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November 2021 Newsletter

Message from the UM International Council

Recent headlines remind us of our responsibility as members of the UM community to confront and reject all forms of discrimination and bias when they appear in our community. The UM International Council asks that you join us in strongly denouncing Islamophobia, sexism, and homophobia and affirming that our community is one that welcomes and values people of all ethnicities from all parts of the world, regardless of gender, gender expression, race, religion, or sexual orientation. We support the work of the [Diversity Advisory Council](#) and the [Office of Inclusive Excellence for Student Success](#) to

enhance diversity and champion inclusion at the University of Montana.

Signed,

[UM International Council](#) Members (Chair, Jennifer Bell, PT, ScD)

International Education Week

Engaged • Resilient • Global

November 15–19

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This week is an initiative led by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education and it is observed in more than 100 countries worldwide every November.

The Global Engagement Office invites you to participate in events throughout the week of November 15–19.

*Please note that some events require a pre-registration (free) by November 12.

[Schedule of Events Here](#)

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

DIVERseU

SPEAK. LISTEN. UNDERSTAND.

PROMOTING UNDERSTANDING THROUGH CIVIL DISCOURSE

DiverseU to take place

Nov. 2-4

The University of Montana's 16th Annual Diversity Symposium, DiverseU, will take place **November 2-4, 2021**. Diversity at The University of Montana is an essential component of academic excellence and DiverseU provides an opportunity to contribute to the diversity efforts at UM. This is a campus-wide series of events focused on topics of diversity and promoting civil discourse. Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members discuss, present, perform, and exhibit art throughout the event.

If you have any questions about DiverseU, please contact

Adrienne Smith at Adrienne.smith@umontana.edu or

Emily Ferguson Steger at Emily.steger@umontana.edu

[Schedule of Events Here](#)

THE GRIZ READ AND THE PRESIDENT'S LECTURE SERIES

AN EVENING WITH **Viet Thanh Nguyen**

Author of Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *THE SYMPATHIZER* and editor of *THE DISPLACED*, this year's Griz Read.

**NOVEMBER 4
6 P.M. | ZOOM**



THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.
Register at umt.edu/president
to receive the Zoom link.



Mansfield Dialogues

The Mansfield Center is honored to announce that in collaboration with the University of Montana's President's Lecture Series, November's Mansfield Dialogues speaker is Pulitzer Prize-winning author Viet Thanh Nguyen.

[Click here to register](#)

CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES AND CONTENDING CONCEPTS OF SUSTAINABILITY

INTERNATIONAL LECTURE SERIES 2021/22 \ \ THURSDAYS 5 PM CET VIA ZOOM

OCT 21	Deconstructing "Sustainability": Introduction to alternative understandings Andreas Ch. Braun, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany
OCT 28	The Southern Origins of Sustainable Development Goals: Ideas, Actors, Aspirations Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, The New School, USA
NOV 04	Decolonizing Sustainability: Indigenous Perspectives on the Anthropocene and Gaia Subhabrata Bobby Banerjee, Bayes Business School, United Kingdom
NOV 11	Local Interpretation of the Global Discourse of Sustainability in Rural Cambodia Phyllis Bo-yuen Ngai, University of Montana, USA
NOV 18	Gendered Contradictions of the Measurement Imperative in Global Goals Astrid Vanessa Pérez Piñán & Elizabeth Vibert, University of Victoria, Canada
NOV 25	Operationalizing SDGs in Vulnerable Areas: Marginalizing Human Development? Hameed Jamali, Institute of Management Sciences, Pakistan
DEC 02	Introduction of Epistemologies of the South: Knowledges Born in Struggle Maria Paula Meneses, University of Coimbra, Portugal
DEC 09	Agriculture, Knowledge and the Colonial Matrix of Power Johannes M. Waldmueller, Universidad de las Americas, Ecuador
DEC 16	Destructive Expansion, Epistemic Violence and Cosmopolitical Insurgencies Omar Angel Arach, Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia Austral, Argentina
JAN 13	Critical Reflections on the Eurocentric Way of Approaching Nature Jorge Polo Blanco, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral, Ecuador
JAN 20	Eco-swaraj, Buen Vivir and Degrowth: Alternatives to Development Ashish Kothari, Kalpavriksh/Global Tapestry of Alternatives, India
JAN 27	Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Peoples' Human Right to Cultural Identity Gonzalo Aguilar Cavallo, Universidad de Talca, Chile
FEB 03	From Principles to Action: Community-based Entrepreneurship in the Toquaht Nation Matthew Murphy, University of Victoria, Canada
FEB 10	Conclusions and Closing Session Andreas Ch. Braun, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology, Germany



ONLINE ACCESS
www.ifr.kit.edu/lecture_series_sustainability

The purpose of the lecture series is to lead to a more comprehensive, global understanding of sustainability that might even be more internationally viable.

