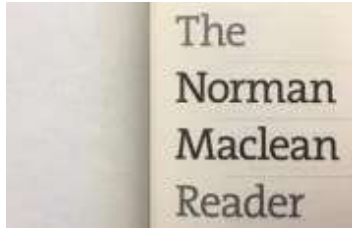


## April 2018 Program



The  
Norman  
Maclean  
Reader



**Guest Speaker: Alan  
Weltzien**

**TOPIC: "Dry River Channel,  
Fishing and Writing, and  
a River."**

O. Alan Weltzien, longtime English professor at the University of Montana Western, can barely fly fish. But that's never stopped him from fishing in Norman Maclean, among other Montana writers. Professor Weltzien grew up in Puget Sound country and received his A. B. in English from Whitman College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. He has received two Fulbright Fellowships (Poland, Bulgaria) and one University of Montana International Faculty Award (Australia). He has published nine books and two chapbooks. His two newest books are *The Comfort Pathway*, a chapbook essay (2017), and *Thinking Continental: Writing the Planet One Place at a Time* (co-editor), 2017). Weltzien still skis in winter and scrambles peaks in summer. His idea of a good day includes several hours of reading and at least a few hours of writing.

Professor Weltzien is interested in regional literature and is a champion of Montana literature, which he believes is wedded to the landscape. He edited The Literary Art and Activism of Rick Bass and The Norman Maclean Reader, which included several unpublished works by Maclean. He also was a featured speaker at the annual "In the Footsteps of Norman Maclean Festival." Maclean and A River Runs Through It will be the subject of the March program.