Samuel Issacharoff, an expert in voting rights from NYU Law School, to deliver Amicus Curiae Lecture titled ‘Ballot Bedlam’

The Amicus Curiae Lecture Series, sponsored by the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, will welcome its final lecturer of the fall tomorrow, Nov. 20.

Samuel Issacharoff, professor of constitutional law at New York University Law School and one of the country’s foremost experts in the area of voting rights, will deliver a lecture titled “Ballot Bedlam.”

“Amid the debates about voter fraud and voter suppression, about race and politics, about abuse and integrity, lie some deeper questions about how the U.S. has structured its democracy,” Issacharoff said. “The Supreme Court’s decisions on Alabama’s Shelby County and on Arizona’s voter registration provide some interesting new clues to the complicated interrelation among law, the Constitution, race, and politics.”

Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, said, “Professor Issacharoff’s lecture will focus on one of the most important core issues in our democracy – ensuring that all eligible citizens have the unfettered right to vote. His entire career has been spent addressing this issue, either by litigating it, working on policy related to it, or teaching about it. I am delighted that he agreed to come to Marshall University to discuss the topic.”

Issacharoff, a 1983 graduate of Yale Law School, formerly practiced law for the Lawyers’ Committee for International Human Rights in Argentina and Uruguay on issues concerning the transition from dictatorship to civilian government and the prosecution of former military rulers. He also spent three years as a staff attorney handling voting rights litigation and other civil rights cases throughout the United States for the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights in Washington, D.C.
He is a prolific writer, having published dozens of articles in every leading law review. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the American Law Institute, and served as senior legal counsel to the Obama for America Campaign in 2008 and 2012. He has been a law school professor for 25 years, teaching at the University of Texas School of Law and Columbia Law School before joining the faculty at New York University School of Law in 2005.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in Foundation Hall, home of the Erickson Alumni Center. The *Amicus Curiae* Lecture Series is supported by a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council.

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Grand opening for Marshall Nursing Simulation Center scheduled for today in Huntington and tomorrow in Point Pleasant

The School of Nursing will showcase its new Nursing Simulation Center for the Huntington campus and the Mid-Ohio Valley Center today and tomorrow.

Dr. Denise Landry, chair of the School of Nursing, said members of the Marshall community can view the Nursing Simulation Center on the Huntington campus from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. today Nov. 19, and can view the Mid-Ohio Valley Center’s (MOVC) Nursing Simulation facilities at the center in Point Pleasant from 3 to 6 p.m. tomorrow.

“We wanted to provide our university community with two chances to visit our new nursing simulation laboratories,” Landry said. “We plan to conduct a demonstration with the state-of-the-art equipment housed in our facilities to highlight the amazing educational opportunities our nursing students have here at Marshall University.”

Landry said the demonstrations will be performed by faculty and students in the School of Nursing with special assistance from the high-fidelity mannequins.

“Our high-fidelity mannequins are run by a computer and incorporate advanced features such as a chest wall that rises and falls to simulate respiration, pulses, and programmable heart, breath
and bowel sounds,” Landry said. “When students work with these mannequins in the simulation center, they are preparing themselves for the real world of nursing.”

Dr. Deanna Pope, coordinator for the MOVC nursing program, said the Nursing Simulation Center located at the Point Pleasant campus offers the same educational advantages, including opportunities for distance learning for traditional and non-traditional students.

“Our Nursing Simulation Center located in the MOVC is doing the exact same thing as the Huntington campus,” Pope said. “We offer high-fidelity simulation with our mannequins which allows students to prepare for clinical work. During the simulation demonstration, we can make these mannequins talk, have seizures, change vital signs and we can even make him die. These real-life scenarios are invaluable for our nursing students to experience before they venture out into their future professions.”

The grand opening reception for the Huntington Nursing Simulation Center is in Corbly Hall room 433. The grand opening reception for the Point Pleasant Nursing Simulation Center is in the MOVC nursing laboratory.

Photo: (Left to right): MOVC nursing students Angela Dorsey, Cara Hesson and Tiffany Bailey work with the Nursing Simulation Center’s high-fidelity mannequins to prepare for working in a real-life clinical setting.

