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# WE ARE... MARSHALL®

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## Monthly presidential open house takes place today; White to visit South Charleston campus April 2

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Interim President Gary White and members of the university's senior management team will host another informal monthly open house for members of the Marshall community today, April 1, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The open houses are taking place on the first Wednesday of each month in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main. Refreshments will be served.

Everyone, faculty, staff and students, are welcome and encouraged to attend to meet and talk with

administrators with a range of topics of their choice which could include such matters as updates on the presidential search and the university's 20-20 plan.

The next open house is planned for May 6.

In addition, the South Charleston campus will welcome White with a reception from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, April 2.

The reception is open to all Marshall students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. It will take place in the library on the South Charleston campus. The event originally was scheduled in February but was postponed because of bad weather.

## Assistant professor awarded NEH Summer Stipends award

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Dr. Zelideth Maria Rivas, an assistant professor of Japanese in the Department of Modern Languages, has been awarded a “very competitive” National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipends award, according to Dr. R.B. Bookwalter, dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Rivas is the only recipient of the Summer Stipend award in West Virginia. The award will help her work toward completion of a book she has titled “Caught In-Between: Competing Nationalisms of Japanese in Brazil.”

“Dr. Rivas is an energetic and imaginative teacher and scholar,” Bookwalter said. “We are very fortunate to have her here at Marshall and we are extremely pleased that the NEH has recognized and supported her project.”

Rivas said, “I am honored that this award will support the completion of my book through travel to Japan and time to revise existing chapters. More importantly, I am excited for the recognition this brings to the Department of Modern Languages, the College of Liberal Arts and Marshall University.”

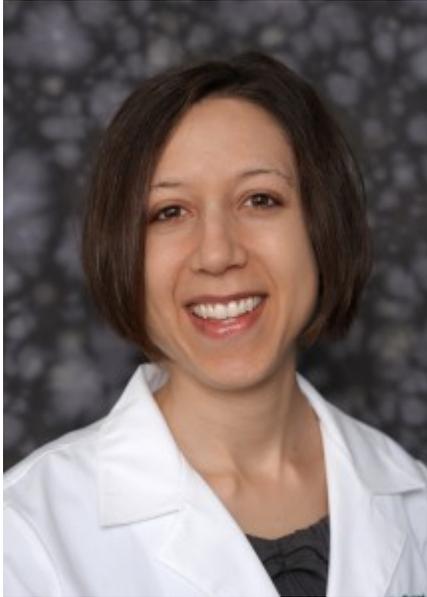
Each Summer Stipends recipient is required to devote two consecutive months of full-time work to his or her project.

Rivas came to Marshall from Grinnell College in 2012. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of California (Berkeley) in 2009.

She was a 2014 recipient of Marshall’s Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award.

## School of Medicine researcher receives national anatomy award

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Dr. Maria A. Serrat, assistant professor in the department of anatomy and pathology at the School of Medicine, has been named the 2015 recipient of the Basmajian Award by the American Association of Anatomists.

Serrat was recognized during the organization's Annual Meeting at Experimental Biology, which took place last week in Boston.

The Basmajian Award recognizes members teaching human or veterinary gross anatomy, in the formative stages of their career, who have made outstanding accomplishments in biomedical research or scholarship in education.

"I am indebted to Dr. Laura Richardson for nominating me for this prestigious award, and for supporting my research and professional development since I joined the department in 2009," Serrat said. "I could not have made such achievements without the support of Dr. Richardson and our chairman of anatomy and pathology, Dr. Linda Brown."

Serrat's research specializes in growth and morphology of the postnatal skeleton. One area of grant-funded focus is on heat-enhanced molecular delivery to skeletal growth plates.

In addition to receiving the award, Serrat presented "Imaging IGF-I uptake in growth plate cartilage using in vivo multiphoton microscopy" in a special symposium that she organized titled "Vascular and connective tissue imaging in situ: returning bone to the skeleton."

Also at the conference, school of medicine researcher Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D., professor and chairman of the department of pharmacology, physiology and toxicology, led a special symposium, "Pharmacogenetics and Drug Toxicity."

Several Marshall graduate students were selected for graduate student travel awards for this year's conference and showcased their research through both oral and poster presentations.

Researchers from the [Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program](#), [Forensic Science Graduate Program](#), the [School of Pharmacy](#), and the [School of Medicine](#) also presented at the meeting.

