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# WE ARE... MARSHALL™

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## Rural Health Clinical Facility Opens at Fairfield Site



The name of the clinical facility will be announced at its dedication ceremony later this year.

The clinical addition of the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health is now open to patients at the site of the former Fairfield Stadium. Currently known simply as the clinical center, the building will be named during its formal dedication ceremony later this year.

Located at 1249 15<sup>th</sup> Street, the center houses two departments of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine: Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Services. Cardiovascular Services has a new phone number—691-8500—but numbers will remain the same for Internal Medicine, including the Hanshaw Geriatric Center and the Diabetes Center.

The top three floors of the \$24 million, 88,000-square-foot building will contain exam and treatment space. The ground floor has special teaching facilities for medical students. The center is expected to accommodate 250 patient visits per day.

The new building was funded through a federal appropriation secured by U.S. Sen. Robert C. Byrd.

## Carol Kolski is Employee of the Month

Carol Kolski, Information System Specialist in the bursar's office, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for April, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

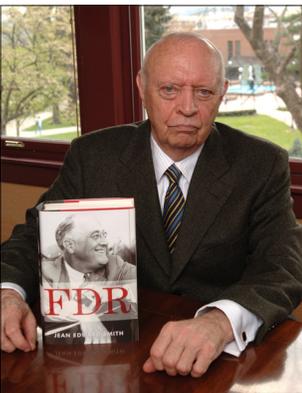
Employed by the university since 1992, Kolski was nominated by Linda Beaver, Patty Bane, Bonnie Berry, John Bowen, Melody Murphy, and Cynthia Obregon.

Her helpfulness and efficiency during the Bursar's Office move to another location were among the accolades given her by the nominators.

"The bursar's office has been going through a great move and Carol went beyond her duties to see that the office was ready," the nominators wrote. "Carol goes the extra step to insure that others are accommodated, that their needs are met. Carol is very efficient. Carol is extremely reliable. She is responsible in all aspects of our office ... Carol's

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## FDR Book Published by Random House



Jean Edward Smith

A newly released comprehensive biography of Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Marshall faculty member Jean Edward Smith is drawing critical acclaim and ecstatic reviews.

*FDR* was published last month by Random House. *Publishers Weekly*, in a boxed, starred review—its highest category—called it "a magisterial biography. Smith's "eloquent synthesis

of *FDR*'s complex and compelling life is remarkably executed and a joy to read," the review said.

*Library Journal*, in another starred review, labeled *FDR* essential. "This page-turner is the best single volume biography available of America's 32<sup>nd</sup> president," it said. "Other reviewers of the 880-page biography have been equally enthusiastic. John Meacham of *Newsweek* called *FDR* "a towering new biography." Syndicated columnist George W. Will wrote, "Jean Edward Smith, author of acclaimed biographies of John Marshall, the definer of the nation, and Ulysses Grant, whose sword saved the nation, now provides this study of Franklin Roosevelt, reviver of the nation. It will secure Smith's

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Carol Kolski (left) receives the Employee of the Month plaque from President Kopp.

# Area to Become Foundation CEO



Dr. Ronald G. Area

Dr. Ronald G. Area has been named Chief Executive Officer of the Marshall University Foundation, Inc. and senior vice president for development at Marshall, according to an announcement by Dr. Joseph B. Touma, chairman of the foundation's board of directors. He will begin his duties Monday, July 9.

Area was chief executive officer of the Oklahoma State University Foundation for 12 years, where he and his administrative team raised more than \$260 million.

"Ron is experienced, professional, a visionary and a people person," Touma said. "His wife, Beth, is enthusiastic and will be a great asset for the community and the foundation as well. They both will become part of our community very quickly."

President Stephen J. Kopp said he is pleased to welcome Area to Huntington at a time when Marshall University, like all institutions of higher education, is so dependent on fundraising.

"Ron and Beth are eager to move here and join the Marshall family," Kopp said. "With his experience and enthusiasm, I believe Ron is the perfect choice for this important position and will do a great job. I look forward to working closely with him to advance philanthropic giving to Marshall."

