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Fall general faculty meeting set for Sept. 22, to include State of the University address

Marshall’s fall general faculty meeting of the 2015-2016 academic year will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The agenda will consist of welcoming remarks by Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Larry Stickler; the introduction of new administrators by Provost Dr. Gayle Ormiston; the introduction of 87 new faculty by the deans or representatives from their respective colleges/schools, School of Medicine representative Dr. Joseph Werthammer and School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Kevin Yingling; a State of the Faculty Address by Stickler; and a State of the University Address by Interim University President Gary White.

All faculty, staff, students and members of the public are invited to attend. After the meeting a reception to honor the new university personnel will be held in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center with music provided by Rachel Ward, Administrative Secretary Sr. with Faculty Senate.

New administrative positions to be introduced are:

Jacqueline Agesa – Associate Dean of the Lewis College of Business; Edward Aractingi, Assistant Vice President for IT/Deputy CIO; Vipavee (Kae) Bradley – Interim Academic Program Director, MU INTO; Charles Braun – Co-Chair, Management, Marketing and MIS; Brenda Collier – Director of the Upward Bound Program; Carla Lapelle – Interim Dean, Student Affairs; Karen McComas – Executive Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning; Mollie McOwen – Interim Learning Resource Coordinator; Que Huong Nguyen – Chair, Physics and Physical Science; Kelli Prejean – Acting Chair of English (Fall semester); Erika Riley – Interim Director, Continuing Education; Sherri Smith – Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies; Anthony Szwilski – Chair, Division of Applied Science and Technology; Shane Tomblin – Co-Chair, Management, Marketing and MIS; and Kim White – Interim Veterans’ Advocate.

New faculty to be introduced are:
School of Music and Theatre to present ‘The Way of My Senses,’ a Violauta Duo performance

Marshall University’s School of Music and Theatre will present a chamber music performance of the Violauta Duo at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, in the forum of the Jomie Jazz Center, which is adjacent to Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Marshall’s Huntington campus.

The free recital, featuring Dr. Júlio Ribeiro Alves on guitar and Dr. Wendell Dobbs on flute, is themed after Raffaele Bellafronte’s “The Way of My Senses,” which is the first piece on the program. Germinating from a simple dialogue of long notes between the flute and the guitar, the piece depicts a journey through the senses by a collage of different moods given by sectional shifts in texture, density, tempo and register.
“Our goal is to offer an opportunity for all to experience scents, flavors, textures and images through the various sounds, silences, echoes, rhythms, melodies and harmonies that we will produce during the performance,” Alves said.

Alves and Dobbs will also perform “November Landscapes” and “Tell me a Story,” pieces recently composed for the Violauta Duo by guitarist and composer Giorgio Signorile, who, together with flutist Paolo Dalmoro, shared their musical talents with the university and community as Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professors of the Arts last month.

“During his residency at Marshall, Signorile explained that, as a composer, he believes in the importance of ‘writing music that people can enjoy and feel relaxed,’” Alves said. “The pieces certainly do justice to his statement.”

Another piece in the program, Katherine Hoover’s “Canyon Echos,” inspired by a folktale on the universal themes of love and loss, is marked by constant and sudden meter changes, percussive sounds and the mysterious quasi-improvised melodies emphasizing the echo effect.

“These elements are certain to engage the audience during the recital,” Alves said.

With the support of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, Dobbs and guitarist Leo Welch also recorded “Canyon Echos” in 1996 on the critically-acclaimed CD “Flute & Company” on the Leonarda label. The piece was commissioned and premiered by Duologue, with Susan Morris on flute and Jeffrey Van on guitar.

The Violauta Duo’s program will conclude with Lowell Lieberman’s Sonata Op. 25, a two-movement piece that will assuredly stimulate the senses. The ethereal mood of Nocturne results from the flute’s lyrical melody and the gradual, controlled meter changes in the guitar’s accompaniment pattern. It largely contrasts with the “tour-de-force” character of the second movement, where elements of classical music and heavy metal are simultaneously explored in the restless duel of virtuosic playing by the flute and the guitar.

