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Marshall community recognizes faculty award winners, retirees

Awards of distinction were presented and retiring faculty were recognized during the spring general faculty meeting yesterday at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The meeting began with remarks from President Jerome Gilbert and Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Larry Stickler.

Faculty members honored were:

- Dr. Phillip T. Rutherford, an associate professor of modern European history, selected as the Dr. Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2015-2016. Rutherford will receive $5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of Charles Hedrick’s father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later chairman of the Graduate Council, and one of the founders of Marshall’s graduate program.
- Dr. Greta Rensenbrink, an associate professor in the history department, received the Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award.
- Dr. Damien Arthur, an associate professor of Political Science; Dr. Carrie Oeding, an assistant professor in the English department, and, Dr. Michael Schroeder, an assistant professor of Mathematics all received the Pickens-Queen Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Anna Rollins, an English instructor and director of the Writing Center, received the Council of Chairs Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Dr. Robert Angel, professor, special education, College of Education and Professional Development, received the Distinguished Service Award.
- Dr. Sandra Bailey, professor, elementary and secondary education, College of Education and Professional Development, received the Distinguished Service Award.
- Dr. David Hatfield, associate professor, English, College of Liberal Arts, received the Distinguished Service Award.
- Dr. Lee Olson, professor, leadership studies, College of Education and Professional Development, received the Distinguished Service Award.
- Dr. Gang Chen, associate professor of engineering, received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars award (senior).
• Burnis Morris, professor of journalism and mass communications, received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award (senior).
• Dr. Zelideth Rivas, assistant professor, modern languages, received the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award (junior).
• Dr. Kristen Lillvis, assistant professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts, received the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award.

Twenty-two retiring faculty, representing 539 years of service, were recognized:

• Dr. Marty Amerikaner, professor, psychology, College of Liberal Arts, 28 years
• Dr. Robert Angel, professor, special education, College of Education and Professional Development, 40 years
• Dr. Sandra Bailey, professor, elementary and secondary education, College of Education and Professional Development, 20 years
• Dr. Bruce Conrad, associate professor, accountancy and legal environment, College of Business, 32 years
• Dr. Michael Cunningham, professor, leadership studies, College of Education and Professional Development, 20 years
• Dr. Samuel Dameron, professor, criminal justice, College of Science, 31 years
• Dr. Paul Durst, assistant professor, anatomy and pathology, School of Medicine, 14 years
• Dr. Carl Gruetter, professor, pharmacology, physiology and toxicology, School of Medicine, 34 years
• Jeanne Hubbard, instructor, English, College of Liberal Arts, 5 years
• Dr. John Hubbard, professor, chemistry, College of Science, 38 years
• Dr. Penny Kroll, professor, physical therapy, College of Health Professions, 6 years
• Dr. Carlos Lopez, professor, modern languages, College of Liberal Arts, 21 years
• Dr. Joyce Meikamp, professor, Special Education, College of Education and Professional Development, 24 years
• Dr. Lee Olson, professor, Leadership Studies, College of Education and Professional Development, 45 years
• Dr. William Paynter, assistant professor, educational foundations, College of Education and Professional Development, 48 years
• Dr. Jerry Scott, associate professor, family and community health, School of Medicine, 15 years
• Robert Simpson, instructor, accountancy and legal environment, College of Business, 5 years
• Dr. Linda Spatig, professor, educational foundations, College of Education and Professional Development, 29 years
• Dr. Nancy Stump, professor, modern languages, College of Liberal Arts, 48 years
• Dr. Ed Taft, professor, English, College of Liberal Arts, 26 years
• Dr. Jonathan Thompson, associate professor, computer science, College of Information Technology and Engineering, 5 years
• Dr. Linda Winter, associate professor, school psychology, College of Education and Professional Development, 5 years

Photo: Dr. Gilbert (left) presents the Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award to Dr. Phillip Rutherford, associate professor of history.
Board of Governors approves draft operating budget for upcoming fiscal year; includes three scenarios for tuition increases contingent on state budget outcome

The Board of Governors today approved a draft operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17, including three potential scenarios for tuition increases for the upcoming academic year.

