

# *Native American Studies Department The University of Montana*



## Letter From Dr. David Beck, NAS Department Chair

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Greetings!

We're in the midst of a busy year at NAS. Our courses are as popular and as full as ever, our staff are serving more students than ever, our faculty are involved in a variety of interesting projects, and as I write this we are preparing to move into the new Native American Center.

After more than a decade, and much hard work by many dedicated individuals, the Native American Center has been built near the oval, in the center of campus. The building is beautiful from the outside, but by comparison the inside is even more spectacular, and we encourage everyone to visit us to see for themselves as soon as it is open.

The building will be officially dedicated during finals week, on Thursday May 13. The university is planning to hold graduation ceremonies on the oval on Saturday May 15, and NAS will hold our first departmental graduation in the new building that day as well. We invite our alumni, supporters and friends to join us on either the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup>, or both. Please join us on face book to keep up to date on our progress and latest activities.

The NAS chairperson's position is a three-year rotating position among the tenured faculty members of the department. I replaced Wade Davies as Department Chair beginning in January. I would like to thank Wade for his service to the department and his steady hand in guiding it these last few years. I look forward to serving the department the next three years.

If you are on campus please stop by and visit us in our old building while you have the opportunity, and when the new one is open, please come see it! We hope to see you all at the celebrations in May.

Sincerely,

David R.M. Beck, Chair



**STAFF SPOTLIGHTER:**



**Sherri Dupuis is the Administrative Associate for the Native American Studies Department and a member of the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribes. She has been with the NAS Department for almost four years and really enjoys helping the students.**

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHTER:**

**2010 New Year's Resolutions from NAS Majors**



**Jody Ground's New Year's Resolution is to finish his course of study and begin taking graduate classes.**

**Kevin Kicking Woman's New Year's Resolution is to be more patient with coworkers and to be more disciplined in studying.**



The University of Montana Events	
Spring Break.....	March 29-April 2
Kyi-Yo Powwow.....	April 16- 17
Spring Semester's Finals Week.....	May 10-14
Native American Center Dedication.....	May 13
Commencement.....	May 15

# NAS DEPARTMENT NEWS

## The Payne Family Native American Center Update



### The Payne Family Native American Center (TPFNAC) Update!

The Payne Family Native American Center is nearing completion. The contractors are working on final details and fine tuning the building. The last piece contractors are waiting for is the handrails for the curved stairway in the Gathering Space. The remainder of the landscaping will be installed in the spring. The center is the first LEED registered project on campus.

The dedication ceremony will take place on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

For current updates and photos you can visit:

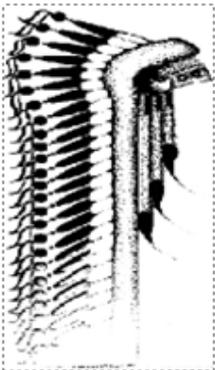
<http://nacleed.wordpress.com/>



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