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"Face your past. Change your life." ~Beneath The Ink

Dear friends,

I have been enjoying the break from routine to watch many of the films at the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival. I've been exposed to the effects of war, the power of a bicycle, the realities of being black or native, the pain of the human condition and the redemption that is possible. All of them connect me to people and places outside my world. They inspire conversations and they teach me what is real and also what is possible. We have had a recent onslaught of hate literature surface in Missoula and I know we all struggle trying to understand how people can believe hateful rhetoric. And we search for solutions that will bring about change and redemption. One filmmaker found a story of hope. In his film, we see people whose hatred was motivated by a desire to fit in and whose redemption comes about through love. One person who found a way to make the world a better place and a director who wanted me to share his story with all of you. I invite you to watch [Beneath The Ink](#) and I send gratitude to Cy Dodson for his generosity...Betsy



Calendar

Thursday-Sunday, February 21-24, **The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival** continues. JRPC is proud to again be sponsoring part of the festival. Below are the JRPC sponsored films yet to see. View all the film selections at <http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/current-films>

- [ALEPPO'S FALL](#)
- [MY WAR](#)
- [SAND CREEK EQUATION](#)

Thursday, February 21, 6-7:30 pm, YWCA Missoula. YWCA Missoula's Racial Justice Book Club features ***Becoming* by Michelle Obama**. Special guest, Judith Heilman, Executive Director of The Montana Racial Equity Project. The meetings are free and open to the public. [RSVP on Facebook event page](#).

Thursday, February 21, 6-8 pm, Burns St. Bistro. Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) will host the **3rd Annual Farm Fresh Pitchfest**. CFAC has selected five western Montana farmers & food businesses for public funding through Kiva.org's online microlending platform. The selected businesses will present live pitches for their 0%-interest loans. Complementary tasting menu using selected ingredients from the pitchmakers' farms and

businesses.

- Tucker Family Farm (Victor, MT): cheese press
- House of Ferments (Hamilton, MT): fermentation equipment
- Southbound Flowers (Florence, MT): greenhouse and farm implements
- Little Dancing Dog Farm (Stevensville, MT): walk-behind tractor
- Front St. Fungi (Missoula, MT): steam sterilizer

Friday, February 22 6-8:30 pm and Saturday, February 23, 9 am-5 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane (4340 W. Ft George Wright Dr.). **10th Annual Peace & Justice Action Conference - *Building Beyond the Moment: A Culture of Love & Belonging!*** Full schedule, workshop information, and registration at pjals.org/2019conference. \$55 through February 8. 509-838-7870 | pjals@pjals.org

Monday, February 25, 8 am-4 pm, MT State Capitol. **Abolition Coalition Lobby Day.** With your help, 2019 will be the year Montana abolishes capital punishment.

Monday, February 25, March 18, April 22, May 20 and June 17, 7 pm, The Roxy. Join the **Spring World View Film Series: Cultures in Harmony** sponsored by Arts Missoula and partners.

- **February 25, Buena Vista Social Club [Cuba]** *Sponsored by: Montana World Trade Cente*
- **March 18, Afghan Star [Afghanistan]** *Sponsored by: Jeannette Rankin Peace Center*
- **April 22, Under African Skies [South Africa]** *Sponsored by: International Rescue Committee & Soft Landing*
- **May 20, The Music of Strangers, [Turkey/China]** *Sponsored by: The Missoula Symphon*
- **June 17, The Singing Revolution [Estonia]** *Sponsored by: The International Choral Festival*

Tuesday, February 26, 7 pm, Gallagher Business Building 123. Becca Skinner - **Storytelling Through the Lens: How Photography Influences Conservation Efforts.** Skinner's talk is the sixth in the Wild Hope: Fearless Risk Takers, Art Markers and Storytellers on Wilderness and Conservation Front Lines lecture series, presented by the Wilderness Institute. The Wilderness Issues Lecture Series continues weekly until March 5. <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/default.php>. Contact Joanna Campbell, 406-243-6956.

Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 pm, Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The sixth annual **Global Public Health Lecture Series** tackles some of the most pressing global health issues facing the world today. Tonight hear Phil Seidenberg, MD, "**Child Health in Zambia: Notes from the Field**". Free and open to the public. For additional information visit <http://hs.umt.edu/globalpublichealth>, call program coordinator Kelly Yarns at 406-270-0869 or email kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu. The Series continues through April 24. Upcoming sessions below. A full schedule is online at <http://bit.ly/2RxFKt1>.

