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"No matter how much light I carry within me, there will always be times of feeling lost, being confused, seeking direction. It is the way of the human heart." ~Joyce Rupp

Dear friends,

Today, I will join many other community groups to table on campus for the Student Advocacy Resource Center. They celebrate diversity and support respect and care for all the academic community so that the UM campus can become a place that is free from discrimination and unwelcome physical, emotional or social coercion. What a great resource for our campus community. But more importantly a role model and reminder for the rest of us. We all go through rough times and lose our heart and our direction at times. So the question is not why, but rather, how can we be each other's resource and bring back each other's light. Peace begins in small ways every day...Betsy



PS, We are still hoping some of you will step up to be part of our team and we still have some seats left at two our great international dinners. Check out the following and give us a call to reserve your seat!

- le Tour de France with Suzzette Dussault on Saturday, June 29, 2019...1 plate left @ \$70
- An International Food Journey for Local Connoisseurs by Udo and Nancy fluck on Saturday, August 3, 2019...3 plates left @ \$180 ea

Calendar

Thursday, April 11, 5:30-9:30 pm, University Center (UC) Theater. **UM International Festival Encore: Explore Your World through Films**, a free film festival sponsored by UM's Global Engagement Office.

- 5 pm, The Story of China with Michael Wood: The Ming Dynasty
- 6:15 pm, The Seven Wonders of the Muslim World
- 7:30 pm, Ireland's Wild Coast

Thursday, April 11, 6-8 pm, Rankin Hall 202, **"How Islamic Faith and Cultural Identity Affect Muslim Refugee Wellbeing"** presentation by Diana Diakow as part of Celebrate Islam Week.

Thursday, April 11, 7-8:30 pm, The Public House. Please join the Mansfield Center for **Beyond the Media: Stories of Migration from Central America**, a panel to promote dialogue about migration and to learn why it occurs. Following an overview of the historical context and

contemporary realities that drive people from Central America to leave, visitors from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras will share perspectives and provide insights from the other side of the border. The audience will have the opportunity to participate in a Q & A session with the panel, followed by a reception with light refreshments. <https://www.facebook.com/events/578708045946948/>

Friday, April 12, 4-6 pm, Runners Edge. Learn about summer opportunities for youth ages 14-18 to explore Montana's wild spaces! The **Montana Wilderness School**, a Bozeman-based nonprofit outdoor education organization, will share information about their mission, multi-week expeditions, and financial aid process. Connect with MWS staff with questions. 406.388.4610 www.montanawildernessschool.org

Friday, April 12, 6 pm, UC331. "**An Evening of Calligraphy and Cultural Arts**" as part of Celebrate Islam Week.

Saturday, April 13, 5:30 pm, The Art Museum. Empower Montana's **10th Annual Diversity Day**. Join us for an evening of community celebration to honor the diversity and youth leadership that shapes our city! For more information visit www.empowermt.org

Saturday-Friday, April 13-19, The Roxy. The 42nd annual **International Wildlife Film Festival** returns centered around the theme of Adaptation, and comprising dozens of phenomenal films. Head to wildlifefilms.org to check out this year's selections and events.

Saturday-Friday, April 13-19, The Roxy. **Wildlife Film Festival has many great selections, including The River and the Wall**, about the impact of a USA-Mexico border wall on wildlife. Migratory corridors would be eliminated, dispersal events could no longer occur, and access to the Rio Grande River would be cut off for both wildlife and humans. Last year it was a short and this year a full-length documentary screening Sunday April 14, 7 pm and Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 pm. Hope you can join us

Sunday, April 14, 7 pm, and Tuesday, April 16, 7:30 pm, The Roxy. See **The River and The Wall sponsored by JRPC**. Five friends venture into the unknown wilds of the Texas borderlands to document the Rio Grande before a wall is built and explore the potential impacts of a border wall on the natural environment. But as the wilderness gives way to the more populated and heavily trafficked Lower Rio Grande Valley, they come face-to-face with the human side of the immigration debate and enter uncharted emotional waters. <https://www.facebook.com/events/400333344102633/>

Wednesday April 17, 5:30-7 pm, Western Cider. Join Earth Within Flowers to create a locally-sourced **succulent centerpiece** that symbolizes the renewal of Spring-time. \$55 by 4/1 and \$65 after. <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Leigh Taggart, MPH, BSN, "**Sustainable Community Development in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains**". Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu.