The possible tuition increases range from five to more than 10 percent, with the final rates contingent on the university’s state budget allocation.

Chief Financial Officer Mary Ellen Heuton said the draft budget and tuition contingency plans were necessary because the State of West Virginia has not yet finalized its budget for next fiscal year and university officials do not know what Marshall’s allocation will be.

She said, “To allow planning for the 2016-17 academic year to continue, we asked for and received the board’s approval of a draft budget and three possible tuition increase scenarios. Once we know what our state budget allocation will be, the board will call a special meeting to review and approve a final budget and the tuition and fees for next year.

“We are eagerly looking to see what happens with the state budget. I’m hoping it’s not as dire as some of the forecasts have been. Our board and administration are committed to remaining mindful of the impact of tuition increases to our students and their families, and continuing to balance that with maintaining our quality.”

Heuton added that the university’s state funding has been reduced by $11.5 million since 2013.

“It’s getting tougher and tougher,” she told board members. “As you know, through a very intentional, top-to-bottom review of our expenses over the past couple of years, we have cut just about every bit of fat from our operating budget. In planning for next year, we received detailed budget plans from all our operating units, so we can see that we are truly down to what it takes to operate the university and provide services to our students.”

The three scenarios the board approved today for possible increases in the university’s overall tuition* rates are as follows:

- Option 1 – If there are no additional state appropriation reductions, overall tuition will increase by 5 percent.
- Option 2 – If there are additional state appropriation reductions of up to 4 percent, overall tuition will increase by 8 percent.
- Option 3 – If there are additional state appropriation reductions of more than 4 percent, overall tuition will increase by at least 11 percent.

In other action today, the board:
• Approved a reforecast budget for the current fiscal year;
• Approved an intent to plan a bachelor of science and a master of science in electrical and computer engineering;
• Authorized the offering of additional undergraduate courses at the university’s South Charleston campus;
• Approved updated policies on travel and discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment, sexual and domestic misconduct, stalking and retaliation; and
• Approved dropping three programs—master of arts degrees in early childhood education, elementary education and secondary education—to allow the creation of a single master of arts degree in education.

* Overall tuition includes Education and General fees, System Capital fees, Recreation Center fees and Auxiliary fees for those undergraduate and graduate students not in a program with a separate tuition rate (excludes the schools of medicine, pharmacy and physical therapy, as well as the graduate forensic science and master of public health programs).

‘Donning of Kente’ to take place Thursday, April 28

The Center for African American Students will conduct its annual Donning of Kente Celebration of Achievement at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Students who are participating in the ceremony should arrive in cap and gown at the Memorial Student Center at 4:15 p.m. to line up.

The cap-and-gown ceremony will begin with a processional that will include graduating students, university deans, faculty and President Jerome A. Gilbert. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Alan Litton, president and chief science officer at Rubberlite in Huntington.

“We take pride once again to bring to our campus and community the richness of this centuries-old and unusual ceremony,” said Maurice Cooley, Associate Vice President for Intercultural Affairs. “The Kente ceremonial tradition, with its roots in West Africa, recognizes an individual for his/her extraordinary accomplishments and brings to us the spirit of this culturally-based celebration.” Cooley emphasized that all Marshall and Huntington community members are welcome to attend.
The Kente cloth, which resembles a stole and is worn with the academic regalia, is a symbol of accomplishment that has its roots in a long tradition of weaving in West African countries. Marshall instituted this African ceremony with a tradition of presenting hand-woven Kente cloths to graduating students 15 years ago and approximately 70 students are expected to participate along with university deans, faculty and staff.

Cooley said the Donning of Kente Celebration of Achievement is one of the most prestigious and culturally significant events of the year.

African music will be provided by the Marshall University African Dance and Drum ensemble, directed by James Hall. A reception will follow for all participants and those in attendance.

