydronic heating, heating and cooling loads, and the scientific principles of electrical services, among many other topics. The class will enroll up to 20 students and already has 15 enrolled for spring.

“This apprenticeship will add to our growing list of exceptional apprenticeship opportunities for the students of Missoula College,” said MC Associate Dean Clint Reading. “HVAC is one of the areas with high demand for workers, and this opportunity helps to bridge the gap by connecting employers with qualified, skilled students in the program.”

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MISSOULA — A proposed national park fee increase from $30 to $70 for a seven-day pass likely will negatively affect the gateway communities near the parks, according to a new study by the Institute for Tourism and Recreation Research at the University of Montana.

The U.S. Department of the Interior recently announced its plan to increase fees in 17 of the most-visited national parks in response to a nearly $12 billion backlog due to deferred maintenance. For many of the parks, the fee increase means a seven-day vehicle pass will more than double in cost during the park’s five-month peak season. The National Park Service expects to generate an estimated 34.3 percent increase, or $69 million, over its 2016 revenues.

“As with most goods or services in our economy, a price increase leads to a decrease in demand,” said Jeremy Sage, the ITRR study’s lead author. “In the case of a national park, this means a reduction in the number of visits.”

The ITRR report estimates what the change in demand might mean for Yellowstone National Park. Sage and his colleagues find that for every 10 percent increase in travel costs, including entrance fees and fuel costs, the number
of monthly visits to the park declines by 2.7 percent when all other factors are constant.

This decline in number of visits may negatively impact the gateway communities surrounding the parks. According to a 2016 report from the NPS, visitors to parks across the country spent $18.4 billion annually in gateway communities, including nearly $525 million around Yellowstone alone. According to the ITRR analysis, an annual loss of $3.4 million in spending in Yellowstone’s gateway communities would result from just the change in the price of seven-day vehicle passes.

“The effect of the price change is disproportionately felt by local visitors from Idaho, Montana and Wyoming,” Sage said. “Visitors from these local states currently have an average travel cost of about $106, including fuel and the entrance fee. They would see an increase of nearly 38 percent with the new fees. This obviously has a potential to create a significant hardship for many families in the local area.”

The price changes mostly will affect the local communities, with U.S. citizens outside the area and Canadians seeing an average change of 14 percent and international visitors facing an average increase of only one percent.

“The effects shown in our assessment of Yellowstone likely carry over to the other parks and gateway communities as well,” Sage said. “We only assess the seven-day vehicle pass, but changes are proposed to the motorcycle pass, the per-person pass and the park-specific pass. All should be expected to reduce visits and thus have a negative impact on local communities.”

The full report, “Thinking Outside the Park – National Park Fee Increase Effects on Gateway Communities,” is available on the ITRR website at https://scholarworks.umt.edu/itrr_pubs/362. To read more reports published by the ITRR, visit http://www.itrr.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Several students from Montana have earned scholarships for their academic achievements at the University of Montana.

**Butte**

- Gary Warchola won a $500 Montana German Heritage Scholarship from UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. Warchola, a 2005 graduate of Butte High School, is a graduate student majoring in German at UM. He is the son of Darrell and Barbara Price and Russell Warchola of Butte and Billings.

**Frenchtown**

- Holly Jacobs earned a $775 Henry and Marguerite Ephron Award in Modern Languages from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures at UM. Jacobs, a 2013 Frenchtown High School graduate, is a senior majoring in vocal performance and German at UM. Her parents are Steve and Rachel Jacobs of...
Great Falls

- Natalie Hofstad earned a $387 Henry and Marguerite Ephron Award from UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. Hofstad is a 2015 graduate of C.M. Russell High School and a junior at UM majoring in economics and French. She is the daughter of Jeff and Cindi Hofstad of Great Falls.

Hamilton

- Elise Redlin won a Powell German Scholarship for $300 and a Robert M. Burgess Memorial Scholarship for $121 from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures at UM. Redlin, a 2015 Hamilton High School graduate, is a junior at UM majoring in organismal biology and ecology/pre-med sciences and minoring in German. She is the daughter of Michele Holeman and Joel Redlin of Hot Springs.

Helena

- Ethan Charles Holmes earned a $383 Robert M. Burgess Memorial Scholarship from UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. Holmes, a 2016 graduate of Capital High School, is a sophomore at UM majoring in political science and minoring in Russian studies. His parents are Bruce and Nanette Holmes of Helena.

Kalispell

- Kori Mooney won a $1,400 Minnie Spurgin Fullam/Montana Model United Nations Scholarship from UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences. Mooney, a 2017 Flathead High School graduate, is a freshman at UM. She is the daughter of Jay and Danielle Mooney of Kalispell.

Missoula

- Brenna Glidewell won a $500 Powell German Scholarship and a $100 Montana German Heritage Scholarship from the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures at UM. Glidewell is a 2014 homeschool graduate and a junior studying German teaching and history teaching at UM. Her parents are Paul and Katrina Glidewell of Missoula.

- Lindsey Greytak earned a $500 Phil Maloney Memorial Scholarship from UM’s Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures. Greytak, a 2010 graduate of Hellgate High School, is a junior majoring in Russian at UM. She is the daughter of John and Maggie Greytak of Missoula.

- Kelli Rosenquist won a $1,400 Bess Reed and Dallas J. Memorial Model United Nations Scholarship from UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences. Rosenquist, a 2017 graduate of Sentinel High School, is a freshman at UM studying history. She is the daughter of Robin and Randy Rosenquist of Missoula.

Vaughn

- Nickolas Smerker earned a $783 Robert M. Burgess Memorial Scholarship from the Department of Modern and
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Classical Languages and Literatures at UM. Smerker, a 2014 graduate of Simms High School, is a senior majoring in history and classics at UM. His parents are Melissa and Kevin Smerker of Vaughn.

**Whitefish**

- Makkie Haller won a $1,400 Minnie Spurgin Fullam/Montana Model United Nations Scholarship from UM’s College of Humanities and Sciences. Haller is a 2017 graduate of Whitefish High School and a freshman majoring in political science at UM. She is the daughter of Bruce and Kaye Haller of Whitefish.

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UM International Student Director Earns Regional Service Award

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s International Students and Scholars director and founder was recognized with a regional award of excellence for her service to international education.

Effie Koehn received the Gene Smith Award at the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Tri-Regional Conference in early November. Earlier this year, Koehn announced her plans to retire at the end of December after 35 years at UM.

“Effie leaves big shoes to fill,” said Mary Nellis, Global Engagement Office adviser, “but those shoes have created a well-worn path for others to follow.”

Nellis nominated Koehn to receive the Gene Smith Award, noting the international impact her work has had – through her roles at UM and nationally as an advocate for international education policies.
Since creating the Foreign Student and Scholar Services office at UM in 1982, Koehn has guided international activities on campus, including leading the vision for the popular UM International Food and Culture Festival. She helped create the Missoula International Friendship Program to integrate international students into the local community. She also served on the governing board of NAFSA for a number of years, including a two-year term as president of NAFSA Region II.

“UM students and alumni hold her in high esteem as a staunch advocate for international students and scholars,” Nellis said.

The Gene Smith Award recognizes a nominated Region II member or agency who contributed 20 or more years of service to international activities and is named in honor of its first recipient, Gene Smith, a foreign student adviser at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Smith was an adviser to Koehn while she was a student at CU. Later, he became a NAFSA consultant and mentored Koehn when she created the FSSS office at UM.

In 2005, Koehn won the NAFSA Bruce Tracy Award. She also received a Fulbright International Education Administrators Seminar grant in 1986, the International Educator of the Year Award from Hinchliff International in 1997, and the Excellence in Leadership Award from the Montana Interagency Committee for Change by Women in 2013.

UM has honored Koehn with the UM Outstanding Administrator Award in 1994 and the UM Distinguished Service to International Education Award in 2001.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Irish Studies program will kick off its slate of holiday celebrations with a lecture on Thursday, Nov. 30, by Professor Ruan O’Donnell from Ireland’s University of Limerick.

The lecture is at 7 p.m. and will take place in Turner Hall’s Dell Brown Room on campus. It is free and open to the public.

O’Donnell will lecture on “Fenians: The Irish Revolutionary Movement of 1867 and America.” O’Donnell currently is the Fulbright Irish History Scholar-in-Residence at UM. In fall 2016, he delivered an installment of UM’s President’s Lecture Series as part of the American Conference for Irish Studies.

The public also is invited to add some Irish spice to their holiday season at the Irish Studies Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and again at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Both concerts will be in UM’s Music Recital Hall. Tickets cost $15, but there are discounts for students, seniors, families and members of the Friends of Irish Studies. Tickets are available online at http://www.friendsofirishstudies.com or at the door.
The lecture and concerts are sponsored by the Friends of Irish Studies, Cumann na Gaeilge, the Fulbright Commission of Ireland and Sam and Julie Baldridge.

