

Friday, April 4

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (12:30pm)

- **Dr. Linda Young**, Political Science Department Head, Associate Professor MSU. Discussing the WTO and why negotiations there have stalled and what it indicates for shifts in the global economic order.

- **Mr. Carey Hester**, Director, Montana U.S. Export Assistance Center, U.S. Department of Commerce. Discussing the assistance that is out there for companies to get their products and services worldwide.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (2:00pm)

- **Ms. Jan Strout**, Co-Chair, US Women & Cuba Collaboration and College of Letters and Science, Instructor MSU. Discussing the International Women's Conference in Cuba, November 2013, as part of a US Women's Research Delegation that investigated sustainable development, gender equality and economic fairness for women. She will also share Cuba's interest for people in US University Schools of Business to come and exchange skills as they build new entrepreneurship opportunities in Cuba.

- **Dr. Amanda Hardy**, Assistant Director, North America Program, Wildlife Conservation Society. Discussing the issues the North American Program is tackling.

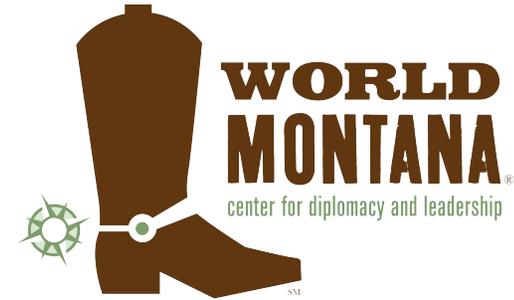
CONCURRENT SESSIONS (3:30pm)

- **Dr. Loren Acton**, Physics Department, Research Professor in the Solar Physics Group MSU. Discussing working with international counter-parts in Japan.

- **Mr. George Metcalfe**, Ventures International. Discussing key lessons learned about agricultural development in developing countries.

EVENING RECEPTION & DINNER (5:30pm-7:00pm)

- Welcome by WorldMontana® Board President, Ron Lukenbill
- Brief WorldMontana® Annual Meeting
- Presentations by local exchange participants, Seamus Branch and Katherine Budeski



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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Dr. Linda Young

Dr. Young earned her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at University of California, Davis. Her research agenda focuses on the impacts of agricultural trade and trade policies on the welfare of various groups. One research theme of Dr. Young's is to understand the impact of world markets on small agricultural producers in poor countries. Specifically, can small agricultural producers in Latin America increase their incomes by exporting to the world market? Another research theme is the tension between national agricultural policy and commitments made through the World Trade Organization, as states struggle to maintain their own set of policies while simultaneously creating a fair environment for international trade. In a recent paper she used transaction costs economics to compare the cohesiveness of domestic agricultural policy and trade policy in the United States and the European Union.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Dr. Amanda Hardy

Dr. Hardy has over 20 years of experience in natural sciences and conservation with the latter half of her career dedicated to understanding and reducing negative impacts of transportation systems on wildlife and habitat connectivity at local and landscape levels. Amanda was instrumental in establishing their Road Ecology Program. While employed at WTI-MSU, Dr. Hardy led applied scientific research in the field and lab to evaluate the effectiveness of measures intended to reduce wildlife-transportation conflicts. In addition to her research, Dr. Hardy facilitated a multi-agency working group to develop an adaptable, strategic, ecosystem-based approach to offset anticipated impacts of future transportation projects.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Dr. Loren Acton

Dr. Acton is an American physicist who flew on Space Shuttle mission STS-51-F as a Payload Specialist for the Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratory. Acton was born in Lewistown, Montana. He went on to receive a bachelor of science degree in Engineering Physics from Montana State University in 1959, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Solar Physics from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1965. He was selected as one of four payload specialists for Spacelab 2 on August 9, 1978, and after seven years of training he flew on STS-51-F/ Spacelab-2 in 1985. At mission conclusion, He had traveled over 2.8 million miles in 126 Earth orbits, logging over 190 hours in space. Dr. Acton is currently a Research Professor of Physics in the Solar Physics Group at Montana State University, where he oversees the solar physics group, which carries on an active research program under NASA support. The group is actively involved in day-to-day operation and scientific utilization of the Japan/US/UK Yohkoh mission for studies of high-energy solar physics.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Carey Hester

Mr. Hester provides technical assistance on exporting, including payment options and international finance, shipping, negotiation, business relationship development, as well as cross-cultural considerations for Montana businesses, educational institutions, organizations, and associations. Mr. Hester has served as the Montana Department of Commerce's International Trade Officer since 1994. His primary responsibility is to help Montana companies market their products overseas. In Montana, Mr. Hester has provided counseling to hundreds of Montana companies in areas such export marketing, export licensing, shipping and documentation, payment methods, export financing, and intellectual property rights protection.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Ms. Jan Strout

Jan Strout has organized and educated for global women's rights, peace and social justice in institutions of higher education and by community organizing for over thirty years. She currently teaches First year Student Seminars at Montana State University in Bozeman for the College of Letters and Science. At MSU, Jan is a CLS Faculty Fellow in Engaged Leadership for 2013-14 and serves on the Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force. Jan is co founder and Co-chair of the US Women and Cuba Collaboration and has co-lead numerous women's delegations to Cuba, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua and Venezuela since 1988. She also serves in leadership roles on the Boards of National Organization for Women, Reclaim the Media and the US Social Forum. And is locally active with Bozeman Business and Professional Women and Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba. Her educational training includes a Masters Degree in Education and BA in History and Sociology. She speaks about women's rights and gender equity at conferences and events locally, nationally and internationally and has published several articles in books about women's political participation and global feminisms.

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY: Mr. George Metcalfe

Mr. Metcalfe has years of experience in some 50 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Balkans, the Caribbean and Eastern Europe. Over a 30-year period, Mr. Metcalfe led and directed World Bank, United Nations, Asian Development Bank, USAID, and university and foundation sponsored projects in Botswana, Nigeria, Indonesia, Thailand, Pakistan and Nepal. He also played a major role in the startup and development of TechnoServe, Inc., an international assistance organization established in 1969. During his 10 years with TechnoServe, Metcalfe established TechnoServe country programs in Ghana, Kenya, Uganda, the Cameroon, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Peru.



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