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Reminder: Biweekly pay to start in September; info sessions set for April 29 and May 5

As you may have heard, the State is again moving forward with bi-weekly pay for those not already on that method. Marshall University and WVU are still being exempted from using the OASIS HR system for payroll, but will still be required to move to bi-weekly. Our target dates for the transition are as follows:

- Last semi-monthly pay period 8/1/16 to 8/16/16 – paid 8/31/16
- Transitional pay period 8/17/16 to 9/2/16 – paid on 9/16/16
- First bi-weekly pay period 9/3/16 to 9/16/16 – paid on 9/30/16

Several information sessions remain to provide additional information on the transition:

- Friday April 29, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 319 at the Administration Building in South Charleston
- Thursday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center

The Pay Changes website has more details, based on your specific employment status. A tentative pay calendar for 2016 and 2017 is also available.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Mary Ellen Heuton
Senior Vice President for Finance

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Rally for Autism organizers add art events April 29 and 30

Events surrounding the annual Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® this weekend will include activities featuring nationally known savant artist Michael Tolleson. This is the first time that the events surrounding the rally will include art-related activities.

Tolleson, an artist with Asperger’s syndrome, is considered an artistic savant, who has created more than 700 gallery-worth paintings that are sold worldwide. He will appear on WSAZ-TV on the 4 p.m. news program Thursday, April 28, during which he will complete a painting live and will be interviewed.

The painting will be auctioned with two others at an event at the Marshall University Visual Arts Center, 927 Third Ave., which will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 29. In addition, Tolleson will give another demonstration of his work and paintings will be available for sale.

On Saturday, April 30, Tolleson will be working on a Marshall University-themed painting, which is expected to be raffled at the end of the rally activities. Tickets can be purchased up until the drawing and the purchaser does not need to be present to win.

The rally events are a collaboration among the Autism Society of River Cities, the Autism Services Center and the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University.

Considered the fastest-growing event of its kind in the Huntington area, the overall rally event, now in its 15th year, features three components taking place concurrently Saturday, April 30. First is the Seaton and Moira Taylor 5k Walk, which is sponsored by Campbell Woods, PLLC. Next is a 5k timed run, with categories for ages 10 and under and ages 11-14, for both males and females. Third is a bicycle ride, in which participants have a choice of 10k and 40k routes.

In addition to the awards for the top participants in the walk, runs and bicycle rides, organizers of the rally will give awards to fundraisers. The Danny White Award will be given to the largest fundraiser, and first-, second- and third-place team trophies will be given to fundraising teams that raise the most money and have the most members.

“The Ruth Sullivan Rally for Autism® is totally planned and put on by volunteers,” said Elaine Harvey, lead organizer for the event. “There are no overhead expenses, only direct expenses – and all of the net proceeds are shared equally among the agencies, for them to provide their services to our local autism community in the Tri-State area.”

Further information on the weekend’s activities are available by phone at 304-525-8014 or by e-mail at rallyforautism@gmail.com.

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Trowbridge named Whiting Public Engagement Fellow

Dr. David Trowbridge, associate professor of history, has been selected for The Whiting Foundation’s Whiting Public Engagement Fellowship.

Trowbridge said the $50,000 fellowship will be used to further develop Clio, a free mobile application and website that connects the public with information about historical and cultural sites around the United States.

“I hope that Clio’s growth throughout West Virginia and beyond demonstrates the potential of technology created by university faculty at regional universities like Marshall,” Trowbridge said. “While Clio is free and non-commercial, it offers the potential for economic development—especially in a state such as ours that is working to promote tourism.”

Since Trowbridge created Clio in 2012, it has grown into a national resource with more than 20,000 users a month and 10,000 curated entries.

The Whiting Foundation supports faculty in the humanities who embrace public engagement as part of the scholarly vocation, according to Executive Director Daniel Reid.

“Dr. Trowbridge is the perfect example of what we’re looking for,” said Reid. “His project is one that is thoughtfully designed to reach the public with deep and meaningful content. The fact that he built this starting with his own personal time and funds is inspiring.”

Trowbridge said developers are working to expand Clio’s functionality to include features such as personalized itineraries that offer walking and driving tours.