Students, PhD-students and Postdocs interested in this topic are welcome to attend. All students are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions.

Find out more here



Regional Travel Bans Will Be Replaced with a COVID Vaccination Requirement

On October 25, 2021 President Biden issued a [Proclamation on Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). The proclamation, which will be effective on November 8, 2021, includes these key points:

- The proclamation revokes the [regional travel bans](#) restricting travel from China, India, Iran, Brazil, South Africa, the Schengen Area, the United Kingdom, and Ireland.
- Beginning on November 8, nonimmigrant foreign nationals, such as F and J students and scholars, will need proof that they are [fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#) and proof of a [negative COVID-19 test](#) taken within three days before their flight in order to board a flight to the United States.
- There are some exceptions to the vaccination requirement. It does not apply to anyone under age 18 or to travelers from countries with [limited access to COVID-19 vaccines](#).

- The proclamation does not apply to U.S. citizens or permanent residents (green card holders), but all unvaccinated travelers – including U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and nonimmigrants eligible for exceptions to the vaccine requirement will be subject to [stricter COVID-19 testing requirements](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- CDC (Centers for Disease Control): [Requirement for Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination for Air Passengers](#)
- U.S. Department of State: [Updated Requirements for Air Travelers to the U.S. due to COVID-19](#).
- CDC: "[Find out if you can board a flight to the United States](#)" travel assessment

Please email iss@umontana.edu with any questions.



UM Resumes Study Abroad Program

University of Montana sophomore Christian Newby spent the summer with his suitcase packed and fingers crossed.

Like hundreds of other Grizzlies, the Whitefish native had hoped to study abroad this year but the continuing COVID-19 pandemic has put a full stop to his Japan adventure for now. The situation will change, he's convinced, but it may be a year or more before he can finally pursue his passion to learn more about Japanese culture.

Story continues...

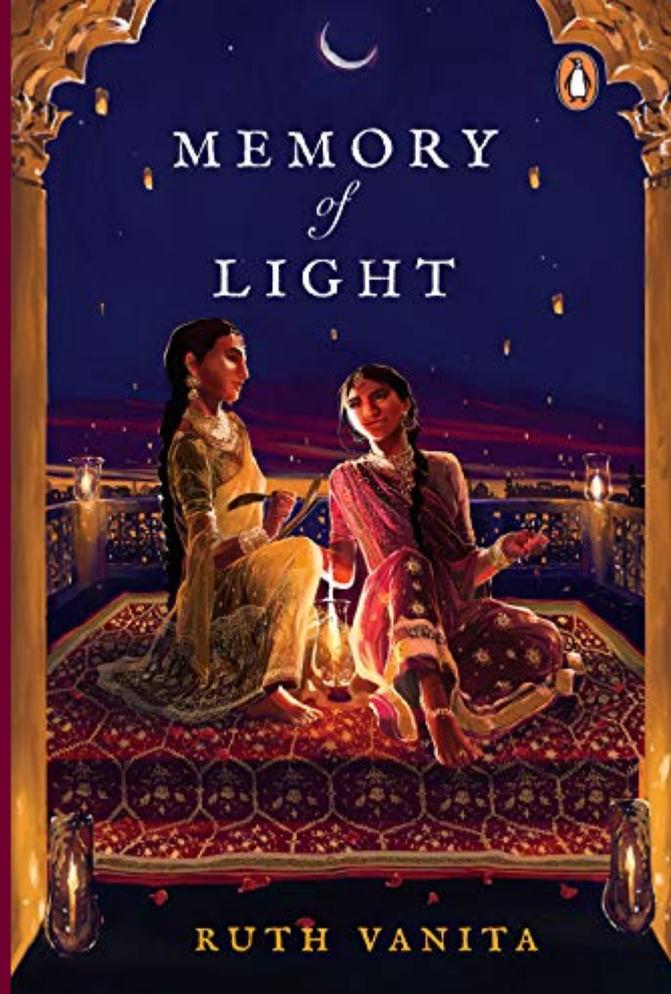
[Read the full article here](#)



