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“...young people are in the forefront of the political process—working, listening, talking, participating...” Mike Mansfield, 1970.

Dear friends,

In 2001, Fr. Jim Hogan challenged the community to look to young people to find expressions of peace in our world. He believed that our children and young adults could offer us an inspiring perspective. 2018 saw proof all over this country that he was right. Young people raised their voices and took to the streets to speak up about the issues that are important to them, including gun rights, racism and more. This past couple of years, we have witnessed proof that our young people are the future of politics, the hope of our country and the voices of change.

Because of this, JRPC decided last year that instead of artwork from young people, we would ask for the names of young people in our own community who inspire and give hope. If you attended last year's Peacemaker event, you witnessed the stories of the young people we honored last year. Many of us choked up with pride and joy as we listened and learned. I for one can't wait to hear more stories of the young people in Missoula who are making a difference.

If you know a person between the ages of 5 and 18 who has helped us in our collective Search for Peace and who is making a difference in your neighborhood, school or family, we want to know. Send us their story and let's celebrate these young peacemakers who are leading the way. Information and an online nomination form is available at <https://jrpc.org/2018/01/search-for-peace/>. Our thanks and admiration for the young people who challenge and inspire us, Betsy



Calendar

Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm, Goodworks Ventures (129 West Alder). Legislative briefing sponsored by the Montana Environmental Information Center.

Tuesday, February 5, 7 pm, Gallagher Business Building 123. Join the Wilderness Institute for this free public lecture and discussion on **“Finding the Language of Place.”** Writer and UM Professor MaryAnn Bonjorni has worked stints as a farmer, commercial fisherman, bartender and ranch hand – both figuratively and literally sweating out any romantic notions she once held about “Western-ness.” What's left is a narrative about economic stress, injury and death – but also solace, wild places and beating the odds. The Wilderness Issues Lecture Series continues weekly until March 5. <http://www.cfc.umt.edu/wi/default.php>. Contact: Joanna Campbell, Director of Education Programs, Wilderness Institute - 406-243-6956

Wednesday, February 6, 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 **Darin Bell, MD, "Healthcare in Borneo: The Interconnection Between Environmental & Human Health"**. 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>.

- 2/13 -- Joseph Carlson, *"India: Chaotic Fluidity – Perceptions from a Rural Health Internship"*
- 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"*
- 4/24, 8 pm, Spring Celebration in Brantley Hall, UM

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 for questions or go to www.350montana.org

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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.

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 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

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

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.

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 or call (406)728-3328.

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](#)

Action Opportunities

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!

Join Soft Landing this Valentine's Day in celebrating love, welcome, and community by gifting (and eating!) expertly made and beautifully packaged BAKLAVA! This **Iraqi Pistachio Baklava**, made by one of Missoula's refugee chefs, won Best Sweet Treat at the 2018 Western Montana Fair and is the perfect Valentine's Day gift for yourself, your friends, or your special someone. To order [fill out this Google form](#)

[with your name and phone number, plus the amount you would like to purchase!](#) **PICKUP:** Wednesday, February 13th from 9:00am - 5:30pm at the Soft Landing office:

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 (**September 11**), 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!

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

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 a month starting on January 23. Read Allegra Goodman's *Kaaterskill*

Falls. 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

[Defying War and Defining Peace in Afghanistan](#), by Kathy Kelly
[Earth Suffers As Consumerism Spreads](#)

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

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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