Area has degrees from the University of Arkansas, Adelphi University, and Oklahoma State. Before joining the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Okla., he worked in higher education from 1978 through 2004. He started as assistant dean of continuing education at UT-Chattanooga, where he remained for 15 years. During that time he also was dean of continuing education, vice

chancellor of development twice and executive vice chancellor.

While at UT-Chattanooga, Area completed the Summer Institute of Educational Management at Harvard University.

"I am pleased and honored to be joining Marshall University and its foundation at such a pivotal and exciting time in its history," Area said. "During my academic career, I visited the campus several times and took notice of Marshall's steady growth and development."

And, he added, "I believe that by partnering closely with President Kopp, the university community and committed volunteers to increase private support, we can chart an exciting course for the university's future. Marshall University is a treasure and is poised for greatness. I am eager to be a part of such a dynamic academic community."

Area replaces John Kinzer, who has served as interim CEO since June 1, 2006.

## *Rutherford's Book on Nazi Ethnic Cleansing Published*

Dr. Philip T. Rutherford, assistant professor of modern European history with expertise in the Nazi era, has written a book titled *Prelude to the Final Solution: The Nazi Program for Deporting Ethnic Poles, 1939-1941*.

The 344-page, hardcover book is published by University Press of Kansas. In describing the book, University Press writes that "Rutherford investigates Nazi policies of 'ethnic cleansing' to reveal the striking anti-Polish nature of the crusade to Germanize newly

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## *Staff Council Election Results Announced*

As result of the recent election conducted by the Marshall University Classified Staff Council, membership on the council for 2007-2009 will be composed of the following individuals:

Terry Blake, Plant Operations; Teresa Bolt, Information Technology; Tootie Carter, Student Center Operations; Ronnie Hicks, Physical Plant; Adrian Lawson, ITV; Amber Bentley, Career Services; Jill Burcham, Purchasing & Materials Management; Betty Cook, College of Liberal Arts; Carol Hurula, Academic Affairs; Jan Parker, Graduate School; Nina Barrett, Accounting; Jennifer Jimison, Financial Aid; Kimberly Lawson-Murphy, Human Resources; Cindy Obregon, Bursar's Office; Patsy Stephenson, Drinko Library; Darlene Colegrove, Special Education; Leonard Lovely, Mail Room; Rhonda Mullins, University Communications; Lu Ann South, Communication Studies; Kristine Standifur, ATE; Barbara Black, Housing Auxiliary; Betty Hazlett, Housing Auxiliary; Joe Justice, Plant Operations; Terry Olson, Public Safety; Joe Wortham, Athletics.

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## Profile: Marie McDowell

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Marie McDowell

She's an ebullient bundle of energy, a multi-talented artist with what seems like a million interests. And while family and friends know her as Marie McDowell, she also has a lyrical Cherokee name, Singing Wind, which was bestowed upon her in an ancient tribal ritual.

Now, after more than 31 years at Marshall, Marie McDowell, Administrative Secretary Senior in the Geography Department, is retiring, but she'll be back, she warns. "I'm leaving, but I'm not leaving," she says. "I have made so many friends here and I have so many good memories, I'll be coming back, just in a different capacity."

Ever the optimist, she sees retirement not as an end but a wonderful beginning to a whole new life. There will be more time for riding her bike, working in her flower gardens, perfecting her watercolors, catching up on home projects, and best of all spending more time with her husband and 87-year-old mother.

A Huntington native, McDowell's Marshall career began in the Mail Room, where she spent a year before marrying and moving to Massachusetts. A few years later, after a divorce and a move back to the Tri-State area with her daughter Jocelyn, she took a part-time job in the MU Bookstore before joining the Admissions staff in 1979. When a job in counseling opened, she was selected for it and spent the next 26 years there. The move to the Geography department came about when she married Bill McDowell, a faculty member in counseling who recently has been named the division chair of Human Development and Allied Technology.

"I thought it would better if we both didn't work in the same department, so I moved to Geography, where I've been for the past two years," she says candidly. "The Geography department is a wonderful place to work."