Marshall’s United Way campaign raises more than $28,700 for community

Marshall’s United Way campaign raised $28,736.89—a 30 percent pledge increase from last year—during the 2014 university campaign Sept. 22 – Oct. 10.

“We saw an 83 percent increase in the number of contributors – 53 donors to 97 donors – and a 30 percent pledge increase from last year’s campaign total,” said Will Holland, director of resource development for United Way of the River Cities. “Anytime we see a big increase like this, it is because of the committed individuals behind the scenes working hard to make an impact in our community. Marshall University has much to be proud of.”

Dr. Michael Prewitt, dean of the College of Health Professions and current board member for United Way of the River Cities, said the amount raised by Marshall employees translates into thousands of people in our area who will be helped.
“If we wanted to see the actual impact these funds had on our community, we need to consider that 420 children were helped get ready for kindergarten, 170 adults were helped with job and life skills training, 238 youth gained healthy lifestyle habits and 1,972 individuals in need received a warm meal,” Prewitt said. “We have the opportunity to make a positive difference and I hope we will continue to see participation increase in our community for many years to come.”

Megan Archer, 2014 campaign coordinator, said she believes the participation level of the Marshall community will continue to grow as efforts are made to increase awareness and enthusiasm campus-wide.

“Plans are already underway for creating more visibility on campus for our local United Way all year, not just during campaign season,” Archer said. “The success of the 2014 campaign would not have been possible without the dedication of our committee members and the generosity of our faculty, staff and students.”

To learn more about how you can give back to United Way of the River Cities, visit www.unitedwayrivercities.org.
Marshall University Libraries are sponsoring a toy and clothing drive for the Huntington City Mission this year, according to Eleanor Anders, who works in Information Delivery Services at the library.

Contributions, which should be all new items, may be dropped off at the circulation desk in the Drinko Library, Anders said. A particular need is for older kids (12-18 years of age), who often get left out. Gifts for them might include fast food gift cards, video games, make-up and nail polish.

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Marshall University internal medicine resident team wins state competition

A team of resident physicians with the department of internal medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine recently won a statewide medical competition, “The Doctor’s Dilemma,” sponsored by the West Virginia American College of Physicians (ACP). The event was part of the organization’s chapter meeting in October.

Marshall’s team competed against medical resident teams from West Virginia University and West Virginia University-CAMC to capture the coveted title. Marshall now advances to the national tournament at the ACP’s national meeting in April in Boston.

The Doctor’s Dilemma is a medical “Jeopardy”-style competition designed to test medical knowledge of medical residents in a variety of disciplines from general internal medicine to subspecialty questions in neurology, oncology, pulmonology, cardiology and endocrinology.

“The Marshall team has worked together and prepared extremely hard, performing over and above residency requirements,” said Eva Patton-Tackett, M.D., associate program director of the internal medicine resident program. “We are extremely proud of this team and know they will represent the Marshall Medical School and the state of West Virginia well at the national competition.”

Marshall’s team members include Hatiem M. Muafa, M.D., Alaa Y.F.Gabi, M.D. (chief resident), Aviral Roy, M.D., and Jason P. Mader, D.O. Charles E. Meadows, M.D., an associate professor with the department of internal medicine, serves as team coach.

Marshall University groups to perform Handel’s ‘Messiah’

More than 125 performers will come together at 7:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Sunday, Dec. 7, respectively, at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in downtown Huntington for performances of George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah.”

Marshall University’s Choral Union, Chamber Choir and University Chorus will join with the Marshall University Symphony Orchestra for two performances following dozens of individual and group rehearsals that began in September.
The ensembles will combine voices with the orchestra’s woodwind, brass, percussion and string instruments to tell Handel’s well-regarded and popular tale of Jesus Christ (think “Hallelujah Chorus”), from Isaiah’s prophecy of salvation to the acclamation of the Messiah.

Choral Union Director Rob Wray said the late 18th-century work is a fixture of the Christmas season.

“‘Messiah’ is arguably the most well-known large work for a chorus and orchestra,” Wray said. “It’s a great opportunity as a conductor to be able to perform these types of works.”

