Dear friends,

Tomorrow is International Women’s Day, a day to celebrate the accomplishments of women throughout history and honor the women who hold special places in each of our lives. Beginning with Jeannette Rankin, we celebrate the many women whose contributions challenged and changed our society for the better. Women who have worked hard for reproductive rights, voting rights, labor equality, freedom from assault and many other issues. This year a record number of women stepped up to run for offices around the country. Still, we have lots of work to do to combat poverty and ensure that women have an equal seat at the table. We now know the staggering numbers of indigenous women and girls who disappear or are murdered each year. Women around the world bear the burdens of war, poverty, unfair immigration policies, poor health care and lack of education -- and for women of color that burden is magnified. Tomorrow we celebrate all the women who struggle for a better world and we accept our responsibility to continue the work of our ancestors and comrades. In the words of Judy Fjell, "You ran for us; you stood for us; let's face it you stuck out your neck for us...now we're running in your name Jeannette!" And don't forget to thank all those supportive men out there who run alongside us!!!

With honor and thanks, Betsy

PS: Fair Trade enables women all around the world to set and achieve big dreams. And we are so thrilled that our very own Jenny Zaso, has been elected to the board of the Fair Trade Federation. We are so proud of her -- the future of fair trade is bright!!

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**Calendar**

**Tonight, Thursday, March 7, 7 pm, The Roxy.** Join Soft Landing Missoula for a special showing of *A Quiet Force*, a documentary film about the Latino workforce in American mountain towns.

**Wednesdays, March 13-April 24, noon-12:50 pm, UM Campus.** The Mansfield Center announces its spring schedule for the Mansfield Dialogues, a community lecture series that reflects the center’s mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics and the theme, Challenges to a Peaceful World in 2019. The dialogue sessions are free and open to the public. For more information and extended session descriptions...

March 20, Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room: “Beyond the Cyber Hype: What We Know and What Is New About the Politics of Cyber Security,” presented by Dr. Eva-Maria Maggi, visiting assistant professor in UM’s Department of Political Science.

April 10, University Center Room 332: “Yemen’s Spiraling Humanitarian Disaster,” presented by Owen Sirrs, adjunct faculty, UM’s Mansfield Defense Critical Language and Culture Program.

April 24, University Center Room 330: “Conflicting Claims: The Challenges of Managing Shared Natural Resources,” presented by Fellows in the U.S. Department of States’ Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative.

Wednesday, March 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 Lisa Parks, “How Information Technologies Impact Quality of Life in Africa: Rethinking Dominant Assumptions”. 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.

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, March 13, 7 pm, The Roxy. In celebration of Women's History Month, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. This week will feature THE LURE.

Wednesday, March 13, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center. Local musicians perform to benefit the Missoula Senior Center (MSC), all come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is $10 each ($5 for MSC members) Tonight Swing Away plays Irish tunes for St Pat's (Missoula Irish Dancers will dance!)

Saturday, March 16th: 9 am-noon, Home Resource. Come join local climate advocate groups in illuminating collective paths forward and making sure that path is equitable and affordable at 100% Clean Energy: A Livable Missoula for All. The priority registration deadline is this Sunday. Cost: Free and food and childcare is provided with registration! Sponsored by: Montana chapter of the Sierra Club, Climate Smart Missoula, 350 Montana, Forward Montana, Home ReSource, Missoula Urban Demonstration Project, and the UM Climate Action Collective. You can register here. Session will be repeated on Monday, March 18, 5:30-8:30 pm, Missoula Public Library

Sunday, March 17, 11 am-5 pm, University Center. UM's Global Engagement Office and International Student Association invite you to The 27th annual International Festival to promote internationalism, multiculturalism, and intercultural awareness and appreciation among the UM and wider Missoula community. Enjoy 5 hours of contemporary and traditional international performances at the International Culture Show, an interactive Children's show with over 15 activities, a global Expo with over 40 booths featuring community and campus groups with a diverse ranging of global cultural focuses (including JRPC!), a newly expanded food truck section and much more!