Alves serves as associate professor of guitar and also teaches music theory and aural skills at Marshall, while Dobbs is a professor of flute.

To learn more about Marshall University’s music program, visit www.marshall.edu/music.
The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded the Robert C. Byrd Institute for Advanced Flexible Manufacturing (RCBI) $4.9 million to expand its model apprenticeship program nationwide.

The National Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program at RCBI will broaden its existing innovative apprenticeships and promote advanced manufacturing pre-apprenticeships for underrepresented groups such as women, transitioning military personnel and disadvantaged youth. It will provide standardized, industry-endorsed, online instruction and on-the-job learning for companies in multiple states. The RCBI program will serve at least 1,000 apprentices and 415 pre-apprentices across the United States.

This effort will make apprenticeships more affordable to employers and more accessible to employees and individuals considering careers in manufacturing.

Through the five-year initiative, RCBI and its partners will deliver apprenticeship training nationwide in core advanced manufacturing areas such as manual and computer-controlled machining while they create new registered apprenticeships in additive manufacturing (better known as 3D Printing), composites and robotics. RCBI will continue to work with a variety of industries, including automotive, aerospace, robotics, defense and related industries.

“This award recognizes a unique approach to apprenticeship building in West Virginia – praised by the DOL – that has the potential to be replicated across the nation and to address the growing skills gap in manufacturing,” said Charlotte Weber, RCBI Director & CEO.

RCBI’s apprenticeship training model focuses on advanced manufacturing, enabling workers to earn a wage while improving their job skills. This collaborative model leverages the unique expertise and resources of multiple public and private entities from across the nation, including RCBI; Marshall University Research Corp.; the DOL; the National Institute for Metalworking Skills; ToolingU-Society of Manufacturing Engineers; America Makes; General Electric, Aurora Flight Sciences, Swanson Industries and other private industry partners; workforce development agencies; career centers; and community and technical college partners.

In the past five years, RCBI has trained more than 3,000 workers, many through apprenticeships.

RCBI and its partners established a model apprenticeship program at Mohawk Flooring in Holden, Mingo County, using standards approved by the U.S. Department of Labor/Office of Apprenticeship. Through this ongoing effort, Mohawk employees earn while they learn, improving their technical skills while working toward associate degrees.

“Congratulations to RCBI for securing this funding,” said Interim President Gary White. “This is a tremendous opportunity for us to extend RCBI’s important services across the country, training hundreds of people for the high-tech jobs of the future.”

A national study reinforces the need for additional skilled manufacturing workers in the coming decade because of retiring Baby Boomers and anticipated growth in the sector.
To address this critical shortage, the U.S. Department of Labor pledged millions of dollars to expand registered apprenticeship programs in high-skilled, high-growth industries such as health care, biotechnology and advanced manufacturing. The American Apprenticeship Initiative is expected to serve as a catalyst to increase the use of apprenticeships to meet employer needs in these sectors.

“Training programs like the ones this grant will support at RCBI are a critical part of building the highly trained workforce we are working hard to create in West Virginia,” said Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin. “Advanced manufacturing is growing exponentially across the country and in West Virginia, and I’m glad we will be able to provide more employers with people who have the skills required for the jobs of today and tomorrow.”

Operating for more than 25 years as West Virginia’s Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center, RCBI encourages job creation, economic development, innovation and entrepreneurship by supporting manufacturing technology. RCBI provides local access to leading-edge equipment, specialized training and business development assistance for everyone from sole proprietors to Fortune 500 companies so they can remain at the forefront of innovation in an increasingly global economy.

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**United Way launches signature event Sept. 26**

Get ready for the most exciting party of the fall! LEVELS: A River Cities Rendezvous is United Way of the River Cities’ inaugural signature event. The night of Saturday Sept. 26 will be action packed including a fabulous red carpet entrance; an exciting exhibition in the gallery; art throughout the building representing United Way’s work; live music as well as a great DJ and dance floor; a very attractive silent auction; a fun wine pull; models elegantly adorning each floor; an entertaining selfie photo booth; tasty and sophisticated hors d’oeuvres; six—count ’em six—signature cocktails created by the best bartenders in town; and craft beer expertly paired with food items. All of this in arguably the coolest building for hundreds of miles.