“Until now, mobile apps offered walking tours that required people to start and stop at a preset location and follow a preset route. Thanks to the generosity of the Whiting Foundation and the talented team of developers at Strictly Business Computer Services, Clio will change that,” Trowbridge said. “Together with original content from hundreds of universities, libraries, historical societies, and other organizations, Clio will allow people to experience history as they enjoy a walk through any city in America.”

For more information about Clio, visit www.theclio.com.

Photo: Students use Clio to discover a suffrage parade that occurred in their city in 1917. Clio guides users to museums, historic sites and landmarks to support both education and heritage tourism. Entries can include audio recordings and videos, as well as links to related books, articles and websites.
School of Pharmacy plans inaugural graduation

Thomas E. Menighan, R. Ph., M.B.A., executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American Pharmacists Association, will give the commencement address at the inaugural School of Pharmacy graduation scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, May 5, at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center.

Menighan, a Sistersville, West Virginia, native, graduated from West Virginia University School of Pharmacy in 1974 and earned a master’s degree in business from Averett College in 1990. A successful entrepreneur who has developed several pharmacy-related national companies, Menighan’s name is also well-known in Huntington as the founder and 20-year owner of the Medicine Shoppe.

A long-time advocate of a health care system that includes pharmacists as part of the treatment team, Menighan was a top choice for speaker.

“We are so pleased that Tom accepted our invitation for this inaugural graduation. More than four years ago as we looked ahead, I envisioned this first commencement and its significance,” said Kevin W. Yingling, R.Ph., M.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. “As we prepare for graduation, I can say without hesitation, the school’s impact has been even greater than we first imagined and I couldn’t be more proud of our students, faculty and staff for their amazing contributions to our school, community and state.”

Seventy-six students will graduate with their Doctor of Pharmacy degrees. A dozen class members will move forward with their training in residencies across the nation, while others will go directly into the workforce including positions at retail pharmacies, hospitals and research.

Also during the week of graduation, there are plans for a pre-commencement reception and several other student-related events.

Attendance at the School of Pharmacy commencement is by invitation only, but it will be streamed live at https://livestream.com/marshallu.

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Woods receives National Endowment for the Humanities award

Dr. Michael Woods, assistant professor of history, will be spending his summer researching for his latest book, thanks to a National Endowment for the Humanities award.

Recipients of the Summer Stipends award are required to devote two consecutive months of full-time work to the recipient’s chosen project. Woods said he plans to spend that time this summer at the University of Chicago and Rice University researching Stephen Douglas and Jefferson Davis for his upcoming book and also to teach his students.

“I can bring in documents for them to look at; I can guide them through the process of designing a research project and carrying it through to its conclusion,” said Woods. “The kind of research that I’ll be doing this summer can help me with that because I’ll bring in things that I find in the archives to allow them to look at them. Those are the kind of raw materials that history is written from.

“There’s always a lecture component and there are always exams in my courses, but I try to give students the opportunity to work more hands on in doing the kind of research that I do.”

Woods, who said he received the news of the honor from the offices of Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), was among the 10 percent of applicants who received funding. The national program received more than 800 submissions this year.

Woods received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. His research and teaching interests include U.S. political and cultural history, the Civil War and Reconstruction, the U.S. South, the history of emotions, and the comparative history of slavery. He has published articles in the Journal of American History and the Journal of Social History, and is the author of “Emotion and Sectional Conflict in the Antebellum United States” (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Photo: Dr. Michael Woods has received the National Endowment in the Humanities Summer Stipends award.

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Marshall to host ‘George Rashid: The Leper of Pickens’ documentary film screening April 28

The Department of Social Work will host a documentary film screening Thursday, April 28, about the life of George Rashid, a young Lebanese/Syrian man who traveled to America in 1901 and was ostracized for the lesions on his skin.

Dr. Peggy Harman, one of the film’s producers and the director of the department’s Master of Social Work program, said these lesions were treated as leprosy by Dr. James Cunningham of Pickens, West Virginia. She said this diagnosis led to a life of discrimination and hardship for Rashid and resulted in his nickname of the “Leper of Pickens.”

However, Harman said that after conducting extensive research, the diagnosis of leprosy is questionable.

