

## News and Events from Montana Western:

### Faculty Awards & Honors

FRANCIS DAVIS, visiting assistant professor of English, has been awarded a full fellowship to spend a month this summer at the Vermont Studio Center, the largest international artists and writers residency program in the United States.

ROB THOMAS, professor of environmental science and Regents Professor, has been chosen by Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) as a mentor and presenter for the Summer Leadership Institute for STEM faculty held at the BACA campus of Colorado College. The institute focuses on developing faculty leadership for institutional change. PKAL, affiliated with the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), is a national network dedicated to improving undergraduate STEM education.

CHRISTIAN GILDE, assistant professor of business and technology, has been awarded a Salzburg Global Seminar Fellowship to participate in a session addressing “The Search for a New Global Balance: America’s Changing Role in the World.” The Salzburg Global Seminar gathers international scholars and leaders to solve issues of global concern. It is housed in the Schloss Leopoldskron in Salzburg, Austria.

GLENN BODISH, instructor of visual arts, has been named one of the “Best of the Best” in the artist category by readers of the Montana Standard.

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The University of Montana Western’s ANNUAL COMMUNITY RODEO BANQUET shattered previous fundraising records. The event grossed over \$75,000 this year and exceeded last year’s profit totals by over \$10,000.

The acclaimed Broadway musical “YOU’RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN” will be performed by the Montana Western drama department beginning Thursday, April 16.

Nobel Prize-winning physicist DR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS will speak on campus Friday, April 24. Phillips won his Nobel Prize in physics in 1997 for his development of methods to cool and trap atoms with laser light. The process is responsible for making atomic clocks the most accurate timekeepers in the world.

Former U.S. MARINE JUSTIN CONSTANTINE will speak at the Beier Auditorium, Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Constantine received a head wound in Iraq. The talk will include his personal story of survival and a message of attacking difficulties in our lives at college, work and home.

Montana Western environmental sciences graduate NATHAN BOLL continues to advance his academic career graduating next month with a master’s degree in space sciences and technology policy from the University of Michigan. He will return this summer to the NASA Space Academy and has accepted a fellowship from the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University this fall.