## Two faculty members to read from their books Thursday, April 2

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The Department of English will present two of its faculty members, Dr. Sarah A. Chavez and Dr. Joel Peckham, in a literary reading and book signing event this week. It will take place at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in the Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Chavez, assistant professor of English, is a mestiza born and raised in the California Central Valley. She worked every job from farm laborer, to janitor and maintenance, to barista, to waitress, and finally administrative assistant for a Native American drug and alcohol recovery home before going back to school to pursue writing and teaching. She is the author of the chapbook, *All Day, Talking*, published by Dancing Girl Press (2014) and holds a Ph.D. in English with a focus in poetry and ethnic studies from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. Her work can be found or is forthcoming in *North Dakota Quarterly*, *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Luna Luna Magazine* and *So to Speak: Feminist Journal of Language and Art*, among others. Her manuscript, *This, Like So Much*, was an Honorable Mention for the 2013 Quercus Review Press Poetry Book Contest. More information is online at [www.sarahachavez.com](http://www.sarahachavez.com).

Peckham is an assistant professor of regional literature and creative writing. A scholar of American literature and a creative writer as well as a former Fulbright Scholar, his reviews, essays, scholarly articles, and poetry have been published in numerous journals, including *American Literature*, *Ascent*, *The Black Warrior Review*, *The Literary Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Rattle*, *River Teeth*, *The Southern Review*, *The Sun*, *Texas Studies in Language and Literature*, and *Yankee Magazine*. He is the author of the memoir of *Resisting Elegy*. His collection of poems include *Nightwalking*, *The Heat of What Comes*, *Movers and Shakers*, and his newest collection, *God's Bicycle*. His website may be viewed at [www.joelpeckham.com](http://www.joelpeckham.com).

For further information, contact Dr. Carrie Oeding, assistant professor of English by phone at ext. 6-6645 or by e-mail at [oeding@marshall.edu](mailto:oeding@marshall.edu).

## Belarusian-American pianist Olga Krayterman to perform as guest artist at Marshall



Award-winning pianist Dr. Olga Krayterman will perform works by Bach, Chopin, Liszt and Scriabin at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Smith Recital Hall on Marshall University's Huntington campus. The program is free and open to the public.

Dr. Henning Vauth, assistant professor of piano in the School of Music and Theatre and a fellow Eastman School of Music graduate, said, "Olga is smart, kind, a wonderful pianist, and represents the great Russian tradition of piano playing. I am looking forward to welcoming her to Marshall's campus."

"Her visit is going to be invaluable for my piano students," Vauth said.

Krayterman has won the 2013 Young Artist Prize of the National Federation of Music Clubs, first prizes at the Concours International de Piano du Moulin d'Andé in France, the Stravinsky Competition,

the Southeastern Piano Festival in South Carolina, and a prize at the Thousand Island International Piano Competition. She made her orchestral debut with the South Carolina Philharmonic when she was 17 years old, playing Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto.

She received her doctoral degree from the Eastman School of Music and is currently serving as instructor at Eastman and the Eastman Community School, where in 2014 she was awarded the Jack L. Frank Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The artist also will hold a master class for Marshall students at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Smith Recital Hall. For more information about guest artists at Marshall University's School of Music and Theatre, please visit [www.marshall.edu/somt](http://www.marshall.edu/somt).

## More than 95 employers expected to attend this spring's Career Expo

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Career Services will conduct its annual Spring Career Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room,

The expo is open to all Marshall students, faculty and alumni. Recruiters will be sharing information on part-time, full-time and internship positions.

More than 95 employers are expected to have recruiters at the event, representing the areas of business, IT/computer science, healthcare, education, corrections, and many others. A continually updated list of employers planning to attend the Career Expo is available at [www.marshall.edu/career-services/events/CareerExpo.html](http://www.marshall.edu/career-services/events/CareerExpo.html).

Denise Hogsett, director of Career Services, said students are encouraged to dress professionally and come prepared with multiple copies of their resumes. Hogsett said even if students are not looking for a job, attending the expo presents an excellent networking opportunity.

In preparation for the event, students may visit Career Services to receive information and assistance with building a professional resume, tips on talking to recruiters and networking effectively, and how to introduce yourself to recruiters at any networking event (your '30-second commercial').

The Career Services' Resume Doctor, Mirek Bialk, also will be in the Memorial Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 6 and 7 for walk-up help with resumes and other Career Expo information for students.