“Many people were ‘leprophobic’ at that time and there were numerous people being diagnosed with leprosy that were later found to have had diseases caused by occupational byproducts,” Harman said. “In George’s case, he was working in a paper mill. My research revealed that many people who developed skin lesions while working in paper mills during that era were misdiagnosed with leprosy.”

Rashid was diagnosed in 1906. Harman said she hopes audiences will consider how uneducated assumptions can lead to tragic consequences.

“George was only 17 years old when he arrived in America in 1901 with a group of Maronite Catholics, full of hope for his future. He was in essence a missionary – someone who could be the son of any modern-day religious youth group who travels abroad. George’s English was not perfect and most people could not understand him,” Harman said. “He went from seeking medical attention to becoming an international sensation, much like the Ebola outbreak of today. I hope this film will appeal to that portion of all of us that is sometimes quick to judge people and situations without benefit of the facts.”

Harman noted other interesting elements of the film, including how Rashid’s case was discussed in two congressional hearings as well as several medical journals including The Journal of the American Medical Association.

“The case received special attention from many doctors including Dr. Thomas Stedman, who is well known as a pioneer in the medical field and as the editor of ‘Stedman’s Medical
Dictionary,” Harman said. “The film also focuses on the direct impact Rashid’s case had on the creation of the modern-day public health system in West Virginia, which was finally established around 1913.

With grant funding from the West Virginia Humanities Council, Harman and her husband, Jason, the film’s producer, videographer and editor, spent nine months shooting and editing the documentary, which will be shown for the first time at 7:15 p.m., April 28, in Smith Recital Hall on Marshall’s Huntington campus.

“Jason and I hope to create more documentaries together about our West Virginia stories. Our families go back to the mid-1700s in what is now West Virginia, so we have been given the gift of many generations of oral histories,” Harman said. “We all need to remember that other than the Native Americans, our families got their start in America by traveling from other countries. Our various cultures are rich with customs that make us a great country. I believe America is much like my grandmother’s patchwork quilts – a patchwork of people with a common thread.”

The film screening is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served with a discussion to follow. To learn more about the documentary screening of “George Rashid: The Leper of Pickens,” contact Harman at proudfoodhar@marshall.edu or call 304-696-3146.

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New center to offer continuing education classes this summer

The newly created Center for Continuing Education will be offering classes this summer on both the Huntington and South Charleston campuses.

With a theme of “Create Your Summer,” the new department is offering a wide range of course selections for youth, teens, and adults. Among classes to be offered are a culinary camp for kids and teens, specialty football technique school for ages 8-12, beginning sign language, Japanese cooking classes, wreath making, creative writing, an archeological field school and digital forensics camps for teens and computer and social media classes for adults.

Depending on the topic, classes will take place during the day, evenings or on weekends. Huntington’s Kitchen in downtown Huntington will be utilized for some of the cooking classes.

“Each class is designed to enhance our community by providing job skills, developing new talents, or exploring new hobbies,” said Erika Riley, interim director of continuing
education. “These are quality short-term, non-credit courses, and the low cost and convenience make learning obtainable to everyone.”

In addition to the new summer courses, the center will continue to expand its programming to include a new Mature Learning Club for those 55 and over, online professional certificate training and customized industry training for local businesses.

“This community collaboration is in response to increased requests from the community that we have heard and are responding to,” Riley said. “We are also looking to expand and develop new special interest courses. If interested in sharing your knowledge or craft with our community, please contact us. We are always looking for elementary through postsecondary teachers, graduate students, or those of you with a hobby to help our community discover new interests.”

For a complete course listing with times and costs, view the online poster by clicking on the graphic above.

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Marshall panel to discuss sex trafficking in West Virginia on revised date of May 3

“Not for Sale: Sex Trafficking in the U.S.” will be the topic of a free public panel at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, in BES of the Memorial Student Center. The date has been rescheduled from the originally announced date.