Cross-Cultural Collaboration Illuminates New Perspectives on Art

In Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) sessions between Sophia University and the University of Montana, students examined this dynamic quality of performance art using a multifaceted approach, drawing from studies of artistic representation, aesthetic interpretation, and theatrical design.

[Read the full article here](#)



Named one of 10 most awaited books of July 2020!

UM English Professor Ruth Vanita recently published a novel titled *Memory of Light*. The novel is set in 18th–19th-century India and tells the story of a romance between two courtesans, as well as the stories of their friends, family and neighbors. The novel was released during lockdown last year, hence the delay in publicity. Lambda listed it as one of the 10 most awaited books of July 2020.

[Read more here](#)



Recent Journal Publication by Professor Phyllis Ngai

The Xijiang Miao Village (shown above), also named “China’s Miao stockade village of one thousand households,” is the research site of Professor Phyllis Ngai’s recent publication in the international journal *Tourism, Culture and Communication*. Ngai recently published “Organizational Communication Challenges in Ethnic Tourism Development: Lessons for Adapting the Participatory Approach from Xijiang Miao Village, Southwest China”, 2021, volume 21(2), pp. 123-142.

This project is about the Chinese-government initiated development approach in the indigenous homeland of the Miao people and involved collaboration with Dr. Ying Hu at Yunnan University in Kunming, China.

[Read more here](#)



Content-Based Instruction Gets ELI Students Out of the Classroom

You may know that the English Language Institute (ELI) teaches English to non-native speakers. Perhaps you imagine ELI students spending hours learning grammar rules and memorizing new vocabulary. However, ELI's approach to English-teaching is much more fun than that! ELI delivers what is known as content-based language instruction. Content-based language instruction uses a target language (English, in the case of ELI) to study other topics. Students read articles, listen to podcasts, watch lectures, and deliver presentations on a variety of academic topics in their second language. Common academic themes at ELI include Health & Medicine, Technology & Society, and Language & Communication, among others. This semester at ELI, students are studying Wildlife & Forestry, and, of course, Missoula, Montana is the perfect place to study this academic topic.

[Read the full article here](#)

UM Now Offering World Competencies Certificate

This certificate, through the World Languages and Cultures Department, will help students be more informed about regions around the world and will help them hone analytical as well as linguistic skills. In addition to course work, students will participate in an international programmatic learning experience, such as study abroad, or international research, work, or service activities. Substitutions for international travel may be made arranged due to covid-based limitations. Closer to home, students participate in eight (8) campus

activities with an international focus (these activities are not for credit). Examples of such activities could include participating in club events; attending campus lectures that have an international focus; volunteering to work with high school students at World Language Days; or going to cultural events (art exhibit, theater performance) that have an international theme.

Degree Specific Credits: 22-26, depending on the choice of language

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

For more information refer to [this](#) web page



Montana World Affairs Council

Lots of great events happening in November: check them out [HERE](#).

Stay in the loop; sign up for the Montana World Affairs Council Newsletter.

Don't miss out on news or events!

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Mansfield Center

The programs succeed because of the wonderful participation of the community. Mansfield Center email announcements will help you stay informed about upcoming events, international programs, and other opportunities. When you sign up, you will receive a confirmation email that will also allow you to update your account and specify the kinds of email updates

that you receive. The Mansfield Center respects your privacy and will never sell your contact information, and you can opt out of further emails at any time.

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Conversations that change lives.

Mental Health Training

Mental Health Training: Kognito : A Virtual, Interactive On-line Mental Health Training Kognito is a 45-minute, web-based training simulation module to train students, faculty, and staff in recognizing signs of mental health issues, distress, and suicide, as well as how to communicate with and refer at-risk students. The module can be accessed from home or office and completed at your convenience.

