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IMAGE: Photo of Mark T. Johnson

PSA: MCC to Host Free Speaker Presentation

MILES CITY, MONTANA: The Miles Community College Library “Speaker Series” will be hosting author Mark Johnson on Wednesday, May 18, on the MCC Campus to highlight his book titled “The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky”. Johnson is an assistant professor in the Institute of Educational Initiatives at the University of Notre Dame and has worked extensively in the compilation of historical documents and stories left by Chinese pioneers in Montana.

Community members are welcome to join this free event on May 18 from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the MCC Library, as Johnson provides a history of the Chinese experience during historical times in Montana.

Presentation description: “From the earliest days of the non-Native settlement of Montana, Chinese pioneers played a key role in the region’s development. But this

population, so crucial to Montana's history, remains underrepresented in historical accounts. Using documents left by Chinese pioneers, translated into English for the first time, The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky recovers the stories of Montana's Chinese population in their own words and deepens understanding of Chinese experiences in Montana through a global lens. Through these experiences, Chinese Montanans emerge as empowered and active, advocating for their rights in America while both shaped by and shaping events in China."

For more information on Johnson or his book and collection of findings, visit www.bigskychinese.com.

For questions or more information on the Speaker Series event, please contact the Miles Community College Library at 406-874-6196 or by emailing library@milesecc.edu.

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