For more information, contact Debby Stoler in Career Services at ext. 6-6679 or by e-mail at [stolerd@marshall.edu](mailto:stolerd@marshall.edu), or the Career Services front desk at ext.6-2370 or by e-mail at [career-services@marshall.edu](mailto:career-services@marshall.edu).

## Staff Council elections to begin April 9

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Nominations have been made for the Classified Staff Council election to select no more than five representatives from each of the five EEO groups, the Staff Council Chair, the Institutional Board of Governors (IBOG) representative and the Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) representative. Elected candidates will serve from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2017.

Electronic voting will be available from 6 a.m. Thursday, April 9, through midnight Monday, April 13. All voting will be electronic; there will be no paper ballot voting. Detailed instructions on electronic voting can be found on the Staff Council website at [www.marshall.edu/wpmu/staff-council/forms/Nominees](http://www.marshall.edu/wpmu/staff-council/forms/Nominees) are as follows:

Chair:

- Nina Barrett (Accounting/Controller's Office)
- Johnny Bradley (Circulation Operations, IT)

Institutional Board of Governors Representative:

- Miriah Young (Housing)
- Larry Morris (Public Safety)

Advisory Council for Classified Employees Representative:

- Carol Hurula (Academic Affairs)
- Larry Morris (Public Safety)

EEO Group 10 – Executive, Administrative & Managerial:

- William "Tootie" Carter (Student Center Operating)
- Lisa Williamson (College of Business)
- Miriah Young (Housing)
- Carol Hurula (Academic Affairs)

EEO Group 30 – Other Professionals

- Chris Atkins (University College)
- Amber Bentley (University College)
- Jennifer Jimison (Financial Aid)
- Noah Lamb (Bursar)
- Timothy Melvin (Academic Affairs)
- Joseph Chambers (College of Science)

#### EEO Group 40 – Technical & Paraprofessional

- Toni Ferguson (School of Education)
- Lisa Maynard (School of Medicine – Finance and Administration)
- Lisa Poteete (Autism Training Center)
- Nina Barrett (Accounting)
- Jason Baldwin (Accounting)
- Becky Lusher (Facilities Planning and Management)
- Missy Browning (SOM Psychiatry)

#### EEO Group 50 – Clerical

- Leonard Lovely (Mailroom)
- Nancy Tresch-Reneau (Psy D Program)
- Shay McComas (Housing)

#### EEO Groups 60 & 70 – Skilled Crafts & Service/Maintenance

- Marcos Serrat (Plant Operations)
- Larry Morris (Public Safety)
- Greg Pickens (Public Safety)
- Tony Waugh (Plant Operations)
- Donna Meguier (Physical Plant)

Individuals will need their MUIDs (901 Number) and passwords to log into their myMu accounts to cast their ballots during the election period. It is highly recommended that staff vote early in the election period so that if they encounter any problems logging in or casting their ballots they can obtain assistance.

Any staff member who is unable to successfully vote electronically should notify the Staff Council Office or Election Committee Chair Joe Wortham PRIOR to the end of the voting period. at: Staff Council Office – Katie Counts, ext.6-2222 or [easter@marshall.edu](mailto:easter@marshall.edu); Election Committee Chair – Joe Wortham, ext.6-5402 or [Wortham@marshall.edu](mailto:Wortham@marshall.edu).

## Marshall Artists Series to present 'Beauty and the Beast' April 14



The romantic tale of the beautiful Belle and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped in a spell, unfolds in the, upcoming production of the musical *Beauty and the Beast*, which brings its poignant story and lush scenery to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center, Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The key to the Beast's freedom lie in his ability to love and be loved. Time doesn't seem to be on his

side, however, as he desperately tries to make a change.

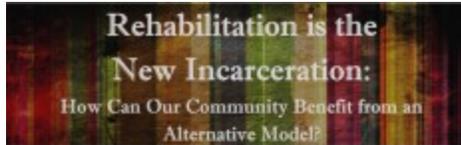
Origins of this classic story date to French novelist Jeanne-Marie Leprince de Beaumont's traditional fairy tale *Belle et la Bête*, which was created in 1756. This particular production is based on Disney's Academy Award-winning animated feature film. The musical is filled with timeless characters, extravagant sets and costumes, and dazzling production numbers including the title song, "Beauty and the Beast."

Celebrating 20 years since its Broadway premiere, Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* has been seen by more than 35 million fans worldwide in 22 countries and in nine different languages.

