Kelly Dixon
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

Archaeology, Global Change, and the Modern World: Tales from the American West

Associate Professor of Anthropology Kelly J. Dixon specializes in archaeology in the American West. She is co-editor and contributing author of An Archaeology of Desperation: Exploring the Donner Party’s Alder Creek Camp, winner of the Society for Historical Archaeology’s 2013 James Deetz Book Award. Professor Dixon earned her Ph.D. from the University of Nevada and has been teaching archaeology at UM since 2003.

Professor Dixon will present a handful of archaeological case studies of past humans facing issues relevant to life in the modern world, including vulnerability, risk, and adaptation. The way people responded to these challenges in the past can help us address present challenges such as environmental planning, sustainability, and preservation of the world’s natural and cultural heritage. This lecture will feature archaeological examples from the American West, with an emphasis on archaeological landscapes in Montana.

6 p.m. Tuesday, November 19
UC North Ballroom (3rd Floor)
free and open to the public