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BILLINGS – Tim Lehman, Rocky Mountain College professor of history, will be the featured speaker at the April 6, 2011 meeting of Town & Gown at the Lewis & Clark Room, MSU-B.

Lehman’s talk will derive from the theme of his newest book, “Bloodshed at Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull, Custer, and the Destinies of Nations,” which focuses on what is popularly known as Custer's Last Stand.

“The battle of the Little Bighorn stands as an iconic moment in the history of the American West, yet many popular perceptions of the battle are poorly understood,” he said.

Taking advantage of recent battlefield archaeology and Indian accounts, Lehman will present a fresh view of what happened at the battle and explain the myth making that has surrounded the battle ever since.

At RMC, Lehman teaches a wide variety of courses in American, Western, and Environmental History. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is the author of two books, “Public Values, Private Lands: American Farmland Preservation Policy,” 1933-1985 (University of North Carolina Press, 1995) and “Bloodshed at Little Bighorn: Sitting Bull, Custer, and the Destinies of Nations,” (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010), which has been nominated as a finalist for the Great Plains Distinguished Book Award. He has also published articles and reviews in professional and popular journals as well as web sites. From 1996 to 1999 he served on the board of the Montana Committee for the Humanities (now Humanities Montana). He is also a frequent speaker for public audiences about various topics in western history.

Tickets are $20. Reservations may be made by calling, (406) 294-4230.

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