[More information here](#)



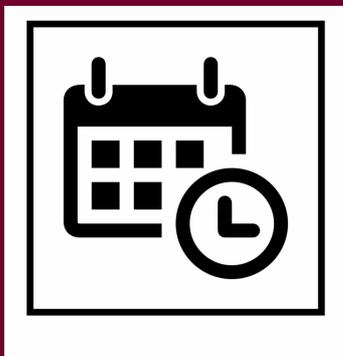
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Study Abroad Applications Open

Fall 2022 and Academic Year 22/23 education abroad applications will open the

Deadlines can be found on our website [HERE](#)

Get started by [searching the 200+ universities available](#) to choose from or scheduling a 'Getting Started' appointment with the Education Abroad Coordinator.



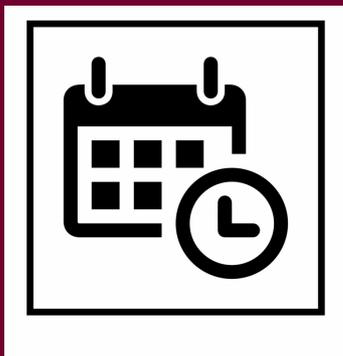
Schedule an Appointment with Education Abroad

If you'd like to learn more about studying abroad, or if you're an international exchange student currently at UM, you can schedule advising appointments with the Education Abroad Coordinator, McKennah Andrews, for advising, application assistance, exchange paperwork, and more!

Appointments can be made in-person or virtually. The availability of in-person appointments might be subject to fluctuate, depending on the need to work remotely due to COVID-19.

Schedule your appointment now by clicking the button below.

[Schedule Now!](#)



Schedule an Appointment with the International Students and Scholars Office

Book an appointment with an ISS staff member if you have questions regarding your immigration status, OPT application, orientation, or general life at UM.

Schedule Now!

MASK UP, GRIZZLIES!



**We're back together,
now let's stay together.**

**Thanks for helping to reduce the
spread of COVID-19 on campus
and in our community.**



As we start to see more and more people on campus, please be reminded of CDC and University of Montana COVID-19 guidelines. The Global Engagement

Office asks all visitors and members of the campus community to wear a mask while visiting our offices in Lommasson and the International Center. Masks are provided for your convenience at our front reception desks.



Help Promote International Opportunities and Initiate Global Engagement In Montana

If you're interested in connecting with other globally-minded leaders across Montana to help promote international opportunities and initiate global engagement to students and communities across the Big Sky State, then please complete the committee sign-up form below. Anyone is welcome to join – from high school language teachers to university professors, or organizational leaders to international education professionals.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulty, please contact McKennah Andrews at mckennah.andrews@mso.umt.edu

Sign up [here](#)



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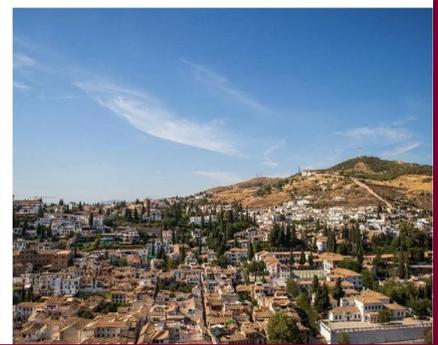
Or call **(406) 243-2278** for more information

Our internships for Fall 2021 are open and on Handshake. These internships will have flexibility around start date, end date, and time off for vacations:

[Peer Advisor Internship](#)

[Diversity Advocate Internship](#)

SPAIN



Featured Partner University:

Universidad de Granada

By Carissa Luginbill

The Universidad de Granada (UGR) campus, located at the center of the city of Granada, is one of Spain's top universities. With 470 years of tradition, UGR is home to nearly 70,000 students, of which 6,500 are international.

Fully immerse yourself in the Spanish language. All classes at UGR are taught in Spanish. Courses offered range from Faculties in Communication & Documentation, Dentistry, Economic & Business Sciences, Education & Humanities, Fine Arts, Philosophy & Literature, Physical Activity & Sport Sciences, Psychology, Translation & Interpreting and much more!

With the University within the city center, Granada is easily navigable, and in close proximity to warm seas, high mountains, & some of Spain's major cities. The city has a hip, youthful vibe, in addition to its ancient past.

Intrigued? Get connected. Enjoy the beauty.

For more information visit the University's [website](#).

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