Thursday, April 18, 7-8:30pm, JRPC. Local author Jeffrey Winters will be presenting a workshop called "Communication Skills for Human Connecting". This communication workshop will teach the lost art of feedback, listening with empathy, and having the confidence to connect and feel. This event is free and open to the public. www.jeffreywinters.com

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 am-1 pm, Caras Park. **Annual Clark Fork River Cleanup** sponsored by the Clark Fork Coalition.

Monday, April 22, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Join the **Union of Concerned Scientists Western Montana**, a non-partisan science and democracy advocacy group based in Missoula County for a guided discussion on inclusive spaces in Montana. Together we will explore some of the following questions: How can we build a more inclusive Montana that reflects and celebrates the diversity of our state? How can we raise the voices of those less heard? How can we strive to include all Montanans' perspectives in our policy and decision making? While we are coming at this topic from the lens of environmental policy advocacy, we encourage all people interested in inclusive spaces in Montana to join. This will be an opportunity to learn from each other through group discussion and asking questions. Celebrate this Earth Day by taking a step towards creating a more inclusive Montana, and more inclusive planet. Please e-mail us at WancourL@gmail.com if you plan to come so we can plan for food. Snacks will be provided.

Beer and kombucha will be available for purchase.

Monday, April 22, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **Under African Skies [South Africa]** Sponsored by: *International Rescue Committee & Soft Landing.*

Monday, April 22, 6 pm, UM Dell Brown Room, Turner Hall. An illustrated lecture by Vasudha Narayanan, Distinguished Professor of Religion, University of Florida on **Global Hinduism: Hindu practices today in the U.S., Cambodia and the Caribbean.** It will be followed by a reception. Free and open to all. Contact Director SSEAS: ruth.vanita@umontana.edu

Wednesday, April 24, noon-12:50 pm, University Center Room 330. The Mansfield Center Mansfield Dialogues promotes an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. Today, listen to “**Conflicting Claims: The Challenges of Managing Shared Natural Resources,**” presented by Fellows in the U.S. Department of States’ Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. The dialogue sessions are free and open to the public. For more information and extended session descriptions, visit <http://www.umt.edu/mansfield/events/mansfield-dialogue.php> or call 406-243-2988. :

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Jonah Attebery, MD, “*The Head & the Heart: What Global Health Research has to Teach us About Healthcare in Montana*”. Plus, 8 pm, Spring Celebration in Brantley Hall. Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, or contact Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu.

Wednesday, April 24, noon-5 pm, JRPC. Join the Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force for the second annual **Red Sand Project**, a participatory artwork that uses red sand in sidewalkcracks to create opportunities for people to question, connect and take action against vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation.

Thursday, April 25, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. The Missoula Human Trafficking Task Force is having a tap room dialogue on **Human Trafficking in Montana and Missoula.** The panel includes MPD Detective Guy Baker, CVA Erin Shreder and Ivan MacDonald from the Missoula Urban Indian Health Center.

Saturday, April 27, 4 pm, The Roxy Theatre, Dominion: Documentary and Panel Discussion. Come learn about the conditions and environmental implications of one of the nation's largest multi-species slaughterhouses currently proposed in Montana and how it affects Missoulians. The award winning documentary exposing the dark underbelly of modern animal agriculture through 7 years of undercover footage. Free and open to the public. Panel discussion following the film.

Panelists: Stacey Gordon Sterling- Professor of Law, U on MT, Bart Mihailovich - Waterkeeper Alliance/Energy & Climate Team, Uma Graham - Community Plant-Based Ambassador

Monday, April 29, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Please join the JRPC in the next in our series **exploring the skills of peacemaking. FORGIVENESS with Dr. Veronica I. Johnson, Associate Professor & Department Chair, at UM's Counselor Education Dept. Free and Open to the public. Come learn how to make this choice and make peace. Discussion to follow.**

Sunday May 5, 1-3 pm, Western Cider. Make **Spring Wreaths** with Earth Within flowers using locally sourced fresh flowers and foliage that will dry nicely! \$55 by 4/1 and \$65 after. <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>

Thursday, May 16, 5:30 pm, JRPC. Come enjoy **India Night with a presentation by Ekta Gupta** on the Changing Role of Women in India. We will be offering henna, snacks and a preview of fair trade items from India.

