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Reminder: Gilbert investiture to take place tomorrow, Sept. 22

Dr. Jerome A. “Jerry” Gilbert, the 37th president in the 179-year history of Marshall University, will be invested Thursday, Sept. 22, in an outdoor ceremony slated to begin at 10:30 a.m. in the John Marshall Circle on the university’s Huntington campus. A reception will follow at the Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall.

The ceremony and reception are free and open to the public. No tickets are needed.

An investiture is the formal installation of a university president and is customarily held during a new president’s first year in office. It is a practice dating back to the Middle Ages and today is an academic ceremony during which the new leader is “vested” with the official duties of the office. Members of Marshall’s board of governors, delegates from other colleges and universities, state and local dignitaries, and Marshall students, alumni and staff will be in attendance.

“The investiture signifies the changing of the guard and recognizes the strength and traditions of the institution,” said Gilbert. “I want it to be more about the office than it is about me personally. I am humbled to be the 37th president of Marshall and approach the investiture with great gratitude and humility.”
“Members of my family will be here and that’s important to me because they have provided encouragement, love, support and life lessons that have guided me in my personal and professional life. There also will be friends and colleagues who have meant a great deal to me over the years. It will be a chance to say ‘thank you’ to many people, including members of the Marshall family, and an opportunity to look forward to the future of this amazing institution.”

With a nod to Gilbert’s love of music, the ceremony will feature several student music groups including the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps, Jazz Ensemble, Wind Symphony and Chamber Choir. The program also will include a commissioned fanfare composed for the occasion by Dr. Mark Zanter, coordinator of music theory/composition, and performed by a brass quintet. A series of colorful banners produced by art and design students will surround the John Marshall Circle.

The ceremony will begin with a faculty marshal bearing the Grand Mace leading a formal procession of academic representatives up John Marshall Drive. Immediate Past Interim President Gary White will welcome the guests and say a few words about his successor before the Marshall University Army ROTC Thundering Herd Battalion Color Guard presents the colors and music education student Christa Navy sings the national anthem.

Following an interfaith invocation by Rev. Jacque Parlato, pastor of Huntington’s Central Christian Church, and introductions by Marshall University Foundation Board Member Bernie Coston, Gilbert will receive congratulatory greetings from a number of officials, including Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts Kay Goodwin, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Chancellor Paul Hill, Marshall University Board of Governors Chairman Wyatt Scaggs, Student Government Association President Matt Jarvis, Faculty Senate Chair Paige Muellerleile, Classified Staff Council Representative Miriah Young and Alumni Association Vice President Steven Wellman.

During the proceedings, brief reflections will be provided by two of Gilbert’s mentors, Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum and Dr. William Fox, dean emeritus of Mississippi State’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Hill will confer the oath of office. After the oath, Gilbert will receive an official symbol of authority, the President’s Medallion, from Scaggs and will give his investiture address. The ceremony will close with the singing of the Marshall University Alma Mater and benedictions from students of three faiths.

The event will be livestreamed at livestream.com/marshallu for alumni, parents and friends of the university unable to attend in person. Sons and daughters of Marshall all over the world are encouraged to wear kelly green on Sept. 22 to show their pride and to share photos on social media using #MarshalluFamily.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse. Complimentary parking for the investiture ceremony will be available in the university’s Sixth Avenue Parking Facility.
**Related Events**

Gilbert’s priorities since becoming president have included raising the profile of Marshall’s academic programs, faculty and students, as well as highlighting the institution’s rich history and traditions. With that in mind, the university community chose to extend the month-long investiture celebration beyond the traditional ceremony and reception to involve the university and Huntington communities in public events ranging from theatrical and musical performances to the annual Constitution Week festivities and commemoration of the birthday of U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall.

Some of the month’s remaining highlights will include:

**Sept. 23:**

- John Marshall Birthday Cake and Kettle Corn, Buskirk Field, 11 a.m.
  Sponsored by John Deaver Drinko Academy

- President’s Media Quoits Challenge, Buskirk Field, 11:30 a.m.
  Sponsored by John Deaver Drinko Academy

- “Marshall Downtown” and Faculty Exhibition Closing Reception, Visual Arts Center, 5-7 p.m.
  Sponsored by College of Arts and Media

**Sept. 29:**

- Production of “Picnic” by William Inge, Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre, Joan C. Edwards Playhouse, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by College of Arts and Media

More information about the investiture ceremony and the full schedule of related events is available at [www.marshall.edu/president/investiture](http://www.marshall.edu/president/investiture).

