Honoring Elouise Cobell

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Opens Doors for First time

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Greetings from
Dean Comer

As the fall semester comes to a close, I’d like to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful opportunities our students, faculty, and community are able to take advantage of as a result of the generous support provided by alumni and friends of H&S.

The College of Humanities and Sciences is the largest college on campus with 23 departments and six programs. We are committed to providing the general education for all UM students while simultaneously ensuring that we provide high-quality teaching and focused research efforts in the pursuit of knowledge. **We promote substantive interactions between the sciences and humanities that constitute the foundation of a true interdisciplinary liberal arts education.**

In the following pages, you will see the impact private support has on the students and faculty of H&S. Included among the stories, the realization of the Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute—a world-class facility offering sophisticated technology that promises to help record and transmit better understanding of Native American cultures. Additionally, the Institute will work with Native American communities to tackle important issues for generations to come.

You will also learn how we are increasing the number of students able to partake in study abroad experiences, enhancing our standing in graduate-level education, and partnering with other colleges across campus to further student success. For up-to-date information regarding H&S news and events, visit our website at hs.umt.edu. You can also like us on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/HandSNews.

Warm wishes this winter season and thank you for remaining connected to the College and for your continued support of our work.

Cheers,
For Elouise

New institute dedicated to the legacy of the late Cobell

The Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute officially opened its doors for operation this fall during a dedication ceremony that was hosted in the Payne Family Native American Center.

The Institute is named in honor of Elouise Cobell, the leader from the Blackfeet tribe who in 1985 embarked on one of the largest and most complicated class-action lawsuits ever brought against the U.S. Government. The lawsuit claimed the Interior Department illegally obtained billions of dollars in royalties owed to individual tribal members all across the country, and ultimately resulted in a 2010 settlement worth $3.4 billion. Elouise Cobell died in 2011 at the age of 65.

“Elouise had a voracious appetite for justice,” said Terry Payne, who along with his family provided most of the $1.2 million needed for the institute’s completion. “She was an inspiration to me and so many other people.”

Offering unprecedented technology and learning environments to UM students, the Elouise Cobell Land and Culture Institute provides flexible classroom designs, advanced distance-learning platforms, and a multi-screen theater room that will emphasize the narrative traditions in Native American culture. It also provides opportunity for increased collaborations with Tribal Colleges.

One highlight of the facility is the Round Room, which uses the same technology as NASA to immerse viewers in an interactive display of the environment and the sky. It can be used for traditional storytelling and for astronomical teaching.

“This is a space where students can work effectively on real-world problems,” said Dean Comer. “When they’re working on classroom projects, those projects will produce something that’s helping a community and making a real difference.”

Introducing

Marci Bozeman

New Senior Director of Development at H&S

The College is pleased to announce Marci Bozeman as the new Senior Director of Development at H&S. Marci comes to Missoula from Atlanta, Georgia, where she served as Director of Major and Planned Gifts at the Shepherd Center Foundation. She brings an energetic and professional style and is passionate about a stronger, more connected community. We feel incredibly fortunate to have Marci as a part of our team at H&S.
After receiving a Fulbright Scholarship and a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award last spring, Ph.D. student Michelle Grocke settled in to her research field sites in Nepal. There, she will spend a year examining the impact of new road construction on the agriculture, nutrition, and overall well-being of the people who reside in the remote Humla District located high in the Himalayan Mountains. By measuring these impacts, she hopes to quantify how local populations respond both culturally and biologically to new road development.
What first attracted you to this sort of work?

Being able to study the impacts of the first road ever to be built in an area of the world is a once in a lifetime opportunity. People that have for centuries engaged in a barter system way of life are now experiencing the first wave of a market economy. Properly understanding how this economic transition is impacting health is very important. I also believe that it is important to understand the variability of health outcomes within the population.

Are you seeing any trends or evidence in this regard in either of your research sites?

The new road provides easy access to a market in China. Villagers reported abandoning their agricultural fields of nutrient-dense crops like amaranth and buckwheat because the imported white flour was both easy to obtain and holds a much higher prestige value than locally grown grain. Market-purchased foodstuffs are now considered status symbols within the community.

Is it difficult being so isolated that far away from home?

The Humli people of Nepal are some of the friendliest people I have ever met in my life. You can’t walk an hour in Humla without someone asking you where you are going, where you are from, if you have eaten yet, or whether or not you would like some tea. People that have only met me one time very briefly would go to the greatest lengths to help me out. I have never felt alone here. I believe that the reason for this is the generosity and innate compassion that all Humli people I have met seem to possess.