Buy your tickets now at www.unitedwayrivercities.org/levels2015.

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Marshall Pharmacy offers tips on prescriptions they fill

Because navigating co-pays and insurance coverage can be complicated and PEIA benefits are often different than other insurers, Marshall Pharmacy is offering a breakdown of what to expect when having prescriptions filled through them:

- PEIA deductible is $75 for a single person and $150 for a family; this renews each year on July 1.
- PEIA’s copay is now $10 for a 30-day supply and $20 for a 90-day supply. Marshall Health continues to waive a $5 copay on a 30-day supply and $10 on a 90-day supply. This is an added benefit that Marshall Health offers to its PEIA patients who participate in their Medical Home. PEIA has also increased copays on brand name drugs. Patients should consult their formulary, benefits summary or talk to a PEIA representative for details about brand name copays or other questions.

For additional questions, contact Marshall Pharmacy, located in the MU Medical Center (304-691-MURx) and Byrd Clinical Center (304-696-5000). The pharmacy also offers additional services such as Meds by Mail, online refills and the Marshall Pharmacy Rx mobile app, available on the iTunes and Amazon app stores.

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Bookstore tool for faculty available through Blackboard

Follett Faculty Discover can be accessed via your MuOnLine (Blackboard) page. Log into Blackboard as you normally would and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Located on the far left hand side you will find a Launch Follett Discover icon. You will then need to click on the Launch Follett Discover icon to open. It will then display your courses and will allow you to submit your adoptions and make edits to adoptions already entered. You can adopt and research materials that are traditional and nontraditional.


For an instructional video click here http://follett.com/discover/training.cfm?vid=2

In addition, the Course Materials Manager at the MU Bookstore has a new alternate e-mail. You can find her through Outlook at eblake@marshall.edu or by typing Essence Blake. She is still also available at 0419txt@follett.com.

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Marshall University receives $500,000 to support high-performance networking for research

Marshall University has been awarded nearly $500,000 by the National Science Foundation (NSF) to improve campus-wide computer networking in support of research.

The collaborative grant was received by a team that includes Dr. Jan I. Fox, senior vice president for information technology/chief information officer; Edward Aractingi, assistant vice president for information technology/deputy CIO; and faculty members Dr. Philippe Georgel of the Department of Biological Sciences and Dr. James Denvir of the Department of Microbiology at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. Several of the university’s other schools and departments also are collaborating on the project.

The project will improve and expand Marshall’s research by offering high-performance, end-to-end network connectivity between research facilities. This is the third NSF grant for cyberinfrastructure awarded to the university and builds on other federal awards, including a telehealth grant from the Federal Communications Commission.

This grant will fund a dedicated research network, a dedicated data transfer node to offer a high-speed storage server with adequate data storage, and an improved high-performance network supporting 10-40 Gb/s connectivity between research facilities.

According to Fox, the advances will help the university better respond to its community-based research projects and its expanding engineering research applications.

“Advanced cyberinfrastructure allows Marshall University to compete for the best faculty and the grants to help us answer research, environmental and health issues that plague our communities,” she said.

Aractingi added, “Scientific research is increasingly in need of more computational resources like higher network speeds and larger data storage. This project is a clear example of how researchers and technology teams at Marshall collaborate to create an optimized network infrastructure supporting scientific initiatives. The optimized high-speed, end-to-end network is an important enabler for collaborative research across disciplines and institutions.”