For information on tickets, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at ext.6-6656 or visit the box office located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Box office hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

*Beauty and the Beast* is sponsored by J.H. Fletcher, Jeff and Amber Biederman, Kendall York Dentistry, W. Va. Electric, Center for African American Students at MU, Dutch Miller Kia, Rick and Susan Stoler, KEE 100, Oldies 97.1, WSAZ, The Herald Dispatch, Marshall University, and the Marshall Artists Series.

## Rescheduled program to explore alternatives to incarceration April 15



Join us for an invigorating talk on alternative approaches to treating substance use disorder within the correctional setting. STAR Community Justice Center is leading the way in Ohio as an alternative to prison with the primary purpose of rehabilitation of non-violent, felony offenders.

Guest Speakers

Karly Estep, *Community Justice Specialist*  
Nicole Johnson, *Program Manager*  
Matt McClellan, *Program Director*  
Josh Saunders, *Deputy Director*  
Charles E. Philbaum, *Executive Director*  
Moderator: Penny Koontz, Psy.D.

Wednesday, April 15  
6:00 pm  
Marshall Student  
Center BE5



For more information please contact Laura Michele Diener ([ldiener@marshall.edu](mailto:ldiener@marshall.edu)), Penny Koontz ([koontz7@marshall.edu](mailto:koontz7@marshall.edu)) or Amy Saunders ([saunde22@marshall.edu](mailto:saunde22@marshall.edu))

Women Connect is sponsoring a panel discussion on alternative approaches to treating substance use disorder within the correctional setting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, in room BE5 of the Memorial Student Center. The program was originally scheduled for March 4, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

“Rehabilitation is the New Incarceration: How Can Our Community Benefit from an Alternative Model?” will include guest speakers from STAR Community Justice Center in Ohio and MU clinical psychology faculty.

For more information contact Amy Saunders ([saunde22@marshall.edu](mailto:saunde22@marshall.edu)), Dr. Laura Michele Diener ([ldiener@marshall.edu](mailto:ldiener@marshall.edu)), or Dr. Penny Koontz ([koontz7@marshall.edu](mailto:koontz7@marshall.edu))

## Nationally known, award-winning Civil War author and lecturer to speak at Marshall April 15

Dr. Richard McMurry, a freelance writer and speaker whose specialization is the American Civil War, will visit the Huntington campus on Wednesday, April 15, to present two lectures related to the Civil War.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday, McMurry will speak in the Drinko Atrium, located on the third floor of the Drinko Library, with the primary audience being the university’s students, faculty and staff. The title of this lecture is “A New Framework for Civil War Military History.” Seating will be limited.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, McMurry will deliver a lecture that is free and open to the public. This lecture will take place in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center, with light refreshments being provided. It is titled “The Common ‘Folk’ of the Civil War.”

McMurry’s appearance at Marshall is hosted by the Marshall University Libraries and the Library Associates.

McMurry is a native of Atlanta. He attended the public schools in that city and in Decatur, Georgia. In 1961, he received a B.A. degree in history from Virginia Military Institute. Entering graduate school at Emory University in September 1963, he received an M.A. degree in June 1964 and a Ph.D. in June 1967.

From 1967 until 1981, McMurry taught history at Valdosta (Georgia) State College. He taught as an adjunct professor at North Carolina State University from 1981 to 1988. Since 1988, he has been a freelance writer and speaker and has served as a guide/historian for many tour and cruise groups.

McMurry has authored more than one 100 articles on various facets of the American Civil War. In 1994, two of his books – *John Bell Hood and the War for Southern Independence* and *Two Great Rebel Armies: An Essay in Confederate Military History* – were listed among the 100 best modern Civil War books as selected by the magazine, *Civil War*.

The former work received both the Mrs. Simon Baruch University Award, presented by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the Fletcher Pratt Award, presented by the New York Civil War Round Table. In 1999, McMurry published *Virginia Military Institute Alumni in the Civil War: In Bello Praesidium*. His history of the 1864 military operations in *North Georgia – Atlanta 1864: Last Chance for the Confederacy* – was published by the University of Nebraska Press in 2000 as a volume in the *Great Campaigns of the Civil War* series.

The Austin (Texas) Civil War Round Table selected the book for the 2001 Daniel M. & Marilyn W. Laney Prize awarded for distinguished scholarship and writing on the military or political history of the Civil War. McMurry's book, *The Fourth Battle of Winchester: Toward a New Civil War Paradigm*, was published in 2002 by Kent State University Press. In addition McMurry also has edited or co-edited several works.