Monday, 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.

3/18 -- March, Afghan Star [Afghanistan]  Sponsored by: Jeannette Rankin Peace Center


**Festival**

**Tuesday, March 19, 4-8 pm, 5 on Black Missoula Locations.** Have a great healthy meal for peace! Let the servers know you are dining for peace and JRPC will get a portion of the proceeds. Thanks!

**Tuesday, March 19, 7pm, Lewis and Clark Library, Helena.** Film "Occupation of the American Mind: Israel’s Public Relations War" [https://www.facebook.com/events/34195833082286/sponsored by the Helena Service for Peace and Justice/SERPAJ](https://www.facebook.com/events/34195833082286/)

**Tuesday, March 19, 6 pm, Studio 5, PARTV building, UM campus.** South & South-East Asian Studies and the School of Dance are organizing a [classical Indian dance (Bharata Natyam) performance with Ganesh Vasudevan](https://www.facebook.com/). Bharata Natyam is an ancient, athletic and androgynous dance form, in which the dancer, of whatever gender, takes the roles of males, females, Gods, Goddesses and other beings. He will also take a master class on 20 March at the same venue. This will focus on choreography in the Bharata Natyam ballet he composed, called Life of Pi. Observers are welcome. This is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, March 20, 7 pm, The Roxy.** In celebration of **Women's History Month**, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. This week will feature **PERSEPOLIS**

**Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm, Missoula Public Library.** Join the League of Women Voters Missoula and the Missoula Housing Authority for a free public meeting "**Myths and Realities of Housing: The mismatch between incomes and costs in Missoula and what can be done about it**" Presenters will take the audience through the details of typical household incomes for renter and first-time homebuyer households, the construction costs of renter and entry-level homeownership housing projects, and end with some ideas of what can be done to bring incomes and housing costs closer together. The City of Missoula will be releasing a new Housing Policy soon. This is an opportunity to understand the affordability problems that are driving these new policies and how citizens can be involved.

**Wednesday, March 20, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center.** Local musicians perform to benefit the **Missoula Senior Center (MSC)**, all come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is $10 each ($5 for MSC members)Tonight **Chutzpah** shares the music of Klezmer from Eastern Europe to the Middle East.

**Thursday, March 21, 7 pm, St. Paul's Lutheran Church (202 Brooks).** The Montana Women's Chorus of Missoula, Pura Vida Community Chorus and the Congolese Chorus present a benefit concert for those seeking asylum on our southern border. Proceeds will go to The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project. founded in the 1980's in Florence, AZ, the 501(c)3 non-profit provides free legal and social services to immigrant men, women and children under threat of deportation. Suggested donation is $15/person and $25/family. Additional donations are welcome. Please join us for an evening of music and solidarity for migrants at the border.

**Wednesday, March 27, 7 pm, The Roxy.** In celebration of **Women's History Month**, every Wednesday there will be films directed by women, starring women. This week will feature **WAITRESS**

**Wednesday, March 27, 7-9 pm, Missoula Senior Center.** Local musicians perform to benefit the **Missoula Senior Center (MSC)**, all come with appropriate refreshments (from baklava to pasties to hamentaschen). Admission is $10 each ($5 for MSC members)Tonight **Basses Covered** serves up favorites from the 50s to the present.

**Monday-Friday, April 8-12.** SALAM is proud to hold its annual **Celebrate Islam Week** featuring a banquet and keynote speaker on Monday with Asmaa al-Bukaie, a refugee advocate and caseworker, and a Syrian refugee herself. There will also be a film, discussions and a cultural competence workshop both for refugee families and the larger Missoula community.

**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 sidewalk cracks 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.

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](http://www.har-shalom.org)

Wednesday-Sunday, July 10-14 Camp Mimanagish, Boulder River Valley, 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/](https://www.mimanagish.org/)

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**Action Opportunities**

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/](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!!!

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**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 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](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

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**Articles Of Interest**

A true national security threat — foreign language programs disappearing

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

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**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.