Monday, May 20, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Music of Strangers, [Turkey/China]** Sponsored by: *The Missoula Symphony.*

Saturday, June 1, 11 am-4 pm, Doubletree Hotel. The first ever **Missoula Choffee Con**, a coffee/chocolate convention sponsored by Missoula Rotary. Sample Montana's best coffee and chocolate (including fair trade goods at the Peace Cafe with yours truly -- JRPC! Educational classes offered all day! Tickets at <http://CHOFFEECON.COM>

Thursdays, June 13, 20, 27 and July 11 and 18, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC. Mark your calendar for our popular international discussion series with Humphrey Fellowship professional from around the world. This year will feature 15 mid-level folks from 15 countries in professions as varied as education, journalism and government.

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16, Har Shalom. Shabbaton Weekend to celebrate Har Shalom's future and Rabbi Laurie Franklin's ordination. <http://www.har-shalom.org>

Monday, June 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. The **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners features **The Singing Revolution [Estonia]** Sponsored by: *The International Choral Festival.*

Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14 Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Vally, Montana. PRIDE Camp for LGBT+ families and children, couples, children, individuals, or any combination of LGBT+. It will encompass a spiritually broad based program to assist families, children and their families, and individuals to connect with a God of their own understanding without fear of judgment or condemnation for who they are. <https://www.mimanagish.org/pride>

Action Opportunities

Travel the World Withuot Leaving Home. Be a host family for the Mansfield Center.

- **June 14-16: Global High School Teachers. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Nigeria, Algeria, Jordan, Greece, Mali, Slovakia, Sir Lanka, Guatemala, Sudan, Malaysia, Mexico, Belarus, Panama, France, South Korea, Estonia, Lithuania, Cameroon, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.
- **July 12:14: Global faculty and practitioners in workforce development. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Ethiopia, Algeria, Brunei, Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Israel, Uganda, Ukraine, Suriname, South Africa, Ecuador, Myanmar, Latvia, Uzbekistan, Honduras, Albania, Tunisia
- **August 30-September 1: Students and young professionals studying global environmental issues. Host a pair from two of the following countries:** Brunei, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Timor Leste

The **United States of Hope** is collecting toys, clothes, gift cards, diaper bags, diapers, and other items to be given as gifts to honor 40 new veteran mothers from around the state of Montana as well as items for the mothers themselves. You can donate by contacting Susannah at 406-207-9217 or susannah@unitedstatesofhope.org. Items are needed by the first week of May.

JRPC is collecting money to plant a tree in Jeannette Rankin Park in honor of Mike Chessin. Please [contact us](#) if you would like to donate!

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts. Who wouldn't love a gift that brings more peace and justice to the world!!!

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Climate Smart Missoula. Second Tuesday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.

Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org

Women in Black & Veterans For Peace Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com

Balanced View Clarity Online Call Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit <http://www.Bright.how>

Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month, 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@gmail.com

JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!

Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net

Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1–3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.

Jewish Reading Group: one Wednesday evening a month, usually the 3rd Wednesday. The next date is February 27.
readingjewsmissoula@gmail.com

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com

The Cranium creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com

Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.

Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

Defense Department awards first contracts for Trump's border wall construction

<https://www.yahoo.com/news/military-funds-not-used-trump-border-wall-000138234.html>

Each of Us Here will air on MCAAT Ch. 189: April 30 @ 7:00pm and May 3 @ 9:00pm. The program will also be available for viewing on MCAAT's Video on Demand at www.mcat.org, after the original air date. Thank you!

Have you read a good article that you'd like to share? Send us a link and we'll take a look!

Ways to Help JRPC

- **We are looking for volunteers to fill the following positions:**
 - **Volunteer Coordinator**
 - **Library Coordinator**
 - **Newsletter editor**
- **We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!**

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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