In 2005, the Civil War Round Table of Chicago presented McMurry with its Nevins-Freeman Award for outstanding work in Civil War history. In 2010, he received the Charles L. Dufour Award from the New Orleans Civil War Round Table in recognition of his achievements in preserving the heritage of the Civil War.

McMurry has spoken to Civil War groups; high school, college, and university students; historical, literary and library societies; and civic clubs in 30 states and the District of Columbia. He is a member of numerous historical societies and is active in such organizations as the Civil War Trust and the Organization of American Historians. He presently lives and writes in Dalton, Georgia.

For more information on McMurry's visit to Marshall, contact Nat DeBruin, University Archivist and Manuscripts Librarian, at ext.6-3524, or Jack Dickinson, bibliographer of the Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History in Special Collections, at ext.6-3097.

## Med school alumni establish three new scholarships

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Three new scholarships were recently created through the generous gifts of Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine alumni.

The *Drs. Mitch Charles and Paulette S. Wehner Scholarship* was created by Mitch Charles, M.D., Class of 1988, and Paulette Wehner, M.D., Class of 1989. Dr. Charles is an emergency room physician for Cabell Huntington Hospital and a member of the School of Medicine faculty. Dr. Wehner is a cardiologist with Marshall Cardiology and serves as the vice dean for graduate medical education for the School of Medicine. This scholarship will be awarded to an entering medical student from Pike County, Ky., or Preston County, W.Va. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

The *Sanjeev S. Sharma, M.D., and Barbara A. Lahr, M.D., Scholarship* was established by Sanjeev Sharma, M.D., Class of 1993, and his wife, Barbara Lahr, M.D. Dr. Sharma is a board-certified radiation oncologist at Premier Radiation Oncology Inc. at St. Mary's Medical Center and serves as the administrative chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology for the School of Medicine. Dr. Lahr is a graduate of the University of Iowa Medical School and is a board-certified radiologist at the Huntington VA Medical Center. The \$1,000 award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

The *Philip N. Zambos, M.D., Scholarship* was established by Phil Zambos, M.D. Dr. Zambos is a Raleigh County, W.Va., native who works as a radiologist and is a member of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Class of 1984. Zambos' scholarship was created through the school's "Adopt a Medical Student" program. This award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

"On behalf of the School of Medicine, we are all so excited to have such dedicated alumni supporting future physicians through their scholarships," said Linda Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. "Loyalty and support are the backbones of our success to provide more scholarship support to our students."

## MU veteran, son, interviewed on MSNBC about support for HeForShe campaign

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Last November, when Marine combat veteran Tim Brooks was coaching his son Austin's tee-ball team, he was pleased but not surprised when the five-year-old stood up for a female teammate who was being harassed by a couple of the boys.

"Girls can't play baseball!" they scoffed and got Austin's immediate retort, "Girls can too play baseball; girls are just as good as boys are."

Brooks, a Marshall University biology major, is a gender equality advocate for the HeForShe solidarity campaign, which was developed by the United Nations Women council to include men and boys into the feminist movement.

Last fall, Brooks was impressed enough by a speech on the topic by Harry Potter actress Emma Watson, who is this year's UN Women Goodwill Ambassador, to sign on to advocate gender equality. He began by having a talk with Austin about its importance.

And as a result, father and son, along with Dr. Dawn Howerton, assistant professor of psychology and women's studies at Marshall University, were interviewed by Richard Lui on MSNBC about the growing movement to support HeForShe, and Tim Brooks' advocacy, not only with his son's teammates, but also with college students and soon to be veterans' groups.

Immediately after the tee-ball incident Brooks, a medically discharged veteran with multiple combat tours, gathered the team together and talked with them about respecting their teammates regardless of gender.

The team agreed the right thing to do is not to judge someone because of his or her gender. Word of the father and son's actions came to the attention of HeForShe and UN Women and resulted in their being named the "HeForShe Men of the Month" for March 2015.

"The HeForShe campaign is a wonderful transformation of the feminist movement," said Howerton. "The campaign brings men to the table and helps to make everyone welcome, invited and included in the conversation."

Brooks' future goals include speaking to veterans' groups about gender equality, setting up a HeForShe group at Marshall University, and organizing a HeForShe 5K run.

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The next issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed April 8, 2015. Please send any materials for consideration to [Pat Dickson](#) by 5 p.m. Monday, April 6.