On hand will be House of Delegates member Barbara Evans Fleischauer (D-Monongalia), Dr. Maggie Stone, assistant professor of sociology and director of the graduate studies program in sociology; Margaret Phipps Brown, J.D., professor of criminal justice and criminology; and licensed social worker Kristen Kerns. An audience question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

Speakers will address definitions of sex trafficking and discuss trauma experienced by trafficking victims, how to identify a potential trafficking situation and ways to effect change at the university, community and legislative levels.
Cosponsors of the panel are Marshall’s Women Connect, Women’s Center, Women’s Studies program, Students against Sex Slavery and the College of Liberal Arts. Representatives from the following groups will be present at the event: the Women’s Empowerment Addiction Recovery (WEAR) Program, Cabell-Huntington Health Department, Amnesty International, CONTACT Rape Crisis Center, Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Students for Reproductive Justice, and Backpacks and Brown Bags.

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Marshall alum wins Pulitzer in editorial writing

A Marshall University alumnus has received the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Editorial Writing.

Huntington native John Hackworth, editor of the Sun Newspapers in Charlotte Harbor, Fla., received the award for a series of editorials calling for an investigation into the death of an inmate at Charlotte Correctional Institute.

A veteran journalist who has been with the Sun for 20 years, Hackworth graduated from Marshall in 1971 with a bachelor’s degree in journalism. He previously worked for Knight-Ridder in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, the Ashland Daily Independent in Ashland, Kentucky, and The Herald-Dispatch in Huntington.

The recipients of this year’s Pulitzer Prizes were announced last week at a press conference in Columbia University’s Pulitzer Hall.

The Pulitzer Prize Board awarded the prize to Hackworth “for fierce, indignant editorials that demanded truth and change after the deadly assault of an inmate by corrections officers.” They said his editorials “fanned the flames with locals who were stunned by the apparent lack of concern by authorities over this brutal death.”

To read Hackworth’s award-winning columns, visit www.pulitzer.org/winners/john-hackworth-sun-newspapers.

Another Marshall graduate and former Daily Independent reporter, Dr. Julia Keller, captured the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing in 2005. Keller won the award for her three-part series on a 10-second tornado that ripped through Utica, Illinois. The Pulitzer Prize Board described Keller’s account of the tornado, which was published in December 2004, as “gripping” and “meticulously constructed.” She graduated from Marshall with a bachelor’s degree in 1976 and a master’s degree in 1981—both in English.

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Goodwill fundraiser to support Forensic Science students

The Marshall University Forensic Identification Association (MUFIA) is having a Goodwill Industries Fundraiser on Saturday, April 30, from 1-5 p.m. at Shobe’s Stained Glass, 1529 4th Ave. (directly behind the crime scene house). Donations are appreciated. The following link will provide information as to the items Goodwill will accept: www.goodwillhunting.org/stuff-the-truck/.

Service Award Luncheon set for May 18

The 32nd annual Service Awards luncheon will take place Wednesday May 18, from noon until 2 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

In addition to the service awards, the Employee of the Year will be named at that time.

The following is the list of university staff members who will receive awards:

**For 10 Years of Service:** Husein Al-Qawasmi, Bonnie Bailey, Karen Barker, Ricky Brinegar, Harold Burns, Eric Casto, Paul Daniels, Dencil Dean, Toni Ferguson, Melanie Gallaher, Rachel Hagen, Lisa Hechesky, Jane Martin, Linda Massie, Diana Maue, Brent Maynard, Dwayne McCallister, Leah Payne, Kelly Preston, Amy Saxton, Kelly Slone and Bryan Workman.

**For 15 Years of Service:** Eleanor Anders, Terry Blake, Heather Brooks, Travis Callihan, Patricia Campbell, David Daniel, Holly Dunmore, Rodney Elliott, Paul Glover, Anna Gue, Gregory Harmon, Ian Levstein, Tawnia Mathis, Gloria McFann, Kandice Napier, Leonard Nida,
Joseph Perry, Timothy Sowards, Rita Spears, Crystal Stewart, John Sutherland, Julia White and Daniel Williamson.

For 20 Years of Service: Monica Brooks, Dennis Chappelle, Lisa Christopher, Kimberly Fry, Paul Hermansdorfer, Mary Reynolds, David Steele, Denise Wiley and Timothy Woolum.