What was it like to learn you were the recipient of two prestigious academic awards in less than a year?

Receiving these two grants in one year was overwhelming for sure! I worked very hard during the first three years of my doctoral program, but hadn’t seen many tangible results. Receiving these grants made it apparent that someone aside from my advisor, dissertation committee and immediate family found value in my research. It didn’t come easy. I think the lesson I learned is to not take a rejection personally. You just have to keep creating ideas, revising and reapplying. Eventually something positive will come of it.

If you could give advice to incoming freshmen, what would it be?

Don’t narrow down your focus until you have taken many different types of classes from different departments. You’re still young and have PLENTY of time to decide a major. Explore as many different areas of study as you can…It might surprise you where your interests lie. And don’t forget to explore all of the beauty in and around Missoula, it’s a wonderful place!

Want to know more about Michelle’s research?

For up-to-date information on Michelle’s experiences in Nepal, visit her blog at http://mgrockehumlanepal.tumblr.com/ or the H&S website at hs.umt.edu
Wildlife Biology undergraduate Neil Moore spent his summer in the arctic tundra above Churchill, Manitoba studying the effects of climate change on the interactions among polar bears, snow geese and plants. He is also pursuing a minor in Climate Change and hopes to one day take his research to the ecosystems of Africa.

“I never could have imagined I would be conducting field research like this so early in my career,” said Moore. “I have always hoped to be a field biologist and had dreams of working in Canada, Africa, South America, etc. when I was younger. Seeing that I am already fulfilling those dreams is incredible.”

What about you?

What were your experiences in H&S?
Did you have a favorite teacher?
What was your favorite class?

Send your stories to cas@mso.umt.edu. We’d love to hear from you!
H&S junior Derek Crittenden is more than just a football player. The 6’3”, 240-pound defensive end has been named a 2014 Academic All-American, earning excellent marks in Chemistry and Math, with a newly-added minor in Philosophy. He also happens to be a Rhodes Scholar candidate, and is the first-ever recipient of the Isabel Kamps Murray Scholarship to Enhance Rhodes Scholar Competitiveness. After learning of his selection, Derek wrote a letter to the Murray family thanking them for the opportunities provided by their support, a portion of which is included on the following page.
The Isabel Kamps Murray Scholarship

The Isabel Kamps Murray Scholarship Endowment to Enhance Rhodes Scholar Competitiveness was established in 2014 to help support students who have been identified as potential Rhodes Scholars. The University of Montana has a phenomenal record of producing Rhodes Scholars, ranking fifth among public institutions in the nation (excluding military academics) and nineteenth overall.

To Mr. and Mrs. Murray,

“I am truly thankful to receive The Isabel Kamps Murray Scholarship to Enhance Rhodes Scholar Competitiveness for the 2014-15 academic year. The scholarship will be used to add depth to my Rhodes application by providing me with opportunities that would normally be infeasible...

I was born into a family built on a foundation of initiative and work ethic. For as long as I can remember my parents would preach of the unrelenting pursuit of excellence and the accomplishments that follow... success is rarely a measurement of ability; success is a measurement of work ethic, and it’s the product of seizing the moment.

Before my high school years I didn’t really care about what I had learned; it was all about getting the “A”. As I devoted more time to academics, I realized how much more knowledgeable I was becoming. The more I learned, the more curious I became—suddenly I wanted an answer for everything.

Although the balance between [school] and football is far from easy, it is truly the best of both worlds. It gives me the opportunity to be a college athlete for a phenomenal football program while studying a branch of science that is built to answer the questions that [others] couldn’t.

In the past two years I have fallen in love with biochemistry and the use of organic synthesis to manipulate life at the atomic level. Although there are wonderful graduate schools across the globe, the idea of studying drug development and design at Oxford would truly be a dream come true and I thank you again for the helping me attempt to make this dream become a reality.”

With appreciation,

[Signature]

“...My father dropped out of the second-grade to work our family farm. My mother had English and Music degrees from a Minnesota private college. Yet they had in common a love of knowledge and an appreciation for clarity of thought and simplicity in communication. Derek has those attributes – an ability to explain and discuss his biochemistry research in plain English, without jargon or pretention. This trait – too uncommon today – will most certainly serve him and the scientific community very well.”

- James Murray ’76
Nick Triolo

The Leonard and Sandy Sargent Graduate Fellowship

In 1992, Rick Hubbard Sargent and his wife, Judi Stauffer, decided to give his parents a unique present for his father’s 80th birthday. They created the Leonard and Sandy Sargent Graduate Fellowship Endowment Fund within the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Montana, a gift designed to provide support to students with a demonstrated record of environmental activism.