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MISSOULA — Four students majoring in piano at the University of Montana School of Music recently were selected to present their research at the Music Teachers National Association Conference in Orlando, Florida, in March.

The students' presentation, “Building a Better Bass: Laying a Secure Left Hand Foundation,” was one of five selected out of 32 applicants from universities across the country. The students — seniors Scott Hamilton and Claire Wang and juniors Jodie-Lee Hostetler and Ellen Sears — also were featured presenters at the Montana State Music Teachers Conference in November.
“This is a significant opportunity for our students to present their research and represent the University of Montana at one of the premier events for music teachers in the country,” said Christopher Hahn, UM piano professor and the students’ faculty mentor. “I could not be more proud of these students.”

Their presentation focuses on the pianist’s left hand, which is essential for rhythm, pulse, tempo, harmony, character, style and even melody, yet it is often overlooked during practice and performance in favor of the faster, flashier and more facile right hand.

Their session presents an introduction to the left hand including anatomical rationales for some of its perceived and real limitations, followed by innovative exercises and patterns that will develop the hands in tandem to establish a more confident, comfortable and independent left hand, as well as helpful techniques for memorization and practice to become a more fully developed pianist.

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UM Researcher: Estimates of Recreational Use Values May Remain Stable Over Decades

November 27, 2017

MISSOULA – Recently published work by a cooperative team of researchers, including participants from the University of Montana and the USGS Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, reports the economic value that private boaters of the Grand Canyon assigned to their recreational experience remained relatively stable between 1985 and 2015 when adjusted for inflation. But the larger finding of the study indicates that data from past high-quality user valuation studies can remain valid for as long as decades, reducing the need for resource managers to replicate studies when evaluating policy changes.

UM math Research Specialist Chris Neher was the lead author on the study, which replicated a 1985 survey of Grand Canyon boaters in 2015 to explore the stability of recreational value estimates over the past 30 years.

“Our study showed that when adjusted for changing price levels, whitewater boater recreational value per trip was...
remarkably stable across time for four separate hypothetical river flow levels,” Neher said. “This finding provides
evidence to resource managers that high-quality nonmarket economic studies can in some cases be relied on for as
long as decades, thus reducing the necessity of committing funding for study replication.”

Research to measure the value that recreationists place on their experiences in natural settings has developed
rapidly over the past several decades. Resource managers in federal and state land management agencies rely on
such research in order to fully and accurately evaluate the economic impacts of proposed policy changes on public
lands, but high-quality original studies are expensive and time-consuming to conduct.

This research set out to answer a question resource managers often ask: Once a study of the recreational value of
a specific use of a resource is conducted, how long can managers rely on that value estimate to be accurate and
unchanged?

In the 1980s a suite of Colorado River user surveys was undertaken to estimate how different water levels in the
Colorado River impacted the value that Grand Canyon whitewater boaters placed on their recreational river
experience.

“While our study was intended to update the nearly 30-year-old Grand Canyon study boater valuation estimates, we
also recognized the opportunity to test the temporal stability of recreational values from a high-profile, high-quality
study over a period much longer than had been reported previously in the literature,” Neher said.

“In a time of scarce funding for original survey research associated with uses of federal and state natural resources,
our findings, when properly applied, should provide an increased level of confidence to resource managers when
relying on past valuation studies to evaluate current policy proposals,” Neher said.

The paper was published Nov. 7 in the journal Water Resources Research. It is online at


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MISSOULA – The Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society again presented the University of Montana's Penetralia chapter with its coveted Gold Torch award and Project Excellence Award.

The annual Gold Torch award celebrates chapters that excel in scholarship, leadership and meaningful service to their institutions. The Penetralia chapter was one of 37 to earn the distinction and has won the award four times.

The Project Excellence Award recognizes chapters with high member participation in events and activities. The Penetralia chapter received the Project Excellence Award for its fundraising efforts during the 2016-17 academic year, which raised a total of $2,000 at six events. The funds went to scholarship, leadership and service events benefiting the UM and Missoula communities. The chapter has won the Project Excellence Award three times.

“The Penetralia chapter is an extremely active and exemplary senior honor society,” said Chelsey Porter, co-adviser for the student group. “The group facilitated 18 events during the 2016-17 academic year, including two 'Reading is Leading' projects, the Last Lecture Series and the 30th Annual President’s Outstanding Senior Recognition Ceremony.”
UM chapter President Katherine Berglund accepted the award at the society’s national conference in Phoenix this fall.

UM’s Penetralia chapter was founded as a secret society on April 1, 1904, and its name, which means “the innermost parts, such as the sanctuary of a temple,” emphasized loyalty to the University and symbolized the goals of the group. It became a part of the national Mortar Board honor society in 1927.

Mortar Board is the premier national honor society recognizing college seniors for their outstanding achievements in scholarship, leadership and service. Since its founding in 1918, more than a quarter of a million members have joined 232 chartered chapters across the country. Members include numerous industry leaders, university presidents, best-selling authors, professional athletes, award-winning actors and top government officials.

Currently, UM’s Penetralia chapter seeks to connect with Mortar Board alumni from its chapter, as well as other national chapters, to build an adviser cohort and invite alumni to upcoming events. Those interested should email Porter at chelsey.porter@umontana.edu.


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UM Research Center to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month at Air Force Base

November 22, 2017

MISSOULA – “Standing Together” is the theme of this year’s Native American Heritage Month, and the Center of Integrated Research on the Environment at the University of Montana will stand with the Air Force to facilitate three days of conferences and celebrations Tuesday through Thursday, Nov. 28-30, at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas.

The air base set aside the time to celebrate the rich cultures, traditions and long histories of 17 Native American tribes, acknowledge the important contributions of people who have ties to the land and host tribal consultation conferences.

Austin Blank, CIRE’s logistics and coordination officer, said the event helps the Air Force develop great relationships with the tribes by honoring Native American heritage alongside its mission.
“It does speak something to our culture as a whole in America, to be able to incorporate both Air Force and United States cultures with the cultures of 17 affiliated tribes at Nellis,” Blank said. “I think it is important to be able to blend them, and events like this help break down past barriers.”

The governor of New York declared the first American Indian Day in 1916. By 1950, several states had established an American Indian Day, and in 1976, President Gerald Ford declared Oct. 10-16 “Native American Awareness Week.” In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution of Congress, officially pronouncing November “National American Indian Heritage Month.”

Native American history has shaped the United States’ identity, and Native American Heritage Month educates the public on the diverse cultures, heritages, art and traditions of different tribes, as well as the challenges Native people have faced and overcome in both the past and present.

The Department of Defense recognizes National Native American Heritage Month annually to honor more than 200 years of service from Native Americans. Nellis AFB has built relationships with 17 tribes, including the Big Pine Paiute, Bishop Paiute, Fort Independence Indian Community of Paiute Indians, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone, Timbisha Shoshone, Benton Paiute, Duckwater Shoshone, Yomba Shoshone, Ely Shoshone, Chemehuevi Indian, Kaibab Band of Southern Paiutes, Las Vegas Paiute, Moapa Band of Paiutes, Pahrump Paiute, Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, Colorado River Indian Tribes and Fort Mojave.

“This year’s theme for the Native American Heritage Month is ‘Standing Together,’” Blank said. “So I think this conference is a model of bringing these organizations together in an effective and productive manner that reaches common goals.”

The base includes Native American consultations whenever military activities might affect tribal resources, rights or lands. CIRE also has undertaken several projects to bridging gaps between Native American tribes and Air Force bases, including an ongoing archaeological survey at Nellis AFB.

CIRE’s multidisciplinary cultural resources team includes professional archaeologists, architectural historians, historic preservation specialists, landscape architects and Native American consultation specialists with expertise in managing the finite and nonrenewable elements of cultural heritage.

“This work has taught me the necessity of working with indigenous Americans to protect cultural heritage and create an interpretive narrative of the past that reflects their knowledge and values,” said Lisa Smith, a CIRE lead investigator on the Nellis AFB archaeological survey.

Smith said that archaeology as a discipline seeks to include aboriginal people, and the work done at Nellis AFB is a wonderful example.

“Working with representatives from 17 Native American tribes, the program is headed by archaeologist Kish La Pierre, and illustrates how to balance resource preservation, regulatory compliance and mission requirements with the needs of the first peoples upon whose traditional territories the base is situated,” Smith said.

