

Faculty Members Publish Research & Receive National Awards, Homecoming Oct. 9-14, & 10 Minute Play Festival

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Professor Spruce Schoenemann Publishes Research on Glacier Retreat in Pioneer Mountains During the Last Ice Age

Dr. Spruce W. Schoenemann recently published research in the Journal of Quaternary Science Reviews on [glacier retreat in Montana's Pioneer Mountains](#) during the Late Pleistocene period.

The research paper titled “A cosmogenic ^{10}Be (Beryllium 10) moraine chronology of arid, alpine Late Pleistocene glaciation in the Pioneer Mountains of Montana, USA” is a peer-reviewed publication authored by Schoenemann and others that explores when glaciers in the Pioneer Mountains reached their maximum size during the Late Pleistocene period and why they retreated.

To research this, Schoenemann and UMW students, Mana Bryant and Will Larson, collected samples from 35



boulders on terminal moraines (deposit areas located on the edge of glaciers). They then used cosmogenic ^{10}Be exposure dating to determine when the glacial ice first retreated, exposing the ice-covered boulders and recording the timing of maximum extent of Late Pleistocene alpine glaciers in the Pioneer Mountains.

“This project really was the epitome of authentic practice in the discipline of glacial geology; where the students had the opportunity to map the landforms, gather samples, crush and sieve them, and then process and extract the ^{10}Be in a world-class lab in Vermont, synthesize the data, and provide a robust interpretation of the ages. All of which has contributed new knowledge and insight to the paleoglacier science community in the western U.S.,” said Schoenemann.

To read Dr. Schoenemann’s research in its entirety, visit <https://tinyurl.com/45mpuuv9>.



[UMW Faculty Members Receive National Recognition](#)

Regents Professor of Geology, Dr. Rob Thomas: Distinguished Achievement in the Earth Sciences Award from the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

A distinguished educator and advocate for making geological information accessible and relatable to the public, Dr. Thomas received this award for his achievement in the Earth Sciences. As part of the award, Dr. Thomas was invited to choose two students currently attending graduate school to receive a \$4,000 scholarship to support their academic journeys. Students chosen were Michael Gary, currently attending Montana Tech, and Kori Mooney, a graduate of UMW.

Associate Professor of Health and Human Performance, Dr. Mitchell Stephenson: Northern Michigan University's Outstanding Young Alumni Award

First presented in 1964, the NMU Alumni Awards celebrate the personal and professional achievements of NMU alumni who distinguish themselves through exceptional contributions to their profession, community, and society.

Dr. Stephenson, a 2013 NMU graduate, employs experiential teaching methods in his UMW courses and conducts research in biomechanics, focusing on enhancing human performance and reducing injury rates.

Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Dr. Steve Mock: National Park Service's Outstanding Volunteer Service Award & Manchester University's Alumni Honor Award

Dr. Steve Mock recently received the National Park Service's George and Helen Hartzog Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service for his excellence in service as a Denali National Park mountaineering ranger in Alaska. To learn more about mountaineering rangers, visit the [NPS website](#).

In honor of Dr. Mock's role in UMW's transition to block scheduling, his work in Nepal with the Khumbu Climbing Center, and his volunteer service in Denali National Park, Dr. Mock was also presented with the Manchester University Alumni Honor Award during MU's 2023 Homecoming celebration.

Save the Dates

Visit our [online events calendar](#) for more information and to [submit your scheduled events](#).

October 9-14: Burn the Bears: Homecoming 2023

October 9

- [Homecoming Office Decorating Contest Begins](#)
- [Homecoming Royalty Nominations Open](#)
- [Campus Food Drive Begins](#)

October 10

- [Donut Forget about Registration](#): 11:20 a.m., Legacy Plaza
- Capture the Flag: 7:00 p.m., Tundra

October 11

- [MYCA Educator Airlift](#)
- Gameday Poster Making: 3:30 p.m., Bulldog Lounge
- Swing/Line Dance: 6:00 p.m., Auxiliary Gym (BARC 2nd Floor)

October 12

- Pep Rally & Homecoming Royalty Voting: 7:00 p.m., Beier Auditorium
- Burn the Bears Bonfire: 8:00 p.m., Old Football Practice Field

October 13

- Ultimate Fan Gear Friday
- [Athletics Hall of Fame Ceremony](#): 4:30 p.m., Lewis & Clark Room

October 14

- ASUMW Tailgate: 12:00 p.m., Vigilante Field Tailgating Area
- Montana Western Bulldogs vs. Rocky Mountain College: 1:00 p.m., Vigilante Field
- [Bulldog Bash](#): 5:00 p.m., Keltz Arena



21st Annual Ten Minute Play Festival

The 21st Annual Ten Minute Play Festival will be held in Montana Western's Small Auditorium in Main Hall 314. Showings start on October 16 and end on October 18. The evening showtimes will start at 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday and the matinee showings will start at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday.

