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Patrick Barkey has served as Director of the Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER) at the University of Montana since 2008. He has been involved with economic forecasting and policy research for more than 35 years, in both the private and public sectors. He has authored studies on energy development, tourism, labor markets, tax policy and international trade. He currently serves as the President of the Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), a national organization of regional business research centers founded in 1947.

The BBER is the preeminent business research center in Montana. Housed in the College of Business, for 46 years it has produced the Montana Economic Outlook Seminar, a half-day program devoted to the national, state and local economic outlook that now is held in 10 cities across Montana in February. Barkey also hosts the Montana Economic Minute, a daily podcast on economic issues that is aired on radio stations throughout the state.

He holds a B.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan.

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