**About President Gilbert**

A Mississippi native with a background in biomedical engineering, Gilbert was named Marshall’s president on Oct. 20, 2015. He assumed the office in January.

Prior to his appointment at Marshall, he served for nearly six years as provost and executive vice president of Mississippi State University. Before that, he was the university’s associate provost and associate vice president for academic affairs for six years. Earlier roles include head of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering and coordinator for the biomedical engineering graduate program in the Bagley College of Engineering.

Gilbert attained the rank of professor in 1993 after joining the Mississippi State faculty in 1988 as associate professor. From 1989-2005, he also served as adjunct clinical assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery (research) for the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He served for 10 years as a research affiliate with the Institute of Neurocognitive Science and Technology at
Mississippi State, and was among the first class of Mississippi State’s honors faculty in the Shackouls Honors College.

He was a graduate assistant at Duke University and held previous academic appointments at North Carolina State University and University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) School of Medicine.

In 2014, he was elected to the inaugural board of directors of the Association of Chief Academic Officers. A member of the College of Fellows of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, he also was inducted in the inaugural class of Fellows of the Institute of Biological Engineering, an organization for which he served as president in 2005.

He has a bachelor’s degree in biological engineering from Mississippi State and a doctorate in biomedical engineering from Duke.

Gilbert and his wife, Leigh, are the parents of three grown children, Caroline, Sallie and Peter. They have one granddaughter, Eliza.

Parking and traffic pattern changes for investiture

As the Marshall family looks forward to tomorrow’s investiture ceremony for President Jerome A. Gilbert, please note there will be some parking and traffic pattern changes around campus today and tomorrow. Please note the following and plan accordingly:

• The John Marshall Circle will be closed to traffic from noon on Wednesday, Sept. 21, through the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 22.
• John Marshall Drive and the alley between Corbly Hall and Drinko Library will be closed to traffic on Thursday, Sept. 22, from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m. Cars may leave the Corbly Hall parking lot but no cars will be allowed to enter during that time. Free parking will be available in the Sixth Avenue Parking Facility.
• The Memorial Student Center loading dock will be closed on Thursday, Sept. 22.
• There may be brief periods of congestion at the intersection of John Marshall Drive and Fifth Avenue as guests arrive and depart the ceremony Thursday morning. Please be cautious when driving through that area.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We apologize for any inconvenience.

For more information about the investiture, please visit www.marshall.edu/president/investiture.
Bookstore offers Legacy Collection celebrating John Marshall

As part of President Gilbert’s Investiture Celebration, the Legacy Collection celebrating John Marshall is now available exclusively at the Marshall University Bookstore. Stop by Thursday, Sept. 22, with your program from the investiture to receive 10 percent off of your purchase.

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Gould made an honorary Drinko Fellow

Dr. Alan Gould, executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy at Marshall University, was made an honorary Drinko Fellow Thursday evening during a dinner in honor of John Marshall’s 261st birthday.

The dinner, attended by about 130 people – including 13 Drinko Fellows, took place on the stage inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on Marshall’s Huntington campus. Gould did not attend the dinner because of illness.

Dr. Chuck Somerville, dean of the College of Science and himself a Drinko Fellow, filled in for Gould as master of ceremonies. He praised Gould for an outstanding 47-year career at Marshall.

“What an amazing career,” Somerville said. “What an amazing man. Dr. Gould is above all else, and will always be known as a Son of Marshall.”

Somerville described Gould as “dignified, witty, charming, intelligent, accomplished, supportive, encouraging, a loyal friend and a scholar with fierce attention to detail.”

“Each one of these descriptors applies to a very small fraction of the people we might interact with on a day to day basis,” Somerville said. “When you start to string them together, the probability of all those descriptors applying to one person becomes vanishingly small. When you can describe a person that way, in all those ways, you know that they are special. It is right that they should be celebrated.”
“Most of us know Dr. Alan Gould as the executive director of the John Deaver Drinko Academy, the person through whom we had the great pleasure of meeting John and Libby Drinko, the person who supported our research efforts and made us feel good about our work.”