The cultural resource inventories CIRE conducts on the property provide insight into the lives of early Native American ancestors dating back at least 10,000 years.
“Through learning about the deep-rooted connections Native Americans have to the lands, I have come to recognize why tribes have such as huge stake in protecting their heritage and why they deserve to have a place at the table in regard to cultural resource management,” Smith said.

During the upcoming conference, CIRE archaeologists will present an update of their current findings in ongoing projects at Nellis AFB to participating tribal members.

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Study Analyzes Impact of Mountain Pine Beetle on Montana Sawmills

November 21, 2017

MISSOULA – A new study authored by the University of Montana’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research and the U.S. Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station examines the impact of the mountain pine beetle on costs, operations and timber product value related to harvesting, processing, transporting and sawmilling trees killed by the beetle in Montana.

The study authors are BBER’s Dan Loeffler and the research station’s Nate Anderson.

Over the past 15 years, the mountain pine beetle has caused considerable pine tree mortality across Montana, affecting more than 9 million acres of forest. The beetles are widely acknowledged as having negative impacts on wood supply by reducing log quality and recoverable volume, as well as negatively impacting operability in the forest and at the sawmill.

Loeffler and Anderson found that trees in the red or gray stage of mountain pine beetle mortality comprised about one-quarter of Montana sawmill log supply from 2010 to 2014, but dropped to 5.8 percent of sawmill log supply by 2015. Sawmills reported that the majority of their log supply was not composed of trees killed by the mountain pine
beetle, but many did process trees in the red or gray stage of mountain pine beetle mortality.

The authors found that for a typical lodgepole pine stand, the volume suitable for lumber declined 15 percent between the green and red stages and declined another 50 percent between the red and gray stages. Cracking in the logs, occurring mostly in the red stage of mortality, has the highest negative impact on log value. Increased mill residue and log breakage during handling impacted sawmilling operations.

Loeffler and Anderson also found that logging, loading, hauling and sawmilling costs increase 15 to 18 percent from green to red stage, and an additional 28 to 31 percent from the red to gray stage. Total average cost increases from green to gray for logging, loading, hauling, and sawmilling were 43 to 46 percent.

Because of the low moisture and sap content in standing dead wood, saws and chippers do not perform as well when working with green timber. Logs from beetle-killed trees result in lower-grade lumber and the byproduct, wood chips from milling, also may be less desirable due to the blue stain fungus carried by the beetles. Dust control was cited as a problem in sawmilling as well.

Loeffler and Anderson conclude that increased costs and lower recovery of valuable grades of lumber combine to make beetle-killed timber less economical the longer the trees remain unharvested. They found if a stand is determined to be economically and environmentally suitable for salvage harvesting, there is substantial financial risk in delaying harvesting.

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Established in 1948, the Bureau of Business and Economic Research is the main research unit of UM’s College of Business. BBER researchers engage in a wide range of applied research projects that address different aspects of the state economy, including survey research, economic analysis, health care research, forecasting, wood products research and energy research. The Forest Industry Research Program has provided analysis of the forest products industry throughout the West for more than 35 years. For more information visit [http://www.bber.umt.edu/fir/](http://www.bber.umt.edu/fir/).

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MISSOULA – Missoula College of the University of Montana will offer the state’s first veterans studies course beginning spring semester 2018. The college received a $97,000 National Endowment for the Humanities grant this past summer, which made the course possible.

The course, designed for nonveterans and veterans alike, will study veterans as a unique culture within American society. Particularly, it will support students who may work with veterans in behavioral health, social work or counseling fields. Students will explore the nature of military service, experiences of war and consequences of service for veterans and their families through sources from history, literature, philosophy and psychology.

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Barrs, a doctoral student in history at UM, submitted the original grant proposal and will teach the course. A retired Army veteran herself, she helped launch a similar program at Eastern Kentucky University.

“I think students, whether they plan to work with veterans or not, will gain a much better understanding about how military service and combat affects veterans and their families,” Barrs said. “In turn, student veterans can gain a better understanding of their own service in a broader context.”
Barrs hopes that this course will bridge some of the gaps to understanding military experiences and bring awareness to an understudied demographic in American society.

For more information about the NEH grant visit https://news.umt.edu/2017/08/081017vets.php.

Interested students can register for the three-credit course – AASC 291 Special Topics: The Veterans Experience – on CyberBear.

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Missoula Tops Bozeman in Annual Food Drive Competition

November 20, 2017

MISSOULA – The biggest food drive in the state has generated its biggest response ever, generating nearly 800,000 pounds of food for Montanans.

Community members supporting the University of Montana in the “Can the Cats” food drive edged out their Montana State University counterparts by nearly 5,000 pounds – the slimmest margin of victory in the drive’s 18-year history.

“There’s no loser in this competition,” Missoula Food Bank Executive Director Aaron Brock said. “The generosity of the UM and MSU communities is enlivened by this friendly competition, and at the end of the day, there is well over a half-million pounds of food to help people struggling with hunger in our neighborhoods.”

UM’s total weighed in at 394,078 pounds, while MSU fans collected 389,093 pounds of food.

“We’re so proud and grateful to both universities for keeping these drives a priority,” Brock said.
Missoula Food Bank served one in six people in Missoula County last year, and has experienced an unprecedented increase in services since relocating to their new building on Wyoming Street.

“The incredible growth of this food drive has been a significant contributor to our food bank’s ability to keep pace with the increased need in our community,” Brock said. “The quality and diversity of food will line our shelves during the winter months – a time that is particularly hard for families living on the margins.”

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UM to Screen ‘Putuparri and the Rainmakers’ Nov. 28

November 20, 2017

MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a free public screening of the film “Putuparri and the Rainmakers” at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the Payne Family Native American Center Room 103.

“Putuparri and the Rainmakers” tells the story of an Aboriginal man living in Fitzroy Crossing in Western Australia. It maps out his ancestors’ spiritual connection to the land and his family’s continuing custodianship of it. Tom ‘Putuparri’ Lawford has fought for 20 years to regain his people’s sacred watering hole of Kurtal. Supported by his grandparents, Spider and Dolly, Putuparri navigates the deep chasm between his Western upbringing and his traditional culture. The film won a 2015 CinefestOZ Film Prize.

Jacqueline Williams, an Australian natural resource management expert, will attend the screening and participate in a Q&A session after the film concludes. Light refreshments also will be served.

Williams, who has more than 20 years of applied natural resource management experience, will facilitate a discussion on issues affecting First Nations Peoples and white settlers in Australia who are working to address cultural and environmental issues through different forms of traditional ecological knowledge.
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MISSOULA – The Consul General of Japan Yoichiro Yamada presented University of Montana Professor Emerita Judith Rabinovitch with the Foreign Minister’s Commendation for 2017 in Helena earlier this month. Rabinovitch was recognized for her contributions promoting Japanese studies research in the United States.
Rabinovitch has devoted herself to promoting Japanese language and Japan studies, notably by serving as a member of the editorial advisory board for Japan Review, a publication of the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, and also as a member of the Bridging Scholarship National Selection Committee with the American Association of Teachers of Japanese.

She also has furthered the friendship between Japan and the United States through sister state exchanges and projects, which have introduced Japanese culture to students throughout the region. Since her retirement in 2015, Rabinovitch has continued her Japanese kanshi – or Sinitic court poetry – research activities as the Karashima Tsukasa Professor Emerita of Japanese Language and Culture at UM.

The Foreign Minister’s Commendation is given to individuals and groups in honor of their outstanding achievements to promote friendship between Japan and other countries, primarily through nongovernmental activities.

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UM’s Educational Leadership Honors Alumnus for Excellence in School Administration

November 17, 2017

MISSOULA – The Department of Educational Leadership at the University of Montana presented the 2017 Education Leadership Excellence Award to alumnus David Wick in October.

A distinguished educator for 38 years, Wick has spent the past 21 years of his career working for the Columbia Falls School District as a junior high teacher, principal and director of elementary education. Wick’s tenure as an educational administrator is marked by his distinct culture of caring, highlighted by high
expectations for all in the educational community.

Among Wick’s accolades are being named Montana’s Distinguished Elementary Principal and Montana’s Distinguished Middle School Principal. In 2012, Wick earned even greater recognition when he was presented with the National Distinguished Principal Award by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Wick currently serves as vice president for the National Association of Elementary School Principals and will assume the role of president in 2018.

“An accomplished graduate of the UM Department of Educational Leadership, Wick exemplifies the successful administrator UM strives to create in every graduate and all the distinguishing features of an Education Leadership Excellence Award recipient,” said Bill McCaw, associate professor in UM’s Department of Educational Leadership.

The Educational Leadership Excellence Award was established in October 2000. Every autumn educational leadership faculty within the department convenes to reflect upon the accomplishments of alumni who have made significant contributions to education through their vision and action. From this conversation, an awardee is selected.

