

**Thursday, September 23, 6:30 p.m.**  
***History of the Czechs in Montana and  
Elsewhere in the Northwest***  
**With Dr. Martin Nekola, coordinator of the Czechoslovak  
Talks Project**

Beginning in the second half of the nineteenth century, thousands dreamed of leaving Bohemia (then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) for U.S., the “country of endless hope.” They were driven by a vision of better living conditions and quick riches, as well as a desire to escape political, religious, and national oppression. Nekola will detail their story, focusing on the Czechs—more than 350,000 of whom lived in the United States at the outbreak of World War I—who settled in this region.