Now about her Cherokee name. Bill McDowell is from Missouri and is part Cherokee, she explains. Marie says that while planning their wedding, one day she joked that they ought to have a Native American wedding. It was just a whim but the thought struck a chord with the couple and, before they knew it, the idea took on a life of its own and a definitely nontraditional wedding was in the works. But if they were going to do things right, first there had to be an adoption ceremony during which she would be taken in as a member of the tribe.

The summer that preceded their Thanksgiving wedding, the pair traveled to Missouri, where among family and friends, Marie became an adopted Cherokee. It was a warm, sunny day,

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## Thesis/Dissertation Grants Announced by Graduate College

Sixteen graduate students have been awarded summer 2007 thesis/dissertation research awards, according to Dr. Leonard J. Deutsch, Dean of the Graduate College. These \$500 scholarships are designed to provide financial support to help students complete their theses, Deutsch said.

The recipients and their advisors are:

- *Lamina Faye Maynard Queen Memorial Graduate Research Scholarship:* Jessica Smith for "The Influence of College Students' Perceptions of Parental (or Primary Caregiver) Expectations on Coping Behavior and Adjustment in Early Adulthood." Advisor: Dr. Chris LeGrow, Psychology.
- *F. Duke Haddad Thesis Grant:* Frank Piccininni for "Ambystomid Monitoring Protocol." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- *A second F. Duke Haddad Thesis Grant:* Pamela Tenney for "Utilizing the Theory of Planned Behavior to Explain Suicidal Intent." Advisor: Dr. Thomas E. Ellis, Psychology.
- *Dr. Thomas R. Noble Thesis Grant:* Eric H. Diefenbacher for "Life History Analysis and Distribution of the Eastern Worm Snake (*Carpophis amoenus amoenus*) in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- *John and Jannett Casto Thesis Award:* Timothy Dotson for "Identifying Factors that Influence the Distribution of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in the Mud River, WV." Advisor: Dr. Charles Somerville, Biology.
- *Charles Crow Family Thesis Award:* Bobby Gene Jones III for "The Geography of Illegal Dumpsites in Rural Appalachia." Advisor: Dr. James Leonard, Geography.

The remaining students received *Graduate College Advisory Board Thesis Grants:*

- Hari S. Addagarla for "Conformational Dynamics in Calcium Binding Proteins." Advisor: Dr. Jaroslava Mikaovaska, Chemistry.
- Scott Albaugh for "Nesting Assessment of *Clemmys guttata* with Emphasis on Occurrence and Natural History." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Kerie Yvonne Corley for "Reproductive Biology of the Northern Spring Salamander *Gyrinophilus p. porphyriticus* in West Virginia." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Kristy Doyle for "An Alternative Role for Frizzled PCP Signaling in Developing *Drosophila* Wing." Advisor: Dr. Simon Collier, Biology.
- Amy Hamilton for "Distribution and Natural History of Blanchard's Cricket Frog, *Acris crepitans blanchard*, in West Virginia and Southern Ohio." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Emmy Johnson for "A study on population origin, size and natural history of *Aspidascelis sexlineata*, the Easter Six-lined Racerunner, in West Virginia. Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Margaret Mbugua for "Characterization of Three Unusual Heterotrophic Protists Isolated from the Marine Environment." Advisor: Dr. Andrew Rogerson, Biology.
- Noah McCoard for "Distribution, Diet and Habitat Preferences of the Common Ribbonsnake, *Thamnophis s. sauritus*. Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Kathryn Pawlik for "Environmental Variables and Habitat Selection of the Northern Red Salamander, *Pseudotriton ruber ruber*, in West Virginia. Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.
- Amy Schneider for "A continued study of the use of artificial ponds for amphibian breeding in fragmented forested areas." Advisor: Dr. Tom Pauley, Biology.

## Marie McDowell

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perfect for a festive outdoor ceremony. When an event occurred that she says still gives her chill bumps.

"We were outdoors in a circle with the chief presiding. It was a beautiful day; not a leaf was moving. Then suddenly, without any warning at all, a wind rose and started blowing hard. It came out of no where. It was so eerie that I thought 'We're not alone here!' And then without any warning the wind died and was gone. That's when the chief told me my Cherokee name was Singing Wind."

