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"If we do not change our engative attitudes toward climate change,we ca count on worldwide disruptions in food production, resulting in mass migration,refugee crises and increased conflict over scarce natural resources like water and farmland. This is a recipe for major security problems." ~Michael Franti

Dear friends,

Heartbreaking images are still emerging from the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Idai in Mozambique and Zimbabwe, where devastating flooding has impacted 2.6 million people. Eighteen months ago, Category 5 Hurricane Maria wreaked havoc in Puerto Rico, leaving millions without power for months and causing many to relocate to the U.S. mainland. In November of 2018, 50,000 people were displaced by the massive Camp Fire which leveled the town of Paradise, California. Whether on the other side of the globe or right here in the Western United States, the frequency and severity of climate-related disasters, from droughts to wildfires to hurricanes, are increasing as global temperatures rise and impact human existence and security. It is estimated that one person is forced from their home by disaster every second!

If we are to address these issues and ensure our security for future generations, we must see the problem in its entirety with all its global implications and we must be responsible enough to engage with each other in ways that instill compassion, respect and accountability. What is our responsibility to those who are seeking shelter? Will we continue to place our faith in more secure borders, whether they be traced by walls or monitored by drones? Or will we recognize that boundaries between countries also carry the implicit promise of cooperation and mutual progress? Will we work for more equitable access to resources, or will we turn our backs on the most vulnerable? The JRPC has joined with Climate Smart Missoula and Solft Landing to bring award-winning journalist and author Todd Miller here to Missoula for a conversation on **"Refuge in a Changing World: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security"** at 6:30 pm in the UC Theater. Please join us to continue this important conversation...Abby Huseth, Clem Work, and Betsy Mulligan-Dague

PS, 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

Sunday, March 31, 1-3 pm, JRPC. Earth Within flowers invites **Mothers and Daughters to come weave Spring Flower Crowns** inspired with a selection of flowers and herbs. **To Reserve your spot** please RSVP register at <https://earthwithin.com/workshops/>. Donations accepted at the door.

Monday, April 1, 6:30-8 pm, UC Theater. **Refuge in a Changing World: Climate Change, Migration and Homeland Security** with author **Todd Miller**. There will be discussion after

and a chance to buy signed books. Sponsored by JRPC, Climate Smart Missoula, Soft Landing Missoula, and UM History, Climate Change and Journalism Depts.

Wednesday, April 3, 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 Chris Siegler, "*The Secret Ingredient in International Development*". 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.

Saturday, April 6, 6 pm, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community (1473 Eaton Street). Celebrate the long-awaited, authorized biography **A DISARMING SPIRIT: The Life of Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen** (www.tsehaipublishers.com) at a reading and conversation. Read his [obituary](#) and the [Governor's Proclamation about him](#). Other similar events are:

- Sunday, April 7, 11 am, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community
- Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm, Fact and Fiction Book Store

Monday-Friday, April 8-12. SALAM is proud to hold its annual **Celebrate Islam Week** featuring a banquet on Monday, 5:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church (tickets available [here](#)) with keynote speech "**Heart-Love: A Muslim Mother's Journey Into America**" with Asmaa al-Bukaie, a refugee advocate and caseworker, and a Syrian refugee herself. Other events include:

- Tuesday, 4/9, 12 noon-2 pm, University Main Hall, "**Women in Interfaith: Finding a Place in Religion**" panel discussion
- Wednesday, 4/10, 7 pm, LA 011, "**Me and the Mosque**" film
- Thursday, 4/11, 6-8 pm, Rankin Hall 202, "**How Islamic Faith and Cultural Identity Affect Muslim Refugee Wellbeing**" presentation by Diana Diakow
- Friday, 4/12, UC331. "**An Evening of Calligraphy and Cultural Arts**"

Tuesday, April 9, 6 pm (VIP Reception at 5 pm), University of Montana. Join **Planned Parenthood of Montana in celebrating 50 years of providing quality, affordable health care in the Treasure State.** Enjoy a celebratory evening alongside Planned Parenthood supporters including special PPMT guests, sit-down dinner, a no-host bar, and a silent auction. We are eager to celebrate Missoula 50th Celebration Honorees, Deborah Frandsen and Melanie Reynolds, for their fierce commitment to reproductive freedom. Purchase tickets at <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-montana/events-planned-parenthood-montana>

Wednesday, April 10, 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 "**Yemen's Spiraling Humanitarian Disaster,**" presented by Owen Sirrs, adjunct faculty, UM's Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program. 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 10, 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 Deborah Goldman, CNM, ARNP, MPH, "*Addressing High Maternal Mortality & the Right to Safe, Respectful Maternity Care*". 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 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/>

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

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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

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.*

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.

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/>

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

Take [this survey](#) for friends and supporters of the **Missoula Independent!**

The Courage Campaign has [a petition to Congress](#) to **save the Internet!**

The English Language Institute is looking for community partners for the **Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Community Partner Program.** They are expecting 15 Humphrey Fellows from 15 countries that will be arriving in Missoula in April in staying through July. Community Partners as as a Missoula ambassador and get together with their fellows *at least* 2-3 times per month for the duration of their stay in Missoula. If you'd like to participate, contact Sarah at 406.243.5885 or sarah.bortis@mso.umt.edu

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.

The **Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Act** urges us to contact Daines and Gianforte and ask them to sign on to the Act to protect the Blackfoot River and secure and expand outdoor recreation opportunities in the Blackfoot and Clearwater Valleys, as well as enhance timber production and forest restoration in and around Seeley Lake. <http://Blackfootclearwater.org>

The **International Choral Festival** is in need of volunteers. If you are interested in hosting or volunteering this year, please visit <https://www.choralfestival.org/volunteer-application/> or contact them at volunteer@choralfestival.org or (406) 550-2218.

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

[War and Peace and the 2020 Presidential Candidates](#)

[Every War is a War Against Children](#)

There's a new book about Jeannette Rankin by Peter Aronson -- [JEANNETTE RANKIN: AMERICA'S FIRST CONGRESSWOMAN](#) (ISBN #: 978-1-7320775-5-3, 126 pages, paperback, 60 photos) now available at Ingram and Amazon.

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 want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or creative energy to share, please call us.**
- **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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