Each October a reception is held in their honor at the Montana Conference of Education Leadership, where the recipient is publicly recognized by educational leaders from across Montana.

UM’s Department of Educational Leadership comprises faculty who are dedicated to effective teaching, scholarship and service. Each program within the department carries national, regional and state accreditation and is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, and the Montana Board of Public Education. Students access M.Ed., Ed.S., Licensure, Ed.D., and Ph.D. coursework from across Montana, throughout the United States and around the world. Remote- access classes allow students to attend face-to-face classes via robotic telepresence.

To learn more about UM’s Department of Educational Leadership or the Education Leadership Excellence Award, visit [http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/edlead/default.php](http://coehs.umt.edu/departments/edlead/default.php).
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UM Professor Publishes Archaeological Research on Social Inequality

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MISSOULA – The origins of social inequality might lie in the remnants of ancient Eurasia’s agricultural societies, according to an article recently published in the major science journal Nature.

The article, “Greater post-Neolithic wealth disparities in Eurasia than in North America and Mesopotamia,”
includes research from Anna Prentiss, a professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Montana. Prentiss and UM anthropology Professor Emeritus Tom Foor provided data from the archaeological sites at Bridge River, British Columbia, and Ozette, Washington.

As people became more agricultural and settled, the rich became richer as the ancient farmers who could afford oxen, cattle and other large animals increased their crop production. This provided significant opportunities for amassing and transmitting wealth, and the degree of household wealth-based inequality became much higher in Old World, Eurasian contexts, as measured by house size.

“High degrees of inequality did not contribute to long-term stability in ancient societies,” Prentiss said. “That is something that should concern us given the extraordinary high degree of inequality in our own society.”

The study is based on data gathered from a research team that studied 63 archeological sites across four continents, dating between 9000 B.C. and 1500 A.D. It is one of the first studies to use archaeological data to measure inter-household inequality between Old and New World sites. The National Science Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities provided grants contributing to the research.

Prentiss also added her research to a book titled “The Last House at Bridge River.” The book explores the history of the indigenous peoples living in the Pacific Northwest during the Fur Trade period. The Bridge River archaeological site contains 80 housepits, and 8,000 animal bones and 12,000 artifacts originated from the Fur Trade period alone.

To read the full article on the findings, visit https://www.nature.com/articles/nature24646.

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MISSOULA – Montana Campus Compact, a 17-campus higher education network, will honor student-athletes from across the state of Montana for their outstanding community service work during the Saturday, Nov. 18, Brawl of the Wild Football Game in Bozeman.

The MTCC board and Montana Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney will present these 12 exemplary college student-athletes the compact’s Montana Athletes in Service Award.

“College students in Montana do amazing community work, and their investment of time, talent and energy help improve our communities across the state,” said Josh Vanek, MTCC associate director. “These inspiring students are making significant differences at their institutions, communities and world. Please join us in honoring these deserving award winners this Saturday during the Brawl of the Wild.”

For 25 years, MTCC and its campus affiliates have supported students, faculty and communities across Montana with programs that encourage and recognize community service. Vanek said the following athletes will be awarded for extensive volunteer efforts that have been of great benefit to their communities.
The 2017 Montana Athletes in Service are:


**Megan Dettling**, senior, criminal justice and Spanish, MSU Billings. Sport: softball. Service: president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Team IMPACT Initiative.


**Samantha Hubbard**, sophomore, interdisciplinary social studies, University of Montana Western. Sport: cheerleader. Service: ASUMW senator, Humane Society, Dillon Jaycees, Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.


Vanek said MTCC is proud to honor these remarkable student-athletes for their efforts to improve Montana communities. Each student was nominated for qualities that demonstrate the integral part they play in their communities and campuses.

Campus staff who nominated these athletes provided some insight on why these students deserve recognition. Following are a few of their comments:
“Dillon's infectious spirit and enthusiasm can be felt immediately. His commitment to service to others is known on campus and within the community. Dillon’s legacy as a student-athlete who exemplifies kindness and models a steadfast commitment to serving the greater good will endure and inspire others with whom he interacts.”

– Charity Atteberry, UM academic services adviser

“Ronald engages in community service because he understands the critical need … He grew up in an area of Cleveland, Ohio, where gangs and street violence were commonplace. He believes community service is necessary to create positive influencers for community members. Ron is a great example of how community service impacts youth to make positive personal and career decisions. Faculty, staff and students alike respect Ron for his ability to prioritize higher education while also making time to volunteer in various campus and community organizations.”

– Elijah Hopkins, VP Student Services, Fort Peck Community College

“Alec’s compassion will not only have an impact on the people that he personally serves, but his example resonates with his teammates and friends. Everywhere he goes, he leaves smiles and gratitude. He is not easy to forget and he will leave a lasting impact on those who had the privilege of being around him.”

– Jerek Wolcott, sports information director, Carroll College

“Cade is very active in wanting to help others, and he has a very servant leadership attitude. He has set the example for his teammates and peers to put the needs of others ahead of his own.”

– Fred Boekel, head coach, University of Providence

“Emily is a positive ambassador for women’s basketball, and she is well-liked around the community. I have families throughout the community that continually applaud me for recruiting such a spectacular student-athlete and her service to Glendive.”

– Romeo Lamay Jr., head women’s basketball coach, Dawson Community College

“Luke is setting the standard on our campus as to what it means to be a student-athlete. His legacy will be one of giving and caring, as Luke is a selfless individual who will step up to help wherever needed. He makes those around him better.”

– Jamie Rozzuto, MSU assistant athletic director for academic services

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UM Distinguished Kittredge Writer Pete Fromm to Read Prose Dec. 1

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MISSOULA – Pete Fromm, the University of Montana fall 2017 Distinguished Kittredge Writer, will read his prose at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, in Turner Hall’s Dell Brown Room. The reading, which will feature excerpts from both of his memoirs, is free and open to the public.

Fromm’s latest book is the memoir “The Names of the Stars: A Life in the Wilds.” In the book, Fromm seeks out the source of his passion for wilderness while exploring fatherhood and mortality.
In his first memoir, “Indian Creek Chronicles,” he delivers a personal account of seven winter months spent alone in a tent in Idaho guarding salmon eggs and coming face-to-face with the blunt realities of life as a contemporary mountain man. It has been described as a “gripping story of adventure and a modern-day Walden.” Dubbed a “contemporary classic,” it is used in many high school classrooms.

Fromm is a five-time winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award for his novels “If Not for This,” “As Cool As I Am” and “How All This Started,” his story collection “Dry Rain” and “Indian Creek Chronicles.” The film of “As Cool As I Am” was released in 2013. He is also the author of four other story collections and has published 200 stories in magazines.

Fromm has been teaching creative writing at UM this fall.

“The quality of the students makes me wish I’d known earlier that I wanted to be a writer,” he said. “Hanging out with these students would have saved me years of learning it on my own. But, better late than never, they’re still teaching me plenty.”

Fromm graduated from UM in 1981 with a degree in wildlife biology.

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MISSOULA – The Montana University System Board of Regents has voted to rename the University of Montana School of Business Administration to the College of Business. The unanimous vote took place at the Board of Regents meeting on Friday, Nov. 17, and is effective immediately.

“The school’s faculty and staff have an amazing track record of preparing students for successful careers as leaders,” UM President Sheila Stearns said. “The title ‘College of Business’ reflects its importance and impact.”

With six majors, a minor and three graduate degrees, the College of Business is responsible for educating a large portion of UM students. Business students make up approximately 14 percent of the University’s undergraduate population.

“Becoming a college is more reflective of who we are and our footprint on campus,” said Chris Shook, UM’s Sprunk and Burnham Endowed Dean of Business. “It indicates that a unit conducts scholarly activity as well as prepares students to be leaders. That’s definitely us.”
In becoming the College of Business, the unit also drops “administration” from its title. The school held its first classes in 1918, when it trained clerical staff to “administer” business. Almost a century later, it has nearly 20,000 alumni who take management positions with global powerhouse companies such as Microsoft Corp., Nike Inc., KPMG, and Boeing Co. and launch careers as accountants, IT consultants, marketing professionals and entrepreneurs – work that bolsters local economies in Montana and beyond.

Shook said that the name change also could benefit recruitment efforts so that potential students don’t assume UM’s school of business is somehow inferior to business colleges all over the country, even though UM is a leader in business education.

Among the college’s accolades: It tied for best business school in the Big Sky Conference according to U.S. News & World Report the past two years, a ranking that puts UM 101 spots in front of the next business school in Montana.

