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ACADEMICS AND FACULTY--examples

Professor. Sara Glasgow has several recent publications to her credit: 1) A review of the book *Theory and Research in Promoting Public Health*, edited by Sarah Earle, Cathy E. Lloyd, Moyra Sidell and Sue Spurr. The review appeared in the June 2008 issue of Critical Public Health. 2) A review of *Governing Global Health*, edited by Andrew F. Cooper, John J. Kirton and Ted Schrecker. The review appeared in the December 2008 issue of Critical Public Health. 3) An article entitled, *"Fighting the Last War: Human Security, Infection, and the Challenge of Noncommunicable Disease,"* which was published in the December 2008 issue of the Journal of Human Security.

Professor Alan Weltzien's essay, "Annie Proulx's Wyoming: Geographical Determinism, Landscape, and Caricature," was published in The Geographical Imagination of Annie Proulx: Rethinking Regionalism (2008).

In the current issue (January - February 2009) of Montana Magazine, there is a short article and interview by editor Butch Larcombe, about Dr. Weltzien and The Norman Maclean Reader. It's titled "*From 'River' to the 'Reader*."

The same issue of Montana Magazine also features a story, *"The Depression's Happy Campers*," by Joe Barnhart, which chronicles the Birch Creek CCC Camp.

Dr. Megan Chilson had the following recent publication: Chilson, F. M., (2008). *Faculty Perceptions of Student Online Course Evaluations*. VDM Publishing.

Professor Michael Francisconi has had the following entries accepted for publication in 21st Century Anthropology: A Reference Handbook: "*History and Anthropology*" and "*Theoretical Anthropology*." Dr. Francisconi also has published 9 chapters in the Encyclopedia of Time.

Professor Rob Thomas and his undergraduate students (Stephanie Couture, Connor Fuhrman, Ryan Hunt, Tyler Mullaney, Tana Nulph, Kaleohone Roback, Krystal Schwartz, Luke Shimer, Ian Ternes and Stetson Wilson), recently published, "*Inventory and Assessment of the McDowell Reach of the Upper Big Hole River between the Rock Creek and Wisdom Bridges, Southwest Montana*", 2008, UMW Environmental Field Studies class project submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. They took advantage of Experience One to complete the lengthy scientific study and report.

BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The Business and Technology Department at Montana Western is currently a candidate for accreditation with IACBE (International Assembly for Collegiate Business education). Dr. Margareta Knopik took the lead in preparing the recently submitted self-study necessary for the February 2-4, 2009 accreditation visit by two reviewers. If the program is approved, full accreditation status will be conferred in April 2009.

ART DEPARTMENT

Current and former art faculty at the University of Montana Western exhibited their own artistic accomplishments at the annual Art Faculty Exhibit through Feb. at the university's Gallery/Museum. This year's exhibit includes work by Professors Jim Corr, Randy Horst, Eva Mastandrea and Nolan Salix.

FACULTY VOLUNTEER FOR PROGRAM AT SCHOOLS

Beaverhead County High School (BCHS) honors science students are making big impressions on college faculty with their knowledge and dedication. University of Montana Western biology professor Michael Morrow and several other science faculty members are contributing their time and expertise to assist BCHS students in completing research projects during the 2008-2009 school year. "It's exciting to be assisting with a hands-on learning projects that will teach area high school students in real-world research projects," Morrow said. Morrow has been assisting BCHS freshmen Carly King and Tenae Lochridge since the beginning of the semester through the Destination Imagination (DI) project. These students researching cellular-functions in bacterial yeast pathogens.

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