Denvir said, “At our Genomics and Bioinformatics Core Facility, we regularly need to transfer hundreds of gigabytes, or even terabytes, of data generated by experiments in our facility. Many of these experiments are performed in collaboration with colleagues at West Virginia University and with other institutions across the state and beyond. The increased ability to move data
efficiently on this scale will greatly enhance the opportunities for these kinds of collaborations. Ongoing projects such as the West Virginia Cancer Genomics Network—which is a collaboration among Marshall, WVU and Charleston Area Medical Center, as well as future research projects aimed at improving the health of West Virginians, will greatly benefit from the improved networking infrastructure this project offers.”

Georgel said the advanced computer networking capabilities also will benefit Appalachian freshwater research in Marshall’s College of Science and help improve water quality by facilitating the early detection of sources of water pollution.

“This award complements our work to improve the quality of the region’s water supply by providing the significant computing power needed to retrieve the large amounts of data we receive from probes we use to monitor contaminates in the local watershed,” he added.

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McGinnis honored for lifetime giving of $500,000 to MU’s College of Business

The Marshall University Foundation Inc. honored Kermit McGinnis and Huntington Federal Savings Bank for lifetime giving of $500,000 toward the Kermit E. McGinnis Distinguished Professorship in the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business at Marshall University.

A luncheon was held last Wednesday in the MU Foundation Hall’s Moses Board Room to honor McGinnis and other members of the Huntington Federal board of directors. Huntington Federal Savings Bank is a longtime friend and supporter of the Lewis College of Business, said Dr. Haiyang Chen, dean of MU’s LCOB.

In 2000, Huntington Federal established the Kermit E. McGinnis Distinguished Professorship with an initial investment of $100,000. Since then, the bank has consistently added to its contribution each year. Last Wednesday, “we celebrated the goal of $500,000,” said Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the MU Foundation.

“It is such a milestone that we must celebrate and at the same time we want to say a big thank you for the support and generosity from Huntington Federal, Mr. Kermit E. McGinnis, Chairman of the Board, and Matthew Wagner, President and CEO of Huntington Federal,” Chen said. “We also want to thank all who have worked very hard to make this happen including the former
dean, Dr. Chong Kim, our colleagues in the Marshall Foundation and many others. Our best thank you will come from effectively using the funds to support faculty and make an impact on community service.”

Photo: Pictured are from left, Suzanne Oxley, daughter of Kermit E. McGinnis; McGinnis, who is Chairman of the Board of Huntington Federal Savings Bank; Maurice Clark, board member; Dr. Ron Area, CEO of the MU Foundation; Frank E. Hanshaw Jr., board member; Dr. Calvin A. Kent, board member; Clarence E. Martin, board member; Dr. Haiyang Chen, dean of the Lewis College of Business; Matthew M. Wagner, President and CEO of Huntington Federal Savings Bank; Christine Anderson, Associate Vice President for Development with the MU Foundation; and Interim President Gary G. White. Photo by Braxton Crisp/Marshall University.

Marshall University Early Education STEM Center in Gilbert celebrates new possibilities

Marshall’s June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development is celebrating the opening of the Marshall University Early Education STEM Center in Gilbert.

On Friday, Sept. 25, from 11 a.m. to noon, the STEM Center will be hosting an opening event, which will feature remarks from several officials, including First Lady Joanne Jaeger Tomblin, former Sen. Lloyd Jackson, Sen. Bob Plymale, and former First Lady Gayle C. Manchin.

The opening of the center is in partnership with Mingo County Board of Education, the College of Education and Professional Development, Women’s Education Forum, Coalfield Community Action Partnership, Southern Community and Technical College and the Larry Joe Harless Community Center.
The purpose of this center is to create a model site that provides pre-service teachers with high quality clinical placements and in-service teachers with professional development and ongoing support. This licensed center has the capacity to serve 15 children. The ultimate goal is to create the first nationally accredited early childhood site in the region.

The public is welcome to attend the celebration.

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College of Arts and Media to screen post-Taliban Afghanistan documentary

The College of Arts and Media will be one of 20 universities giving a public exhibition of “Frame by Frame,” a documentary film portraying four Afghan photojournalists in post-Taliban Afghanistan.