As much fun as the adoption ceremony was, the best was yet to come with the wedding. Because of cold weather, this ceremony was held indoors and away from winds, even singing ones. "The wedding day began at 5:30 a.m. with the men and women meeting separately. Bill and I couldn't see each other all day. We were married in the afternoon in a traditional Indian ceremony. I wore a sheepskin dress and moccasins. The chief was attired in very ceremonial clothing. It was a solemn ceremony but the whole day was fun and the wedding was very different. After it was over we had a big party with our family and friends for the rest of the day. It really was an unforgettable event."

A bundle of high-octane energy, McDowell manages to cram an amazingly eclectic group of activities and interests into a very crowded schedule. She loves the outdoors and for the past 10 years she's taken up biking. Since the family home is near Ritter Park, she has a perfect place to take short rides but she's tackled longer outings, including a one-day, 30-mile ride on the Greenbrier Trail. She's even tried whitewater rafting, but once was enough, she says, laughing. Then there are the flower gardens she lovingly cultivates. They're a source of pride for her and are so showy that passersby often stop to snap photos.

In addition to her outdoor prowess, McDowell has a decidedly artistic bent. A published poet, she's found a way to combine her flair with words with blossoms from her gardens by pressing the flowers and framing them with an appropriate poem. And in a case of a mother taking after her daughter, McDowell found she had a talent for art that she didn't know she had.

"My daughter, a Marshall graduate who's a graphic artist in Huntington, and I took art lessons in for two years at the Huntington Museum of Art," she recalls. "I always knew Jocelyn was very talented, but I didn't think I had any talent. I had never painted anything although I always wanted to. I always wished I could paint like her. I never dreamed I could paint anything and my first painting was a watercolor of a duck. I couldn't believe I'd actually painted a duck, I was so excited! I kept that picture in my office for a long time." She's since gone on to paint other things. A favorite subject being flamingos. "I don't know why. I haven't figured that out; they're not the easiest thing to paint," she says laughing. "I guess I just have a thing for flamingos."

Now as retirement looms, it's a bittersweet time, she admits. Although she's brimming with plans, still it's hard leaving her Marshall life behind. "There are so many happy memories here, but I'm not leaving completely. I've made so many good friends here—people I've known for 25 or 30 years—and I'm certainly not leaving them behind. I feel that everything at Marshall is in my flower garden of memories!"

## Carol Kolski

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knowledge of every part of the office is so helpful to others in the office ... Carol will take the time to help."

Another nomination said, "Carol has been the one reason our recent move was so successful. She is very dedicated. She is helpful with all our computers and she is able to assist all."

Patricia Banes also cites her hard work during the move. "She was instrumental in making sure the new furniture, equipment and the technical system, and many other things, were ordered, delivered, and installed. She had it organized to the "T" and things ran like clockwork. If anyone had a question, she had the answer. This is the way she does her normal duties as well."

Melody Murphy wrote, "Carol Kolski is always very friendly and exceedingly helpful whether it's a student, coworker, or fellow employee. If you don't know the answer to a problem, ask Carol. I've never asked her a question that she didn't have the answer." During the move to a new location, Murphy says, "Carol handled a multitude of the tasks and details. She coordinated meetings, ordered materials, contacted suppliers, and answered endless questions. She organized the move of the furniture and the hook-up of the equipment. She handled the smallest details. I'm sure the move would not have gone as smoothly and quickly without her!"

Kolski was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

## Rutherford Book

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occupied territory and to show that these actions were a dress rehearsal for the Holocaust."

Rutherford, who earned his Ph.D. from Penn State University in 2001, has extensive teaching experience in European history, Twentieth Century Europe and German history. He also is the author of two other books and was a Charles H. Revson Foundation fellow at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies.

The book has been well received and elicited glowing reviews from, among others, authors Geoffrey P. Megargee, Edward B. Westermann and Doris L. Bergen.

It may be purchased for \$34.95 at Empire Books & News in downtown Huntington and Borders at the Huntington Mall.

## FDR Book

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standing as today's foremost biographer of formidable figures in American history."

Random House apparently shares that view. It ordered a first printing of 75,000 copies, almost unprecedented for a scholarly biography.