For 25 Years of Service: Charles Carico, Tami Fletcher, Christopher Kennedy, Beverly Lee, Carolyn Plybon, Mark Nethercutt, Sherri Stepp and Barbara Tubbs.

For 30 Years of Service: Dianne Anestis, John Ball, Jonathan Brown, Virginia Cambell-Turner, Harold Cook, Gina Kates, Betty Lewis, Melinda Morgan, Jamez Morris-Smith and Gael Setliff.

For 35 Years of Service: Marilyn Fox, James McKeny, and Wanda Webb.

For 40 Years of Service: Charles McKown and Glenna Racer.

Retirees to date: Betty Adkins, John Ball, Prudence Barker, Constance Berk, Merry Brown, Jeffrey Edwards, Roberta Ferguson, Nancy Heffernan, Barbara Hunt, Gina Kates, Thomas Laney, Susan Luther, David McKenzie, Judith Olson, Carolyn Plybon, Ann Pofahl, Glenna Racer, Judith Rogero, Sherry Salyers, Diana Skeans, Sandra Varney, Selah Wilson, Timothy Woolum and Cathy Zhea.

Menu: River and Rail Buffet, featuring Chicken Supreme, Penne, Meat Sauce, Alfredo Sauce, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Steamed Vegetable Medley, Dinner Rolls, House Salad, Assorted Dressings, Assorted Desserts, Coffee/Decaf, Iced Tea and Ice Water.

If anyone has been left off this list, or has a preference on how they want their name listed in the program, contact Joe Wortham at extension 6-5402 or Nina Barrett at extension 6-2216.

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Financial session to be presented by South Charleston campus library

Marshall University libraries are participating in Money Smart Week, a national financial literacy initiative designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

As part of the observation of the week, Kat Phillips will be hosting the session, Beyond Google: Finding Financial Resources on the Webin the South Charleston campus Library and Research Commons from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28. She will be discussing and demonstrating several credible, safe and informative websites consumers can use to answer their pressing financial questions.
All students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend this discussion.

*Disclaimer: Kat Phillips is not a financial advisor, nor a lawyer; she will provide information dedicated to assist in answering questions, but all finance or legal questions not answered by the sites should be directed to financial advisors and professionals

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Walter Squire

Dr. Walter Squire, assistant professor in the Department of English and director of the film studies program, had an article included in the collection *Exploring Teachers in Fiction and Film: Saviors, Scapegoats and Schoolmarms*, edited by Melanie Shoffner and published by Routledge this month. The book contains essays on cinematic and literary classrooms from the perspective of teacher education.

Titled “*Chalk: Overwriting the Savior Narrative,*” the article examines the 2006 “mockumentary” film *Chalk.* In contrast to movies that depict high school teachers who radically transform students and schools through the sheer force of their personalities alone, *Chalk* focuses upon earnest yet flawed educators, thereby allowing preservice teachers who watch the film the opportunity to develop strategies for improvement instead of being presented with unrealistic and unachievable models.

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COLA’s annual Research and Creativity conference highlights record number of students

The 16th Annual College of Liberal Arts Research and Creativity conference, which took place last week, had a record number of students—97 from across departments—who presented research to their peers, faculty, mentors and other interested persons.

The conference is one of the major events sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts.

With support by Dean Robert Bookwalter and COLA office staff, as well as the conference committee comprising 12 COLA faculty members, the conference is viewed as a stepping stone for those thinking of continuing to do academic research in graduate school.

Distinguished scholars are invited to address the conference each year. This year’s keynote speaker was Dr. Tatevik Gyulamiryan from Hope College, in Michigan.

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Final open house of the academic year to take place May 4

President Gilbert and members of the university’s senior management team will be hosting another of the informal monthly open houses on Wednesday, May 4, from 3 to 4 p.m.

The event will take place in the reception area of the Office of University Communications, 213 Old Main. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to come and talk with administrators about topics of their choice.

This open house will be the final one for the 2015-16 academic year.

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The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed May 4, 2016. Please send items for consideration to Pat Dickson by 5 p.m. Monday, May 2.

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