The film, which depicts the benefits of the newly protected free press in the landlocked country, will be shown at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18, in Smith Hall Room 154.

Photography was banned during the Taliban’s rule of Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001. In the film, 2012 Pulitzer Prize-winning Afghan photographer Massoud Hossaini describes the value of photography to freedom of speech.

“I think when the (U.S.) troops leave, we will have a lot of problems. We won’t have this freedom of speech that we have now,” Hossaini said. “This is a big possibility that the world will forget us again. That will be the future of journalism in Afghanistan.”
Lauren Cuervo, campaign manager for the consulting and distribution firm for the film, said “Frame by Frame” has received rave reviews from critics, policymakers and educators alike. She contacted School of Journalism and Mass Communications Professor Rebecca Johnson to promote the screening at Marshall.

“In conjunction with the film’s limited theatrical release, these campus screenings will be a way to jump-start interdisciplinary conversation about the shifting role of the U.S. in Afghanistan, the power of photojournalism to chart that evolving relationship, and the intersection of politics and private life in the experiences of Afghans,” Cuervo said.

For more information about “Frame by Frame,” visit www.framebyframethefilm.com. For more information on this showing, e-mail galleries@marshall.edu.

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**Photo:** A still from the documentary “Frame by Frame” shows a press pool in Afghanistan.

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**Application process underway for legislative interns**

Marshall University students are being offered the opportunity to become interns at the next session of the West Virginia Legislature. Both undergraduate and graduate students of all majors are eligible to apply for the spring 2016 semester.

Dr. Marybeth Beller, associate professor of political science, said that faculty and staff are encouraged to provide this information to students they know who may be interested.

For undergraduate students the one-week Frasure-Singleton offers students one credit upper division hour in Political Science and provides hotel accommodations, meals and round trip transportation to and from the capitol for one week as students are paired with legislators to learn about the process. Students will attend legislative committee meetings, floor sessions and meet with state leaders throughout the week.

The application for the Frasure-Singleton Internship can be accessed by going to http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Educational/Internship/Frasure_Singleton.pdf and should be returned to Mitzi Meade, in Marshall’s political science department, Smith Hall 738, by Oct. 29.

The Herndon Fellowship offers students 12 upper division credits in their major, where applicable, or in political science, and pays $1300 per month for a semester-long internship experience. Students conduct research, attend legislative meetings, meet with constituent groups and learn all facets of the legislative process. The application can be accessed at http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Educational/Internship/Herndon.pdf and should be returned to Meade by Oct. 29.
For graduate students, the Rollins and Burk fellowships provide semester-long opportunities for students to earn nine credit hours at the 600 level while earning $1400 per month during the semester. Students also receive partial tuition waivers. Rollins and Burk fellows conduct research and present their findings to legislative committees, help to craft legislation, meet with constituents, and attend legislative meetings and floor sessions.

The application for the Rollins and Burk fellowships, can be printed at http://www.legis.state.wv.us/Educational/Internship/Rollins_Burk.pdf. The deadline for applying for this program is Nov. 2.

For additional information, contact Beller by phone at 304-696.-2763 or by e-mailing beller@marshall.edu.

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US Army chamber ensemble to perform at Marshall University; two MU alumnae a part of the group

The School of Music and Theatre has enlisted the U.S. Army Old Guard Historical Trumpets and Flutes to perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Smith Recital Hall.

Two of Marshall’s alumnae will participate in the event. Master Sgt. Lutricia Tampa Fields will serve as group leader, managing the administrative aspects of the premier chamber ensemble, while Staff Sgt. Deanna Bertsche Hamm will perform on a Baroque flute.

“It is frankly such an honor to come back to my alma mater and to visit with my former teachers and colleagues in this position, now having served in the U.S. Army for 15 years this month,” Fields said.

The Historical Trumpets and Flutes, one of the Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps ensembles, features instruments inspired by 18th century models, reviving the sounds of period flute and trumpet music for a broad range of events, from official ceremonies to concerts for public audiences.

