MISSOULA – The Mansfield Center at the University of Montana has announced its Spring 2016 Brown Bag Lecture Series for the community. The lectures reflect the center’s mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics. Topics of this semester’s lectures include wildlife conservation in Southeast Asia, renewable energy and human health, and the connections between language and culture.

All sessions will be held from 12:10 to 1 p.m. The lectures are free and open to the public. The schedule follows:

- **Tuesday, Feb. 16, University Center Room 332:** “Environmental Conservation Projects in Vietnam,” Marilyn Marler, natural areas specialist, UM Division of Biological Sciences, and Sarah Bates, deputy director, Northern Rockies, Prairies and Pacific Region of the National Wildlife Federation.

- **Wednesday, Feb. 24, UC Room 330:** “How Language and Culture Shape Each Other,” Reza Samar, associate professor, UM Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center.

- **Tuesday, March 8, UC Room 332:** “The Confluence of Renewable Energy and Human Health: Putting Ourselves to Work for a Human-Powered Future,” Bradley Layton, director, Missoula College Energy Technology Program.

- **Wednesday, March 23, Mansfield Center Conference Room:** “Exploring Climate Change and Culture in the Vietnam Delta,” Nicky Phear, program coordinator, UM Climate Change Studies Program, and Dan Spencer, associate professor, UM Environmental Studies Program.

For more information and extended session descriptions, visit

http://umt.edu/mansfield/events/brownbaglectures or call 406-243-2988.

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