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***"Just as there is a so-called art of waging war, there is also an art of waging peace.***

***We need to declare peace now, with as much serious effort and intention as that with which a nation declares war." - Marianne Williamson***

Dear friends,

The quote above comes from the book "[Healing the Soul of America](#)" by Marianne Williamson, which Betsy recently recommended to me. It was one of those moments in life that something is given to you at exactly the right moment. Personal tragedy and other instances of life's unpredictability had severely distracted me from the civic duty that I had been an active participant in for most of my life. I could feel tensions rising around me in family and friend circles, I could see it happening in news headlines and my social media feeds and I could hear the clipped voices of people I loved and I knew loved each other discuss our current political and social climate, quickly followed by a verbal or unspoken rule to never speak of politics again. We hear it all the time now when visiting family or friends - "Whatever you do, don't talk religion or politics!"

In this book, Williamson takes the fear out of these interactions, injects love into politics, encourages action as American citizens from all backgrounds and political stripes to engage in our democracy by focusing on fixing specific issues and systems rather than demonizing each other and the individuals involved. She writes, "We cannot be instruments of peace if we ourselves are full of emotional violence. We must resist injustice and criticize how systems operate, without personally attacking individuals within it. We will not achieve any higher-minded political goals until we transform the political process, and we cannot transform the political process without transforming ourselves."

We need to find a way that is not right, not left, but forward together. We will never all agree, we all have our own perspectives based on our life experiences and what influences us each day. What we can do as citizens is go back to the basics, take a close look at our founding principles, ask tough questions and have conversations in environments that are facilitated specifically to make sure all voices are heard, all opinions listened to and all of this be done in a respectful and non-violent manner. This is what democracy is -- it's a good thing that there can exist explicit differences in opinion, that we can all share our perspective, and have the right to do so.

I was needing a way to re-engage in civic action, after working on myself and getting through some emotional upheaval in life. I am and was hungry for a safe place to roll up my sleeves again and bring together people of all perspectives, for I feel my strength is in coaching and facilitating. I'm lucky enough to now work at JRPC, where I have the opportunity to learn from the best - Betsy! - and to be given opportunities to work with the community on tough issues around peace and justice. With that being said, one of these opportunities I hope will involve you...this coming week!

We ask you to join us at JRPC this Monday evening, February 11th, at 5:30 pm for a community discussion inspired by this book and with a theme of the same name: "Healing the Soul of America". We hope you will help to inject some love

into the community by starting off Valentine's Day week with this gathering. Champagne (or tea!) and fair trade chocolate will be served. Facilitated discussion around some pointed and tough questions about our role as American citizens will be the focus. We hope to see you there.

With love, Jenny Zaso, Director of Development and Outreach

**P.S. You don't need to have read the book to attend, but we do have copies!**



## Calendar

Thursday, Feb 7, 12:15 pm, Downtown Transfer Center. **Join Climate Smart Missoula** for a celebration to recognize and thank Mountain Line for six zero-emissions electric buses, thanks to a federal clean-air grant and the success of our Zero-Fare program. Plus get a sneak peek at the bus designs and hear about the exciting changes that are moving Missoula forward. Missoula in Motion will also present the winners of their winter contest, the Clear the Air Challenge. [Click here for event info.](#)

Thursday, February 7, 7 pm, Good Works Ventures (129 West Alder St.). Please join 350 Montana, a group confronting global warming right here in Montana, for a short presentation and discussion about the exciting **Green New Deal**. How can we start a dialogue about what it could mean for Montana? How can local groups get involved? Contact [350Montana@gmail.com](mailto:350Montana@gmail.com) for questions or go to [www.350montana.org](http://www.350montana.org)

Sunday, February 10, 2-4 pm, Western Cider (501 N California St). Turning the Wheel Missoula hosts **Valentine's Appreciation Creation, freeform collage making**, a donation based card making event, complete with all materials needed. \$5 donation to cover materials. There will also be pre-made Valentine's cards and pins crafted by local artists available for purchase.

**Monday, February 11, 5:30-7 pm, JRPC.** **Do you need a path forward as an American citizen that feels full of hope? Join us for a book and community discussion inspired by the 20th Anniversary of Marianne Williamson's book, Healing the Soul of America, a powerful reminder of the importance each of us play in moving the country forward. Champagne and fair trade chocolate will be served! \*\*READING THE BOOK IS OPTIONAL. This is more so an important discussion about love and politics and your role.**

Tuesdays, February 12-March 19, 6-8 pm, Payne Family Native American Center. Empower Montana and YWCA Missoula are returning with the **True Colors** training, a series of workshops created in an effort to address the unique challenges faced by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, as well as white allies taking action against racism. The True Colors two-track series invites community members to rethink race, history, and community. [Register by visiting our webpage.](#)

Wednesday, February 13, 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 Joseph Carlson, "**India: Chaotic Fluidity – Perceptions from a Rural Health Internship**". 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](mailto:kelly.yarns@mso.umt.edu). The Series continues through April 24. Upcoming sessions below. A full schedule is online at <http://bit.ly/2RxFKT1>.