The program will feature two works that will be accompanied by an ensemble of Marshall music faculty and students, led by violinist and conductor Dr. Elizabeth Reed Smith. The first is a concerto for two flutes by Antonio Vivaldi and the second is J.S. Bach’s Third Orchestral Suite.
Bach’s suite is renowned for its famous trumpeting and graceful air. The Historical Trumpets and Flutes will round out the program with their own repertoire and introductions to their music and instruments.

“It’s an enormous honor to have this world-renowned group on our campus to perform their exciting music,” Dr. Wendell Dobbs, professor of music, who teaches flute, said. “It’s a particular privilege to have back home two of our most extraordinary graduates from our music program.”

“Having been a service member for 15 years and bringing that life experience back to the university where I studied music, where it all began, if you will, it really is an honor and very exciting,” Fields said. “It’s always very exciting to come back home because West Virginia is my home.”

The ensemble actively serves the community through educational outreach by providing clinics at schools and universities across the U.S. and has performed at many well-known venues, including the International Trumpet Guild Conference, the National Flute Association National Convention, the Pentagon, and the Department of State. Their appearance at Marshall is sponsored in part by the John Deaver Drinko Academy.

Photo: Professor of Music Dr. Wendell Dobbs (second from left) stands with Marshall University music alumnae now in the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, Jennifer Bailey (left), Lutricia Fields (second from right) and Deanna Hamm. Fields and Hamm will be performing at Marshall.

Men’s, women’s soccer to play at home this weekend

Football fans can start their game day at 11 a.m. this Saturday, Sept. 19, as Marshall men’s soccer takes on the University of Kentucky at the Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex. Those who show their football tickets at soccer will receive admission for $1, or those who purchase their soccer tickets first will receive a half-priced football ticket.

Fans also can take in Sunday’s women’s soccer game at 1 p.m., when they take on James Madison University.
New clinical faculty join School of Medicine in cardiology, internal medicine and psychiatry

Haytham Aljoudi, M.D., and Nihar N. Shah, M.D., recently joined the clinical faculty of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

- **Haytham Aljoudi, M.D.**, is a fellowship-trained cardiologist who joins the department of cardiovascular services as an assistant professor. Aljoudi earned his medical degree at the University of Jordan. He completed an internal medicine residency at Seton Hall University and a cardiology fellowship at the Marshall School of Medicine. Following his residency, Aljoudi worked as a hospitalist at Charleston Area Medical Center and part-time faculty with the West Virginia University School of Medicine Charleston Division.

- **Nihar N. Shah, M.D.**, is board-certified in Internal Medicine, and a fellowship-trained gastroenterologist who earned his medical degree from Smt. NHL Municipal Medical College in India. He completed his internal medicine residency followed by a gastroenterology and hepatology fellowship, both at Seton Hall University. Shah joins the School of Medicine as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine.

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine also welcomed new clinical faculty in the department of psychiatry and behavioral health. The new faculty are:

- **Kalpana Miriyala**, M.D., a fellowship-trained psychiatrist, who joins the department as an assistant professor. She earned her medical degree from Seth Gordhandas Sunderdas Medical College in Mumbai, India, and completed psychiatry residency programs at Topiwala National Medical College & BYL Nair Charitable Hospital in Mumbai, the University of Kansas Medical Center and Henry Ford Health Systems. She also served as a psychiatry fellow at the University of Michigan. Since 2009, Miriyala has worked as a staff psychiatrist at Prestera Center for Mental Health Services in Huntington. Miriyala specializes in child and adolescent psychiatry.

- **Jocelyn Stokes**, Ph.D., BCBA, a clinical psychologist, who will serve as an assistant professor in the department. She earned her doctorate from West Virginia University and completed her post-doctoral work at the University of Miami Mailman Center for Child Development. Stokes specializes in child and family therapy.

Additionally, Karen S. Roper, Ph.D., is joining the department as an instructor. Roper completed the requirements for her doctorate in counseling psychology at Louisiana Tech University in 2012.

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