- 3/6 --Donna Bainbridge, PT, EdD, AT-Ret, "**Inclusive & Equitable Health & Wellness for Persons with Intellectual Disability around the Globe: How Special Olympics Fosters Systems Change**"
- 3/13 -- Lisa Parks, "**How Information Technologies Impact Quality of Life in Africa: Rethinking Dominant Assumptions**"
- 3/20 -- Breanna Barger- Kamate, MD, "**Montana to Mali and Back Again: One UM Grad's Journey to a Career in Global Health**"
- 4/3 -- Chris Siegler, "**The Secret Ingredient in International Development**"
- 4/10 -- Deborah Goldman, CNM, ARNP, MPH, "**Addressing High Maternal Mortality & the Right to Safe, Respectful Maternity Care**"
- 4/17 -- Leigh Taggart, MPH, BSN, "**Sustainable Community Development in Morocco's High Atlas Mountains**"
- 4/24 -- 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.

Wednesday, February 27, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center. **A diversity of local musicians perform each Wednesday night through March 27 to benefit the Missoula Senior Center (MSC).** Music for your ears and feet -- come to dance or just to listen. All come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is \$10 each (\$5 for MSC members) or season tickets will be available at the door on the first night of the series (\$50 general admission; \$25 for MSC members – so that's one free concert!)

- Feb 27 – **Anything but Suzy** performs creative originals and old favorites

- Mar 13 -- **Swing Away** plays Irish tunes for St Pat's (Missoula Irish Dancers will dance!)
- Mar 20 -- **Chutzpah** shares the music of Klezmer from Eastern Europe to the Middle East
- Mar 27 -- **Basses Covered** serves up favorites from the 50s to the present.

Friday, March 1, 3-5 pm, Branch Center lounge (second floor of University Center) Join the special event with returned volunteers, celebrating the **58th anniversary of the Peace Corps**, with refreshments, stories, and pictures from around the world. For more information, contact the UM campus representative at peacecorps@umontana.edu or (406) 243-2839.”

Saturday, March 2, 11:30 am-1 pm, 208 E. Main. **Early Spring Aikido Intro for Beginning Adults** followed by two guided basics classes. For more information visit AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27th.

Sunday, March 3, 7 pm, The Wilma. Hailing from Montana, 6-piece bluegrass country rockers [Official Mission Mountain Wood Band](http://OfficialMissionMountainWoodBand.com) will make their long-awaited return to Missoula for a special concert benefitting the **Montana World Affairs Council**. [Tickets & more info here.](#) For more information, contact rose@montanaworldaffairs.org or call (406)728-3328.

Monday, March 4, 4:15-5:15 pm, 208 E. Main. **After School Aikido for Young People 7-14.** Young people learn balance and coordination, falling and rolling, a cooperative attitude, centering, self-defense skills, self-respect, aikido classes are noncompetitive, mutually supportive and fun! For more information visit AikidoMissoula.com, call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27th.

Monday, March 4, 2019 from 6-8 pm, Orchard Homes Country Life Club (2537 S 3rd St. West) **AERO's Wild Dinner.** Bring a potluck dish featuring ingredients that were harvested or grown in Montana. Include a 3x5 index card that describes the dish and where the ingredients come from, i.e. Pryor Mountain elk, Flathead cherries, etc. BYOB. Partner organizations: Montana Wildlife Federation, CFAC, Western Montana Growers Co-Op, Montana Food Bank Network

Wednesday, March 6, The Roxy, Details pending. In celebration of **Women's History Month**, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. The film selection highlights particularly creative approaches to the art of filmmaking and offers points of view from America to around the globe. This week will feature [FRIDA](#). Other films include:

- March 13 - [THE LURE](#)
- March 20 - [PERSEPOLIS](#)
- March 27 - [WAITRESS](#)

Thursday, March 21, 7-9 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar for a fabulous concert featuring local music to benefit the **Florence Immigration Project** working on our southern border to provide free legal services to men, women, and unaccompanied children in immigration custody in Arizona.

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

In light of recent Anti-semitic messages spread throughout our community, you are invited to **support the Jewish people, Native peoples, and people of color who are targeted by white nationalist groups** by signing the MT Human Rights Network's petition directed to the Montana legislature, asking our elected officials to repudiate white nationalism. <https://mhrn.org/2019/01/17/stopwhitenationalism/>

Global Engagement Office invites you to participate in the **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Community Partner Program**. Several fellows will be arriving at the beginning of April from around the world and staying through July. We will be pairing each fellow with a community member or family to act as a Missoula ambassador. The program does not require strict time commitments. We hope that partners will get together with their fellows *at least* 2-3 times per month for the duration of their stay in Missoula. If you are interested in the rewarding project of providing valuable friendship and cultural/logistical support to one of this year's Humphrey fellows, please call 406.243.5885 or sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu

JRPC is collectin 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

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

1. ***We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or***
2. ***creative energy to share, please call us.***
3. ***We are starting the planning for our fall Peace Party -- and we need you!! Give us a call!***

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha 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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