

The University of Montana Western Campus Report

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TO: Board of Regents
FROM: Beth Weatherby, Chancellor
RE: Campus Report for the May 2019 Board of Regents' Meeting

- **Dr. Ashley Carlson Receives Fulbright Award**

Dr. Ashley Carlson, Associate Professor of English at the University of Montana Western, has received a Fulbright award to conduct research and lecture at the University of Antananarivo in Madagascar for a full academic year starting in November 2019.

Carlson plans to teach several courses focused on nineteenth-century literature, American television and popular culture.

She will also research two prominent authors in British society in the 1800s, Sarah Stickney Ellis, and her husband, William Ellis, as an expansion on her 2011 doctoral dissertation focused on gender ideology in Sarah Stickney Ellis's works.

- **Regent Casey Lozar to Speak at Montana Western Commencement**

The University of Montana Western's 122nd Annual Commencement, held on Saturday, May 11, will feature speaker Casey Winn Lozar, a member of the Montana University System's Board of Regents.

Lozar has held a variety of administrative, policy and non-profit roles including serving as the Chief Marketing and Development Officer for the Notah Begay III Foundation, a national Native-American non-profit that addresses Native youth health and leadership development.

"Regent Casey Lozar believes unequivocally in the value of higher education. We are so fortunate that he will be here to celebrate our students' accomplishments," said Montana Western Chancellor, Beth Weatherby.

- **UMW Women's Basketball Team Receives Recognition**

Senator Steve Daines and Congressman Greg Gianforte recently congratulated the UMW Women's NAIA Division I National Champion basketball players in Washington D.C. for their national championship win in March in Billings. The team also received recognition on the House and Senate floors during the 66th Montana Legislative Session in Helena. This is the first national championship win for the team.

- **Montana Western Annual Colt Sale Generates Record Breaking Sales**

The third annual UMW Colt Challenge and Sale, held in March at La Cense Montana, drew in a large crowd of 450 people. UMW Natural Horsemanship students trained the colts donated to the program. Nineteen colts sold for an average of \$5,723 each, bringing in a total of \$108,750, which is the most the sale has ever generated.

"This year's sale was a huge success not just because of the sale of the colts, but the growth of all of the students in the sales prep course and all of the support from the community," stated Head Horsemanship Instructor, Eric Hoffmann.

- **UMW Alumna's Photography Displayed in Fine Arts Gallery**

"The Lucky Ones," a photo exhibit that features refugees arriving in Idaho, was displayed during the spring semester in the Fine Arts Gallery at Montana Western. The exhibit featured the work of UMW alumna, Madeline Scott.

Scott graduated from UMW in 2014 with a degree in Equine Business. During her studies, Scott began to focus on her photography.

The exhibit was displayed in a timeline and documented the arrival of two families from the Democratic Republic of Congo and one family from Syria and their transition to life in the United States.

- **Christian Gilde Appointed Editor of Peer Reviewed Journal**

Christian Gilde, Associate Professor of Business at Montana Western, has been appointed managing editor of the Journal for Advancing Business Education. The Journal is affiliated with the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE). Montana Western is the first college in the state of Montana to be accredited through this organization.

Gilde's research has been featured in numerous journal articles and books on business and higher education.

- **Bill Janus Publishes Essay on The Revelator**

Montana Western History Professor, Bill Janus, recently published an essay titled “The Toxic Legacy of Environmental Neoliberalism,” on The Revelator, an online news source that shares the ideas and initiatives of the Center for Biological Diversity.

His essay looked at Poland while it was under communist rule up until 1989. Janus drew connections between politics, commerce, and environmental impact. The piece navigates through the rise of the Nowa Huta district in Krakow and the rapid expansion of the steel plant, Lenin Steelworks. It also examines how industry can have permanent ecological impacts.

- **UMW Alumna Helps Out Behind the Scenes for TV Series**

Ashley Anderson graduated from Montana Western in 2014 with degrees in Natural Horsemanship and Business Administration. Through her work at Tammany Veterinary Hospital in Corvallis, Mont., Anderson had the opportunity to work behind the scenes of the TV series “Yellowstone.”

Anderson accompanied the large animal veterinarians she worked for as they advised film makers during the production of “Yellowstone.” The Paramount Network series follows the life of John Dutton, a Montana ranch owner whose character is played by Kevin Costner. The series began filming in August 2017 on the Chief Joseph Ranch near Darby, Mont.

- **Campus Compact Announces 2019 Newman Civic Fellows**

Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, has announced the 262 students who will make up the organization’s 2019-2020 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows, including Montana Western’s own Adrianna Pittman.

“Adrianna is a student leader active in addressing global awareness. For the past four years, she has worked closely within her local community through 4-H and the local schools to inform them on how to be more globally aware, and the effort that can be put forth to help with prevention of pollution,” said Chancellor Beth Weatherby.

- **UMW Students and Community Celebrate National TRIO Week 2019**

Montana Western’s TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) staff and mentors held a week of activities in celebration of National TRIO Week during the spring semester. Events included a Just Dance Tournament, Advocacy Day and an

annual Pint Night Fundraiser.

The purpose of the week's activities was to raise awareness about the importance of TRIO Programs, both locally and nationally. The mission of TRIO Programs is to achieve college access and success for low-income students, first-generation students, and students with disabilities. Montana Western's TRIO SSS program currently serves 160 students per year.