This popular and exciting event shines a spotlight on students, faculty, staff, and community members. This year's theme will be "Lights, Camera, Action!" and features student-produced short films. The production will be facilitated by Stephen Alan Seder and students from two theatre courses: "Introduction to Acting" and "Play Production and Introduction to Directing."

To purchase tickets, please visit the [BOC Performing Arts Series Box Office webpage](#). Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for senior, youth, and military, and free for UMW students who present their Bulldog Cards.

For more information on the Ten Minute Play Festival and all shows in the series, visit the [BOC series webpage](#).



Montana Western Presents “River Trip” by Artist Tandy Miles Riddle

The University of Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery is honored to present the ["River Trip"](#) exhibition featuring the works of acclaimed plein air artist, Tandy Miles Riddle. The gallery will host an opening reception on October 27 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery located in Main Hall.

This collection of artworks is a culmination of recent events and a lifetime of hard work and perseverance. Riddle draws inspiration from her co-leadership of a watercolor plein air painting excursion down the Yellowstone River, capturing the wildness and freedom of movement while traveling and camping along the river. Her pieces reflect the interplay between water and sky, creating captivating natural landscapes.

The reception is free for all to attend and will feature light refreshments. The “River Trip” exhibition will be open for viewing from October 27 to December 8, 2023. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information about the exhibition, please contact Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery Coordinator, Jennifer Boysen: jennifer.boysen@umwestern.edu.

UMW Named Hidden Gem College of the Rockies

The University of Montana Western has been selected as a [2024 Hidden Gem College](#) in a recent announcement by College Raptor, a leading college planning platform.



This selection recognizes UMW as one of the best colleges in the country, based on a combination of factors, including retention rates, graduation rates, student-to-faculty ratio, endowment per student, selectivity, and other key metrics as reported via the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for the most recently available enrollment year.

“For students seeking the enriching experience of a smaller college with exceptional programs, institutions like UMW emerge as prime options, and we are honored to spotlight them with the recognition they genuinely deserve,” said William Staib, co-founder and CEO of College Raptor.

Student Counseling Services Offers Group Therapy Sessions

The University of Montana Western’s Student Counseling Services team invites all interested students to join two upcoming support group therapy sessions at the Dean of Students Center: [Growing Beyond Trauma](#) and [Healthy Relationships](#). These groups are safe spaces for students to receive support and the first sessions will begin on Oct. 10 and Oct. 12. Click the links above to learn more about each session and how to register.

[Bulldog Rodeo Team Concludes Fall Season with Home Rodeo](#)

The Montana Western rodeo team hosted their home rodeo last weekend at the Harry Andrus Arena. The Bulldog men’s team claimed the team title over Montana State University with a total of 885 points. The women’s team claimed fifth overall. Bulldog senior, Jhet Murphy, took home the men’s all-around title after he placed second in team roping and third in steer wrestling. The Bulldogs will kick off the spring season at the MSU rodeo to be held in April.



Montana Western to Host "Trunk or Treat" on October 25

The University of Montana Western's Residence Life team is excited to announce that this year's "Trunk or Treat" event will be held on Wednesday, October 25, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the BARC parking lot on campus.

During this family friendly event that is fun for all ages, Montana Western students, staff, and faculty decorate their vehicles with different themes while handing out candy. Families in the community are invited to wear costumes and bring their children and grandchildren to walk through the "Trunk or Treat" event and enjoy the festivities.

For those interested in decorating a vehicle for the event, please visit the Bulldog Life office located in the lower level of the Student Union Building with your chosen theme. Candy donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Bulldog Life Office. Students who participate in this event will earn 300 Paw Prints points.

For more information, please contact Bonita Bontrager: bonita.bontrager@umwestern.edu or 406-683-7520.

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