The college is known for graduating students who enter the workforce not only with business skills but real-world acumen. Its extensive list of notable and accomplished alumni includes highly successful entrepreneurs and current and former executives at Fortune 500 companies and locally influential startups.

The college also has contributed to the development of a number of successful Montana businesses. The John Ruffatto Business Startup Challenge, which it started in 1989 and runs in partnership with Blackstone LaunchPad, has played a role in the initiation of a host of companies that are now operating on local and international levels.

“The College of Business is a place where students can go to get an education that lets them turn their passion into their job,” Shook said. “We provide real-world experiences and contacts that they can leverage after graduation. The strong majority of our students complete internships, our faculty are constantly bringing in business leaders to connect with students, and our Student Success Center is a one-stop shop for advising, all kinds of workshops and really any kind of support our students might need.”

The college offers undergraduate majors in accounting, finance, international business, management, management information systems, and marketing. Students also can earn certificates in any of six focal areas. A minor in business administration complements any major offered at UM.

At the graduate level, the college offers the only accredited master of accountancy in Montana and the only master of science in business analytics in the Pacific Northwest. Its master of business administration, which is the only degree of its kind in the state, lets students earn their diploma online without stepping foot on campus.

“I’m excited to have a name that’s more reflective of what we offer and the hard work that has made us who we are,” Shook said. “Plus, we’ll be celebrating our centennial next fall and starting our new century as a college feels right.”

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MISSOULA – The Montana Board of Regents unanimously gave its stamp of approval Nov. 16 for Seth Bodnar to become the University of Montana’s next president.

Bodnar will begin his new duties in January 2018.

In remarks after the vote confirming his appointment, Bodnar said, “I can’t think of a more important fight than public higher education. It is fundamentally important, and it is a privilege to be on this team.”

“We couldn’t be more excited for him to arrive
and bring his experience, ideas and energy to the University," current UM President Sheila Stearns said. “It’s a challenging job, but Seth Bodnar will make an excellent leader for UM.”

Bodnar has deep roots in education and firmly believes in the power of higher education to transform lives and communities. The son of two educators, he is passionate about teaching and mentorship and has received multiple honors for his leadership and coaching.

Bodnar graduated first in his class from West Point, received both the Rhodes and Truman scholarships, and earned two masters degrees from the University of Oxford. He served as an assistant professor in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point, where he taught economics, published research on economic development in conflict areas, mentored cadets applying for postgraduate scholarships and led field training courses on leadership.

He continues to serve as an Army Reserve officer and a visiting faculty member at West Point, and he is a board member of The Positivity Project, a nonprofit organization focused on character education.

Before his time on the West Point faculty, Bodnar had a distinguished military career, serving in the 101st Airborne Division and the U.S. Army’s First Special Forces Group. As a member of the Army’s elite Green Berets, he commanded a Special Forces detachment on multiple deployments around the world and later served as a special assistant to the commanding general in Iraq. As a result of his collaborative leadership style and his ability to lead teams through uncertainty and change, he received numerous awards and was promoted early to the rank of major.

Bodnar is now a senior executive at General Electric Co., where he is responsible for long-term strategy and business transformation at GE Transportation, a global company with over 10,000 employees and approximately $5 billion in revenue.

Previously, he was president of GE Transportation’s Digital Solutions business and was GE Transportation’s first-ever chief digital officer. In this capacity, Bodnar merged multiple teams from across GE – along with two acquired
companies – into an integrated business with about 1,500 employees around the world. By implementing a rigorous operating process and a cohesive, mission-driven strategy, he and his team dramatically improved the business’s operational performance, launched innovative new products and enabled double-digit growth.

An effective communicator with varied audiences, Bodnar is a frequent keynote speaker at conferences globally and has been an invited speaker to the U.S. Congress on technology and innovation.

His love for Montana bloomed while studying at Oxford, where he met fellow Rhodes scholar and his future wife, Chelsea Elander, a fifth-generation Montanan and native of Missoula. Chelsea is a pediatrician and a graduate of Hellgate High School, Montana State University, Oxford and Harvard Medical School. Chelsea and Seth have three children.


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UM Professor’s Animal Weaponry Research Featured on ‘NOVA’ Episode

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MISSOULA – MontanaPBS will broadcast an episode of the popular “NOVA" science program that explores the research and discoveries of University of Montana biology Professor Doug Emlen at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The episode, ”Extreme Animal Weapons," is based on an hourlong documentary starring Emlen that originally aired on the BBC in April. Both episodes were inspired by Emlen’s 2014

Sporting a Griz hat, Emlen takes “NOVA” viewers to various locations in Montana and Washington, including a ranch with elk overlooking Flathead Lake and a building crammed with 17,000 shed antlers called Jim’s Horn House in Three Forks.

The UM researcher has spent 30 years investigating how weapon-bearing species developed extreme ways to gouge and gore one another using their natural weapons. The episode investigates the riddle of outsize weaponry and outlines Emlen’s bold new theory about what triggers an animal arms race. In creatures as varied as dung beetles and saber-toothed tigers, shrimp and elephants, the same hidden factors trigger the race and, once started, these arms races unfold in exactly the same pattern.

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MISSOULA – A group of nursing students and faculty from Missoula College University of Montana will travel to Nicaragua in January for a volunteer medical trip. The trip will take place Jan. 14-17.

Nine students and three faculty members will travel to the rural town of El Tránsito on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua. Ann McCloud Sneath, Missoula College nursing adjunct instructor, visited the area several years ago on a similar trip and was inspired to organize a trip for Registered Nursing program students at Missoula College.

The trip is an independent travel opportunity for the students involved, meaning they are raising all of their own funds to make the trip possible. Their group goal is to raise $27,000 to cover airfare, room, board and in-country support, which primarily consists of ground transportation and medical supplies.

The group also plans to donate supplies to the three clinics they will assist. While their supply list includes standard
medical tools such as gloves, gauze and suture equipment, they also are hoping to acquire basic supplies while in the country. Pam Boyd and Wendy Barker, Missoula College assistant professors in nursing, explain that Nicaraguans need to bring their own bed sheets and pajamas when they visit clinics. Other needs include curtains, brooms, a desk, chairs, fans and garbage bins.

Gina Cors, one of the Missoula College nursing students in the group, has been actively assisting in fundraising.

“If I can improve the lives of others by donating my time, it is worth every moment,” Cors said. “I feel like the experience gained by helping another person is far greater than anything I have learned while reading chapters, writing papers and taking exams.”

McCloud Sneath notes that students will experience a rural health care system and will assist with many situations like dog bites or dysentery that they wouldn’t normally see in the United States. Students also will check patients’ vital signs and likely will assist with obstetrics and postpartum care. At each clinic they will be under the supervision of Missoula College faculty and the clinic physician.

“In addition to the adventure that comes with traveling abroad, volunteer nursing helps develop a sense of compassion, self-worth and skills,” Boyd said.

The student group has a GoFundMe page and will host fundraising events during November and December, including bake sales and pint nights. For a full schedule of fundraising events, visit http://mc.umt.edu/News/Nursing-Nicaragua.php.

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Missoula College Nursing Students Plan Nicaragua Trip to Offer Medical Assistance - UM News - University Of Montana
MISSOULA – Kayla Pierson, a designer and user experience specialist for the University of Montana Information Technology department, recently earned two national awards.

Pierson was one of six winners from the research and education community to receive funding to attend Internet2’s 2017 Technology Exchange meeting in San Francisco.

The Inclusivity Initiative Scholarship recognizes talented individuals seeking opportunities to gain hands-on technical experience, and spotlights women in the field of information technology and their efforts to use technology to serve research and education at their individual institutions.
“The main goal of the Inclusivity Initiative Scholarship is to increase the meaningful participation of people who are underrepresented in the information technology field, from both the national and global research and education communities, at conferences and technical meetings,” said Ana Hunsinger, Internet2’s vice president of community engagement.

“The Internet2 Technology Exchange was a great opportunity for me personally and professionally,” Pierson said. “It was an unexpected distinction and I’m grateful for the opportunity.

Pierson also was honored at the 2017 Cascade User Conference with a Cassie Award for Customer MVP. The Cassie Awards recognize excellence in the Cascade client community. The Customer MVP award honors individuals who provide outstanding support to other Hannon Hill clients.

“Everyone nominated to receive the Customer MVP award provides value to other clients, either in the form of code-sharing, quick answers to questions, or by being a case study or client reference for us,” said Patrice Meadows, Hannon Hill content marketer. “Kayla has done all of three, as well as presented at our annual user conference in 2015, 2016 and 2017. This year’s presentation was especially helpful as it provided practical steps that our attendees could apply to their organization as they also try to launch mobile apps. She’s a very talented individual and we’re so proud to have her as a part of our client community.”