For more information about the performances, contact Wray by phone at 304-696-2399 or by e-mail at wrayr@marshall.edu.

MU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi achieves Chapter of Excellence status

The Marshall University chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi has achieved Chapter of Excellence status, Dr. Mary Todd, executive director of the society, has announced.

Todd said the goal of the Chapter Recognition Program is to reward those chapters that have exhibited outstanding performance as a result of the effort of their volunteer chapter officers.

In the past year, only 53 of the 316 chapters received recognition status, Marshall’s chapter has been in existence just 4 1/2 years.

Dr. Mary Beth Reynolds, president of Marshall’s chapter, said, “Marshall’s chapter of Phi Kappa Phi thanks its officers, members, and Marshall’s Honors College for making this recognition possible!”

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine. It is the nation’s oldest, largest and most selective honor society for all academic disciplines. Approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni are inducted into the society annually from 300 select campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Membership is by invitation only to the top 10 percent of seniors and graduate students and 7.5 percent of juniors. Faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction can also qualify for membership in the society.
Classified Staff projects to assist during the holiday period

For several years the Classified Staff has participated in a holiday project, which gives aid to local areas of need. Once again Staff Council has chosen to take up items for two different projects. The first project will be assembling Christmas bags for the homeless and needy, organized by Missy Clagg-Browning, who is the Marshall Medical Outreach Coordinator. These bags provide basic items such as toothpaste and toothbrushes to 300 people who find themselves homeless or needy this holiday season. The second project will be to provide items to the residents of the Veterans Home in Barboursville.

For the Homeless and Needy Christmas Bags Project, here are the items needed:

- 300 Toothbrushes
- 300 Tubes of Toothpaste
- 300 Bars of Soap (Individually Wrapped)
- 200 Men’s Deodorants
- 100 Women’s Deodorants
- 300 Little Debbie Christmas Cakes
- 300 Candy Canes (Individually Wrapped)

For the Veterans Home, the items needed are:

- **Toiletries** (travel sized are acceptable)
  Deodorant, Shaving Accessories (Razors, Shaving Cream, Aftershave), Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Shampoo, Denture Care (Cleaner, Cups, Tablets), Soap (Bar or Liquid), Mouthwash, Tissues

- **Personal Care**
  Laundry Detergent, Hair Care (Brush, Comb)

- **Clothing Items**
  New Socks, New Handkerchiefs, New Hats/Gloves/Scarves, New Flannel Shirts

Items can be dropped off at any of the following locations:
Old Main:

- Old Main Basement Mailroom – Leonard Lovely
- Bursar – OM 101
- Accounting – OM 203
- CFO Office – Tanya Ramsey – OM 209
- Autism Training Center – Lisa Poteete – OM 316

Huntington Campus:

- Student Center 2W6 – William “Tootie” Carter
- Holderby Hall 105 – Department of Housing – Miriah Young
- Sorrell Maintenance Building – Physical Plant – Anita Hill
Marshall Recreation Center and First-Year Residence Halls partner again to bring holiday joy to Tri-State

The Recreation Center and the First-Year Residence halls are partnering this holiday season to help local agencies and children in the Huntington community.

Rec the Halls with Holiday Hopes can be compared to an “Angel Tree.” Wish lists will be collected from local agencies such as Golden Girls, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Tri-State, A.D. Lewis Community Center, Ronald McDonald House, Branches, Pressley Ridge, Lily’s Place and NECCO.

The wishes will be hung on a tree in the lobby of the Rec Center and in both First-Year Residence Hall lobbies. Anyone interested may stop by the Rec or residence halls to collect a wish. Then he or she may bring their items back to that same location with the tag attached to help make the holiday dreams come true for someone in the Tri-State. All wish items must be dropped off by Wednesday, Dec. 10.
There is no need to worry about wrapping the gifts – the Recreation Center and First-Year Residence Halls will take care of the wrapping. A wrapping party will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12 to wrap the gifts for the agencies. Volunteers will be rewarded with snacks and drinks in a festive atmosphere.

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