- 2/20 -- Benjamin Winters, "**Preachers or Pediatricians? Untangling the Mystery of Community Behavior Change in Public Health**"
- 2/27 --Phil Seidenberg, MD, "**Child Health in Zambia: Notes from the Field**"
- 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 13, 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 13 -- **Missoula Big Band, led by Gary Gillett** -- swing with your Valentine
- Feb 20 -- **Bill LaCroix** shares folk ballads, old time tunes & political satire backed by banjo
- 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.

Thursday, February 14, Payne Native American Center. American Indigenous Business Leaders are hosting a **Valentine's evening gala** featuring local businesses, native artists, interactive salon and spa vendors, and beer/wine & food vendors.

Friday-Sunday, February 15-2, The **Big Sky documentary Film Festival** comes back to Missoula. JRPC is proud to again be sponsoring part of the festival. View all the film selections at <http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/festival/current-films>. but here at the ones we are sponsoring -- we'd love to see you there:

- [ALEPPO: THE SILENCE OF WAR](#)
- [ALEPPO'S FALL](#)
- [BENEATH THE INK](#)
- [MY WAR](#)
- [SAND CREEK EQUATION](#)
- [AFGHAN CYCLES](#)
- [OSAMA AND AYMAN](#)

Saturday, February 15, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. The MT Racial Equity Project is presenting **Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use.** You'll learn key terms, history, your racial and cultural lens, and communication methods. You'll also develop the ability and equanimity to recognize and deal with racism, bigotry and prejudice whenever encountered. Appropriate for age 15 and above. \$80.00 per person, limited to 20. A limited number of scholarships are available. [Register Here](#) by February 12. Email [info@themtrep.org](mailto:info@themtrep.org) with any questions

Saturday-Monday, February 16-18, UM Campus. The University of Montana's Black Student Union and The Student Involvement Network are pleased to announce the second annual **Black Solidarity Summit**, a time to celebrate black excellence and bring together representatives from black student unions, African student associations, and black studies programs around the Northwest to address issues of racial discrimination, political disenfranchisement, social organization, black academic enrollment, retention, and recruitment at their respective campuses. All social justice groups are welcome.

Saturday, February 16, 9 am-4 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Dismantling Hatred: Skills and Strategies You Can Use**, presented by the MT Racial Equity Project. \$80 per person. [info@themtrep.org](mailto:info@themtrep.org)

Monday, February 18, 9 am-3 pm, Helena State Capital. **Moms Demand Action Advocacy Day.** [RSVP](#)

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](#).

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](http://pjals.org/2019conference). \$55 through February 8. 509-838-7870 | [pjals@pjals.org](mailto: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.

Sunday, March 3, 7 pm, The Wilma. Hailing from Montana, 6-piece bluegrass country rockers [Official Mission Mountain Wood Band](#) 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 [jrose@montanaworldaffairs.org](mailto:jrose@montanaworldaffairs.org) or call (406)728-3328.

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](http://AikidoMissoula.com), call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://AikidoMissoula.com), call 549-8387 or come by the dojo. Preregistration required by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

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](#)

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>

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## Action Opportunities

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](mailto:sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu)

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/>

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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](mailto:amy@climatesmartmissoula.org)

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

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

**Veterans For Peace** first Monday of each month (**September 11**), 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or [pvaughan184@gmail.com](mailto:pvaughan184@gmail.com)

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

**350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee** third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. [leemet@bigsky.net](mailto:leemet@bigsky.net)

**Women in Black of Polson** Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. [c211p110@earthlink.net](mailto:c211p110@earthlink.net)

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

**Jewish Reading Group** One Wednesday a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman's *Kaaterskill Falls*. [readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com](mailto:readingjewsmisoula@gmail.com)

**Nonviolent Communication Practice Group** Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC [info@patrickmarsolek.com](mailto:info@patrickmarsolek.com)

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

**Time Bank Orientation** Contact [info@missoulatimebank.org](mailto: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

[AFTER U.S. INF WITHDRAWAL, PLOWSHARES ACTIVISTS, FACING YEARS IN PRISON, WARN OF NUCLEAR PERIL](#)  
[Malcolm Lives](#) -- 4-pack available from Alternative Radio

## 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 always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about htis great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family***

*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](http://www.montanashares.org)*

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