Nearly twenty years later, that gift continues to impact lives.

“So many doors have opened for me since receiving the Sargent Scholarship,” said graduate student Nick Triolo, one of two fellowship recipients for the 2014-15 academic year. “The funds were applied to my tuition, freeing me up to start applying what I’m learning in the classroom to on-the-ground projects I deeply care about.”

As it turns out, Nick cares about a lot.

Last semester, he directed a documentary film called, “The Crossing,” which features a 70-mile race in Baja, Mexico that he organized in protest of open pit gold mining in the Sierra De La Laguna Mountains. The film has already generated attention from several film festivals across the U.S.

In addition, the scholarship also allowed him to focus on his writing career. Over the past year, his work has been featured in *Trail Runner Magazine*, *Camas Magazine*, and *The Whitefish Review*.

But he isn’t the only one to benefit from the Sargent Fellowship. Since the endowment began making grants in 1995, 42 fellowships have been awarded. Prior recipients have gone on to become highly successful in their respective fields.

“Nick is another outstanding Sargent Graduate Fellow in the Environmental Studies Program,” said Sargent Fellowship co-founder Judi Stauffer. “Talented, passionate, committed to protecting our natural environment, and with a very promising career ahead of him.”

“What you do matters tremendously,” Nick wrote in a letter to the Sargent family. “I hope you realize how enabling it has been for me to pursue my passions with ferocity and support.”

Do you want to make a difference?

For more information on how you can take part in these scholarships and others like them, please contact Marci Bozeman at (406) 243-2646 or email marci.bozeman@mso.umt.edu. More than 140 scholarships totalling over $400,000 are offered annually to students studying in the departments and programs of H&S.
In the spring of 1989, Elizabeth Vinson Kohlstaedt walked out of the halls of UM with a Ph.D. in Psychology. Now, she is the chief clinical officer of Intermountain, a nonprofit agency that has provided emotional and behavioral health services to children and their families for more than 100 years. Under her leadership, Intermountain has honed its unique relationship-based therapeutic model, resulting in more children being able to remain in their homes, schools and communities.

As clinical director for more than 24 years, Dr. Kohlstaedt facilitated dramatic growth, diversification and clinical excellence at Intermountain. In addition to educating and training professionals from the United States, Australia and Scotland, she was instrumental in developing a growing partnership between the agency and UM. This partnership now includes an online course in relational development taught by an Intermountain affiliate, the Intermountain Children’s Home Doctoral Fellowship, and the Complete Your Dreams scholarship program for former Intermountain clientele at UM.

Prior to her appointment at Intermountain, where she oversees treatment for more than 1,300 emotionally traumatized children, Elizabeth worked in private practice in Helena and was an assistant psychologist for St. Joseph’s Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y. She has authored or co-authored more than 45 publications and presentations discussing attachment disorders, child brain development, childhood trauma and the primacy of relationships in health development, and has appeared in multiple interviews for the popular press.

Before studying at UM, Dr. Kohlstaedt earned a bachelor’s degree in German from Purdue University, a master’s degree in applied linguistics from Indiana University and a master’s degree in experimental psychology from Arizona State University.

### About the Distinguished Alumni Awards

Each Homecoming, the University of Montana Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni with Distinguished Alumni Awards. Recipients of the award are individuals who have distinguished themselves in a particular field and who have brought honor to the University, the state or the nation. Congratulations to James Murray (‘76, Philosophy) and Elizabeth Vinson Kohlstaedt (‘89, Psychology) for being named among this year’s Distinguished Alumni.
The Return and Community Scholars Program

The Returning and Community Scholars Program is designed to enhance the learning experiences of our students by bringing to campus scholars with expertise that complement the curriculum. Typically the scholar will give a guest lecture in a course, but other opportunities may also present themselves. All scholars will have a degree beyond a bachelor’s or unique and valuable experiences that should be shared with students.

The College of Humanities and Sciences is fortunate to have many highly accomplished alumni and friends who are knowledgeable community members, successful businesspeople, political leaders and major figures in the academic world. If you would like the opportunity to share your knowledge, to discuss your career, to give advice to University students or to give back to your alma mater, please consider becoming a Returning and Community Scholar.

If you are interested in participating in the program, please visit the Returning and Community Scholars Program website at hs.umt.edu/rcscholars.

The College of Humanities and Sciences

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The College and the University of Montana have various events, lectures, programs and classes going on throughout the year. Please contact us if you would like to visit the College, get a tour of the new buildings on campus, attend a class, meet the Dean, or chat about your experience at the University of Montana.

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