“I look forward to the Cascade conference every year because of its incredible higher-education web community and the ability to ‘talk shop’ with other web designers/developers across the country,” Pierson said. “Receiving the Customer MVP Cassie is an incredible privilege, particularly since conference attendees vote for the recipient, so I consider this award to be one of the highlights of my career. It’s nice to be appreciated for your work, but earning back-to-back national recognitions has been an overwhelming honor.”

Pierson assists the UM web team with design, development and support. She is the University’s design lead focused on brand continuity and user experience for web presence and mobile applications. She plays a large role in continuing to grow UM's content management system and developing a modular framework in which University websites are built. Additionally, Pierson heads the training and support effort by supervising student employees and...
teaching short-training courses. Pierson holds a bachelor's degree in media arts from UM and is currently pursuing a master's in computer science at UM.

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UM Professor’s Textbook Nominated for Prestigious PROSE Award

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MISSOULA – “Methods in Stream Ecology” is up for consideration for a prestigious PROSE Award, an annual accolade that recognizes the best in professional and scholarly publishing by the Association of American Publishers' Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division.

The two-volume book, co-edited by University of Montana Professor Ric Hauer and University of Notre Dame Professor Gary Lamberti, is the primary source for understanding and managing river and stream ecosystems.

“Streams and rivers are disproportionately important to human well-being as well as nature – from small aquatic organisms all the way up to
grizzly bears and bald eagles,” Hauer said. “Yet, streams and rivers have also been disproportionately impacted and polluted by human activities.

“Our wise management of rivers, and restoration of those rivers that are damaged or impaired, depend on solid understanding,” Hauer said. “‘Methods in Stream Ecology’ provides researchers, agencies, students and private professionals the tools needed to understand, measure and manage stream and river ecosystems.”

Hauer, the senior editor and a contributing author, said the book is the most widely used stream ecology book worldwide and is a primary driver of high-level research at a variety of levels.

“This book transcends the classroom,” Hauer said. “It not only outlines basic principles and concepts, it also details the practice of stream ecology. This third edition is the culmination of Gary’s and my effort and care for over 25 years, beginning with the first edition published in 1996. To be up for this award is a tremendous honor.”

The winners of the PROSE Award will be recognized at the 2018 Awards during the PSP Annual conference in February.

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MISSOULA – Two Montana communities are in the national spotlight for providing healthy community activities for people with disabilities.

The recently released video series “Promoting Activity and Inclusive Healthy Communities” showcased Butte and Helena as being among 10 communities in five states to improve healthier lifestyle choices for people living with disabilities.

Meg Ann Traci, a research associate professor at the University of Montana Rural Institute for Inclusive Communities, served as Montana’s expert adviser on the project, as well as senior consultant on the Montana Disability and Health Program.

In Butte, citizens planning a new community pool have incorporated zero-entry decks, wheelchair-accessible pool lifts, stairs with handrails and family-changing rooms into the design of the $7.2 million facility to make it inclusive for all. They also have designed an accessible playground next to the pool. The Butte video is online at http://bit.ly/2AwI7QH.
Montana Communities Recognized for Inclusion of People with Disabilities - UM News - University Of Montana

Helena hosted workshops with the Montana Healthy Communities Coalition to integrate inclusivity for people with disabilities into the city’s walkways and signage. With the goal of inclusion, the community now has trained facilitators who lead regular walk audits with key leaders, community members and decision-makers. The Helena video is online at http://bit.ly/2zwkpE6.

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors released the video collection in partnership with the Lakeshore Foundation’s National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Disability and Health Branch.

At the end of 2015, the NACDD selected Montana, Iowa, New York, Oregon and Ohio to participate in its Disability and Healthy Communities Project through an objective scoring process. For the project, the CDC’s Disability and Health Branch granted each participating community $22,800, ending June 30, with additional funding awarded this fall to support continuing work through June 30, 2018.

“From hiking path signs for people with a visual impairment to adapted bikes in school systems, we were impressed with how participating communities leveraged their grants to improve inclusion in treasured community resources like parks, farmers’ markets and playgrounds,” said Karma Harris, one of NACDD’s disability inclusion experts.

The “Promoting Activity and Inclusive Healthy Communities” video collection is now available on the NACDD website at http://www.chronicdisease.org/general/custom.asp?page=disabilities and on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/user/cdwebsitetraining.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has dedicated a special space on campus surrounded by trees to inform visitors about the state’s arboretum – which lives at UM.

Few visitors to campus realize that UM doubles as the State of Montana Arboretum, a “living museum” of over 2,200 trees and 100 distinct North American tree species.

Last year the Arboretum Committee took steps to invite visitors in and inform them about this valuable forest. With extensive design input and the support of generous donors, a central interpretive site for the arboretum,
Um Creates New Interpretive Space for State Arboretum - Um News - University Of Montana

dubbed “The Root,” was hardscaped last spring between Main Hall and the University Center.

Now, six colorful signs brimming with tree-focused information await fabrication and installation as soon as funds are found.

For more information or to help complete “The Root” interpretive site, visit the arboretum website, http://www.umt.edu/arboretum/default.php

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UM Earns Bronze Rating for Campus Sustainability Efforts

November 14, 2017

MISSOULA – Following a spring 2017 semester of student-led data collection and a summer of report polishing and editing, the University of Montana earned a bronze rating through The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education’s Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System.

UM earned a STARS score of 41.99, surpassing the minimum score of 25 needed to attain the Bronze distinction. Among other highlights, the STARS report cites UM’s climate change studies minor, efforts to support sustainability literacy and engagement across all disciplines, and success in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency and attention to energy consumption as contributors to the final rating.

The full report is online at http://bit.ly/2mIvWy.t.

"Since 2010, we have worked steadfastly toward our climate action goals," said UM President Sheila Stearns. "Through energy efficiency projects and carbon offsets, UM met its 2015 emissions reduction target. Our distinctive academic programs and innovative research in climate change, sustainability, environmental studies and natural resource conservation have enduring histories and a thriving presence across many disciplines. In short, our
climate action efforts are just one expression of a robust campus culture of sustainability.

“We understand, however, that our responsibility to act will never expire and that there is more to do,” Stearns continued. “We will continue our efforts to fully embed climate action into our campus sustainability efforts and community partnerships. We remain dedicated to this work, understanding that the decisions we make now can be catalysts for protecting the health of our population, our economy and our natural setting. As a part of this commitment, we will consider new climate action goals this academic year with our new president and will establish adaptive strategies for meeting our targets. Our efforts have taught us that we must set a pace that is ambitious but feasible. Already, new UM efforts are underway.”

This is the second time UM has participated in STARS, a self-assessment tool used by higher education institutions to measure sustainability progress. STARS helps UM set and meet sustainability goals while fostering collaboration and information-sharing across campus. STARS also enables the University to measure benchmarks alongside peer institutions.

Participating in STARS requires a substantial amount of data collection in four main categories: academics, engagement, operations, and planning and administration. Numerous employees across campus helped with the data collection effort.

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MISSOULA – More than 800 wildland firefighters, emergency responders, veterans and their family members will attend the Saturday, Nov. 11, football game for free thanks to local sponsors, Grizzly Athletics and the University of Montana.

The game is the Military Appreciation and Griz Football Senior Day game. Kickoff is at 1 p.m. between UM and the Northern Colorado Bears.

“After Montana’s historic fire season, we wanted to provide an opportunity for firefighters to attend the game with their families,” UM President Sheila Stearns said. “We know they spent many days apart over the long fire season. We chose the Nov. 11 game to share recognition with veterans and emergency responders as well.”

UM worked through local fire organizations to distribute tickets across a wide audience. Contractors, city and rural fire departments and agency employees were invited.

Among the attendees to Saturday’s game will be Missoula smokejumpers, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation fire leadership and seasonal firefighters, U.S. Forest Service firefighters, contractors and representatives from rural fire districts in the Bitterroot, Missoula and Flathead valleys.

Many military and Gold Star families also will attend Saturday's contest.

“All of these people are deeply committed to service and have made many sacrifices, so we are excited to welcome them to Washington-Grizzly Stadium on game day,” said UM Athletic Director Kent Haslam.

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MISSOULA – Montana was invaded last summer. Not by land, not by air, but by water. A microscopic alien showed up in water samples from the Tiber Reservoir, opening the door to a wide range of potentially devastating impacts for Montana's fisheries, outdoor enthusiasts and industries.

“SubSurface: Resisting Montana’s Underwater Invaders,” a new podcast from Montana Public Radio, examines what could happen if Montana fails to stop the coming invasion of zebra and quagga mussels threatening the state’s water bodies. In “SubSurface,” MTPR's Nicky Ouellet examines how invasive...
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mussels changed the Great Lakes region and what those implications could mean for Montana’s future, as well as what the state already is doing to detect and prevent their spread.

