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COVID-19 Researcher to Speak at Montana Model UN Conference Nov. 13 – Dr. Marshall Bloom, associate director of science management at the Rocky Mountain Laboratories in Hamilton, will be the keynote speaker at this year’s Montana Model United Nations conference on Nov. 13.

Bloom, who has been a spokesperson for the RML COVID-19 research program, will speak at the opening ceremony, which begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 13. His topic is “Pandemic Viruses: Global Citizens.”

Members of the media are invited to attend. Please email UM Professor Karen Adams for the Zoom link or watch live on [MCAT](#).

More than 130 students from nine Montana high schools will attend this year’s conference, which will be held entirely online for the first time in its 55-year history. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the conference will only be held for one day instead of two, but delegates are invited to participate in an optional online awards ceremony and trivia game from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14.

At model UN conferences, students represent countries from across the world. Like real-world diplomats, they participate in UN committees such as the General Assembly and Security Council. By writing, negotiating and voting on resolutions, students learn to examine international affairs from different perspectives and experience what it is like to cooperate in solving real-world problems.

The conference is organized and staffed by 25 UM students in a service-learning course taught by Adams. The secretaries general are Taylor Gregory and Zoe Savisky.

The 2020 Montana Model United Nations Conference is funded by school and delegate fees, as well as contributions from the Department of Political Science, UM alumni and community sponsors. For more information on the conference, visit the [MMUN website](#).

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