The five-episode series launches Monday, Nov. 20, and will be available on iTunes and online at http://mtpr.org/.

“There’s been a lot of reporting about Montana’s efforts to fend off mussels, but not much about what the long-term consequences look like if we fail,” said Eric Whitney, MTPR news director. “And looking at other states’ experiences helps us evaluate whether Montana is doing enough and focusing its time and money in the right places.”

For the podcast, Ouellet traveled to Minnesota and Wisconsin, which decades ago faced challenges with the same invasive species, to investigate what Montana’s waterways could look like if the state fails to fend off the mussels. Listeners will hear from biologists and anglers, crews at water treatment plants and hydroelectric dams, and residents young and old about what it means to live in an invaded landscape.

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MISSOULA – Wildlife biology professor Mark Hebblewhite published a letter in Science magazine on Nov. 9 stating that “Despite legislation, Canada has failed to protect its boreal woodland caribou.”

Boreal caribou have been listed as endangered by the Canadian government since 2003. Hebblewhite and other scientists have provided research identifying critical habitat for 1 million square kilometers in 51 caribou ranges across Canada. The results were integrated into a National Recovery Strategy in 2012.

Hebblewhite’s letter can be found at http://science.sciencemag.org/content/358/6364/730.1.

Hebblewhite and co-author Daniel Fortin from Universite Laval in Quebec call on the Trudeau government to abide by its own environmental laws and set a clear and rapid pathway to effective protection and recovery of caribou across Canada.

Hebblewhite has conducted research since 2007 across the southern mountain ecotype of woodland caribou in Alberta and British Columbia and the Boreal woodland ecotype across Alberta to contribute to caribou recovery.
efforts. He has examined the links between human activities and caribou conservation to promote sustainable
development and species recovery.

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UM Business Students Earn D.A. Davidson Investment Award

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MISSOULA – Ten students from the University of Montana’s School of Business Administration received the Fred Dickson Memorial Award for their investments from Missoula-based financial services firm D.A. Davidson & Co.

The UM team won a $2,000 cash award and an expenses-paid trip for five participants to the Davidson Institute, a D.A. Davidson educational and networking event slated for May.
2018 in Seattle. The team also earned more than $6,250 for its student-run portfolio performance, bringing the total prize money to $8,250 for the year.

Andrew Page, a senior studying finance from Newport Beach, California, was one of the 10 students on UM’s winning team. Page said that learning to build a diversified portfolio over the long term was one of the most meaningful aspects of the competition.

“Every week we would get together to formulate our plan,” he said. “I think this shows we all did a great job.”

Each year, D.A. Davidson provides $1 million for its investment program across 20 participating western and midwestern colleges, absorbing any losses on the student-run portfolios. The Fred Dickson Memorial Award, now in its third year, recognizes excellence and adherence to the company’s Student Investment Program, which provides the teams with $50,000 each to invest in the stock market.

The investment program provides hands-on experience in finance, stock research, portfolio management and investment, and it allows students, many of whom are investing real money for the first time, to manage a diversified investment portfolio under the guidance of a broker. UM has demonstrated consistent long-term performance over one-year, three-year and five-year periods with strong results on an absolute and risk-adjusted basis, said James Ragan, D.A. Davidson director of individual investor group research and head of the investment program.

“We congratulate Montana for earning the Fred Dickson Memorial Award, and we salute all student participants for their work in managing real portfolios,” Ragan said.

In this year’s investment competition, UM’s team placed second behind Portland State University and posted a total return of 30 percent, exceeding the 16 percent total return for the Standard and Poor’s 500 Index – a standard benchmark for the stock market – and the 22 percent return for the Dow Jones Industrial Average for the period. Other schools with returns above the index included Oregon State University, the University of Idaho, Gonzaga University and Idaho State University.
Students in UM’s School of Business Administration analyze and discuss investment opportunities and implement their decisions as members of the UM Finance Club or as part of the business class “$50,000 Portfolio.”

“A number of us from the Missoula firm have either taken the course or taught it,” said Brad Cederberg, a 2006 School of Business Administration alumnus and the vice president and financial adviser at D.A. Davidson in Missoula. “It was one of the things that steered me toward what has been a wonderful career in finance.”

For more information on UM’s School of Business Administration, visit https://www.business.umt.edu/.

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UM School of Theatre & Dance to Present ‘Peter and the Starcatcher’

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana School of Theatre & Dance will present “Peter and the Starcatcher,” a wildly entertaining play for the holidays, to audiences later this month.

“Peter and the Starcatcher,” directed by UM student Joel Shura as part of his final creative project requirement for his master’s degree, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21; 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 24-25; as well as at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25-26. The show’s run will continue at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 29-Dec. 2; and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. All performances are in the Montana Theatre in UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/TV Center.

General admission tickets cost $20, and senior and student tickets cost $16. Admission for children 12 and under is $10. Tickets are available by calling the UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581 from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or ordering online at http://www.umt.edu/umarts/theatredance/.

“Peter and the Starcatcher” is a rowdy, enchanting play that spins the tale of how the Boy Who Would Not Grow Up came to embrace his legacy as the one and only Peter Pan. Audiences of all ages will be thrilled by its inventive
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staging and pun-packed language while falling in love with Molly, an irrepressible young woman who gives Peter a run for his money.

“‘Peter and the Starcatcher’ is the perfect family experience for the Thanksgiving holidays,” Shura said. “It's smart, unique, great for all ages and just plain fun. Origin stories have been all the rage the past few years – from 'Batman' to ‘The Wizard of Oz’ – and this is no different.”

For more information, call Shura at 707-391-5710 or email joel.shura@umontana.edu. A complete schedule of UM School of Theatre & Dance productions for the 2017-18 academic year is online at http://WWWSeason/17-18-season.php.

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Missoula College Nursing Students Host Pancake Breakfast to Fund Trip

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MISSOULA – Missoula College University of Montana nursing students will host a pancake breakfast Sunday, Nov. 12, to assist with fundraising for a volunteer medical trip to Nicaragua in January.

Breakfast will be served from 7 to 10:30 a.m. at the Blackfoot Café inside the new Missoula College Building, located at 1205 E. Broadway St. The students will cook pancakes and sausage, and fruit, orange juice and coffee will be available.

The full meal costs $7, and all proceeds will go directly to trip expenses. The community is welcome to join the students and faculty for a hearty breakfast and learn more about the trip.

Students and faculty will travel to Nicaragua Jan. 14-17. The trip is an independent travel opportunity for the nine students involved, and they are raising all of their own funds to make the trip possible.

Their group goal is to raise $27,000 to cover airfare, room, board and in-country support – primarily ground transportation and medical supplies. The group also plans to donate medical supplies to the three clinics they will
assist at in the rural town of El Tránsito, Nicaragua.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s Jazz Studies program continues to present exciting concerts with a tribute to trumpet player and bandleader Thad Jones at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

The tribute, “Don’t Git Sassy,” will take place in UM’s Dennison Theatre. For ticket prices and information, call the UM School of Music at 406-243-6880 or visit http://www.umt.edu/dennison-theatre/.

As a performer, Jones played with some of the biggest names in jazz history, including Count Basie and Harry James. Upon moving to New York City, he initiated a big band orchestra with drum set legend Mel Lewis.

Now named the Vanguard Jazz Orchestra after the location of many performances — the Village Vanguard jazz club in New York City — this band recently celebrated 50 years of performing around the world. Following Basie’s death, Thad Jones was invited to take over the helm of the Count Basie Orchestra.

“Don’t Git Sassy” will feature all four of the UM Jazz Big Bands performing exciting music that spans the compositional history and style of Thad Jones, including some from the Harry James and Count Basie libraries.
For the UM Jazz Studies program event schedule or more information about summer camps, the Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival or the Jazz Artist Series, call director of jazz studies Rob Tapper at 406-243-6880 or email robert.tapper@umontana.edu.

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MontanaPBS Announces Broadcast Premiere of C.M. Russell Documentary

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MISSOULA – The first major television documentary about Montana cowboy artist Charles M. Russell will enjoy a three-night broadcast premiere on MontanaPBS at 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 13-15.

“C.M. Russell and the American West” explores Russell’s life, art, writings and enduring legacy through interviews with scholars, biographers and experts, along with archival photographs, and film. Academy Award-winning actor and University of Montana alumnus J.K. Simmons narrates the documentary, and three well-known actors voice the recollections of Russell, his wife, Nancy, and protégé Joe DeYong. The documentary will reintroduce Russell to a 21st century audience and affirm his standing as a major American artist.

The film suggests that Montanans’ lasting affection for Russell comes from his ability to show them what they remembered, or wanted to remember, about the land and the history they shared. In the documentary, Russell biographer John Taliaferro said Russell was successful and revered because he was genuine.

“Charlie Russell lamented the loss of a West that has passed,” Taliaferro said, “but then went on to convince us and convince himself that that West, that mythic West, had been quite real. And the way he was able to convince us really was because he was so authentic himself.”

Brian Dippie, a history professor at the University of Victoria in British Columbia and a noted Russell scholar, said Russell had an innate ability to turn his own nostalgia into a national nostalgia.

“It was an idea about loss, nostalgia, sentiment and a glowing vision of what it would have been like to be there when the world was young,” Dippie said. “Russell had the rare ability to project his realization of his youthful dreams, his fantasies, his realities, and make them the world’s.”

Nancy Russell successfully promoted her husband’s art to well-heeled patrons across the country, making him the highest-paid artist in America at the time of his death in 1926.

“Without her, I would probably have never attempted to soar or reach any height, further than to make a few pictures for my friends and old acquaintances in the West,” Russell said of Nancy. “She is the business end, and I am the creative. She lives for tomorrow, and I live for yesterday.”

Emmy Award-winning television and film actor Kathy Baker (“Picket Fences,” “The Right Stuff”) voices Nancy Russell. Montana resident and actor Bill Pullman (“Sinners,” “Battle of the Sexes”) developed a quiet yet intense voice for Charlie Russell’s writings and musings, and popular supporting actor Dylan Baker (“The Good Wife,” “The Americans”) – whose father was raised in Lewistown – is the voice of DeYong. Montana actors Mark Metcalf and Howard Kingston voice the words of Russell’s nephew Austin Russell and friend Teddy Blue Abbott, respectively.

Co-producer and script writer Paul Zalis spent four years assembling a coalition of art and film historians, Russell biographers, curators, art museums, collectors, cowboys and cowgirls, and ardent fans to tell the story. Co-producer and director Gus Chambers of MontanaPBS searched photograph and film archives, filmed interviews, directed recreations, captured Montana landscapes evocative of Russell’s art and edited the film. Several partner institutions and private art collectors provided access to the best, and sometimes obscure, pieces of Russell’s art.

Two Montana museums, the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society, also were central to the film’s success. A complete list of partner institutions, scholars and financial donors is available at

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MontanaPBS is a statewide collaborative public television service of UM and Montana State University.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana junior Katie Conrad will bridge the worlds of dance and science with her new dance piece, “2 Degrees Celsius,” for the School of Theatre & Dance’s production of “Dance Up Close.”

Conrad, a dance major, choreographed “2 Degrees Celsius” in collaboration with environmental studies freshman Wendell Elliott. It explores the devastating effects of ocean warming on coral. Seven dancers express the movement inherent in coral colonies, as well as the marine life that they support. Conrad seeks to bring awareness to the importance of these diverse ecosystems and the havoc that would result in all marine life should they disappear.

“I was drawn to this issue when I went to the International Wildlife Film Festival last year and saw “Chasing Coral,” Conrad said. “I was inspired by the water and movement and fish. I was also profoundly saddened by the dying coral in the time-lapse sequence of the film.”

“2 Degrees Celsius” will be performed during the School of Theatre & Dance’s annual “Dance Up Close” production at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 10, and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, in the Masquer Theatre in UM’s
Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center.

General admission tickets cost $16, while senior and student tickets cost $14. Admission for children 12 and under is $10. Tickets are available by calling the UMArts Box Office at 406-243-4581 from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, or ordering online at http://www.umt.edu/umarts/theatredance/. The box office also opens one hour before each performance.

For more information call Michele Antonioli, UM dance professor, at 406-214-9766 or email michele.antonioli@umontana.edu.

A complete schedule of UM School of Theatre & Dance productions for the 2017-18 academic year is online at http://www.umt.edu/umarts/theatredance/Season/17-18-season.php.

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New MTPR Podcast Highlights Entrepreneurship in Montana

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MISSOULA – Montana Public Radio has released a new podcast spotlighting Montana’s entrepreneurial spirit.

"Can Do: Lessons From Savvy Montana Entrepreneurs" is a podcast all about why Montana leads the nation in entrepreneurship and business startups. From cricket farms to romance novels, “Can Do” shares the secrets to business success in Big Sky Country.

Host Arnie Sherman engages successful Montana business leaders and shares their insights with listeners. Sherman is the former executive director of the Montana World Trade Center and a global business strategist.

“It’s amazing to see the wide range of businesses that have started in Montana and continue to thrive in our state,” Sherman said. “We hope the tips shared by these business people can help guide other budding entrepreneurs.”

Three episodes of the podcast already have been released. Sherman has spoken with Kathy and James Rolin about Cowboy Cricket Farms, an edible cricket business in Belgrade; Danica Winters, an award-winning writer and partner of Self Publishing Services in Frenchtown; and Nick Checota, owner of Logjam Presents in Missoula.
“Can Do” presents new episodes every other Friday at http://mtpr.org/ or wherever listeners receive podcasts.

“Can Do” is made possible with support from the Greater Montana Foundation and its mission to encourage communications – with an emphasis on electronic media – on issues, trends and values of importance to present and future generations of Montanans.

For more information visit http://mtpr.org/.

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91.7 Helena (KUHM)
91.7 Dillon (K219DN)
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BBER Earns National Award for Website Excellence

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MISSOULA – The Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of Montana recently won a national Award of Excellence in Websites.

BBER earned the award for its Montana Economic Outlook Seminar site, which is online at http://www.economicoutlookseminar.com/. The honor was presented by the Association for University Business and Economic Research at AUBER’s 2017 conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“Our new site gives attendees of our outlook events across the state a place to learn and interact with seminar presenters throughout the year,” said Patrick Barkey, director of BBER. “We’re thrilled to see the talents of our publications director, Scott Hawk, recognized in this prestigious award.”

“This award recognizes the most effective ways of communicating research findings to local communities,” said Bruce Kellison, the 2016-17 AUBER president and director at the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Texas, Austin. “AUBER members play a vital role in researching and communicating about local and regional economic conditions around the country.”
AUBER is the professional association of business and economic research organizations at public and private universities and consists of more than 60 leading university-based economic research centers.

Established in 1948, BBER is the main research unit of UM’s School of Business Administration. It informs Montanans about the economic climate in which they live and work. In addition to conducting its Economic Outlook Seminars across the state each year, BBER researchers engage in a wide range of applied research projects that address different aspects of the state economy, including survey research, economic analysis, health care research, forecasting, wood products research and energy research.

In addition, it has published the Montana Business Quarterly since 1949. For more information or to subscribe to the Montana Business Quarterly, visit http://www.bber.umt.edu/ or call 406-243-5113. The Montana Business Quarterly also is available online at http://www.montanabusinessquarterly.com.


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MISSOULA – A lecture and memorial gathering is planned for Nov. 8 to honor Bob Ream, a former University of Montana professor, Montana House of Representatives member and chair of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission.

Diane Boyd will present “It's the Journey and the Destination: Montana's Wolves” at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Forestry Building Room 106. Part of a graduate seminar series, the event is hosted by UM's W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation.

A memorial gathering is planned later the same day from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery, located at 4175 Rattlesnake Drive in Missoula. A no-host wine bar will be available, and snacks will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring photographs, stories and food to share, including pie – a favorite of Ream’s.

Ream's passion for the outdoors as a classroom led to the creation of UM's Wilderness and Civilization program in 1974. He taught for almost three decades, taking students on backpacking trips in the wilderness at the start of each new academic year.
In 2016, he was inducted into the Montana Outdoor Hall of Fame for his life's work in wilderness education, wildlife research, policy development and conservation leadership. His legacy continues each year with a new class of Wilderness and Civilization program students.

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Award-Winning Poet Sarah Vap to Present Reading at UM

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MISSOULA – Sarah Vap, the University of Montana Creative Writing Program’s current Distinguished Hugo Writer, will present a poetry reading at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, in the Turner Hall Dell Brown Room. The event is free and open to the public.


Vap also is the recipient of a National...
Endowment of the Arts fellowship for poetry and has taught at Arizona State University, the University of Southern California and Drew University.

“She tells me truths I have within but need to hear from someone wiser,” said Emma Neslund, a graduate student studying poetry.

The Hugo Visiting Writer is a faculty position in the UM Creative Writing Program that honors former professor and renowned poet Richard Hugo. For more information call Karin Schalm, Creative Writing Program coordinator, at 406-243-5267, email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu or visit http://hs.umt.edu/creativewriting/.

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