Gould earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from Marshall University, and a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University.

He has been a professor of history at Marshall University since 1969, and has served Marshall as the coordinator of the Regents B.A. program, the assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, the chair of the history department, the assistant to the president for special projects, the acting vice president for academic affairs, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the senior vice president, the provost, the interim president and the vice president for academic affairs.

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Tami Fletcher named Employee of the Month

Tami Fletcher, who works in the dean’s office of the School of Medicine, has been named the Employee of the Month for July 2016, according to Bruce Felder, chair of the Employee of the Month committee. She was nominated by Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs at the School of Medicine.

“If everyone could be fortunate to have someone so bright talented, personable and proactive working with them, it would make for a productive and positive work environment second to none,” Holmes said in her nomination.

“I have seen her handle and adapt to every type of situation with her sparkling personality, a smile on her face and with a working knowledge of the entire School of Medicine … she possesses an excellent work ethic and is extremely capable,” the nomination continues. “She never says no and truly is so knowledgeable about what we need to do … One often speaks of an employee that is dedicated, loyal and gives 110%, but I can truly say that she not only epitomizes those attributes but exceeds them in every way possible.”

Holmes cited the fundraiser, “Outstanding in our Field,” and the School of Medicine homecoming weekend as extra duties with which Fletcher was involved outside of normal working hours.

Fletcher was presented with a certificate and a check for $100 by President Gilbert.

*Photo: Tami Fletcher (left) receives her Employee of the Month award from President Gilbert.*
Purchasing office issues refresher on procurement procedures

The Office of Purchasing has issued the following reminders and refreshers on procurement of goods and services.

**Purchasing Thresholds**

The threshold for obtaining formal, (public), bids increased from $25,000 to $50,000 with the exception of construction/renovation projects, which has a higher threshold.

1. Departments may obtain quotations for purchases greater than $25,000 but less than $50,000 total. Purchasing may also acquire quotations when deemed in the best interest of the University. Three (3) fair and equitable, signed, quotations must be sent to the Office of Purchasing with a requisition. Quotations should be received from vendors on the same date and time. Specifications provided to the bidders must be identical.
2. Equipment, (greater than $5,000 per unit), cannot be purchased outside of Banner or myBUY.
3. Pcard purchases are limited to $10,000 outside of myBUY

**Services performed by Individuals: New Form**

The IRS and other considerations are factored into the hiring process when contracting services with individuals. The type of service performed and the individual’s status determines the payment method.

Please use the BOG48HR form located on the Office of Purchasing’s website: www.marshall.edu/purchasing/files/BOG48HR.pdf

**Sole Source Purchasing**

When no other vendor can supply a product/service that exceeds the bid threshold and is not on an authorized contract, then sole source documents must accompany the Banner requisition. A form is available to assist with the process.

**After-the-Fact Justification**

An After-the-fact justification must accompany the requisition when in violation of the procurement process. Purchasing is the authorized department to release orders to vendors. A form is available to assist with the process.

**Leasing Space**

Do not enter into a lease agreement unless approved by the Office of the Senior Vice President of Operations. Orders for leases require the approval of the Senior Vice President for Operations.
Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising
All requests for advertising and marketing must be approved by the Office of University Communications.

Computers
All requests for computers and software must be approved by the Office of Information Technology.

Reminder: Faculty/classified employee severance plan announced

Marshall President Jerome A. Gilbert sent the following e-mail message to faculty and staff yesterday regarding a Faculty/Classified Employee Severance Plan.

Dear Marshall University community,

Earlier today, the West Virginia Legislature’s Joint Standing Committee on Pensions and Retirement approved a Faculty/Classified Employee Severance Plan for Marshall University.

The severance plan is part of our ongoing effort to be fiscally responsible and will be funded through university reserves, which we will replenish after six months with savings realized from retirements and resignations. The net result will be additional, ongoing funds that will be available to help balance our budget.

As you may recall, a severance package has been discussed over the past couple of years as part of the Marshall 20/20 effort. The program was drafted over the summer and the Board of Governors approved the proposed plan in executive session at its Aug. 24 meeting. It was impossible to know in advance if the legislative committee would approve the plan so we delayed notifying the university community until we were certain.

To be eligible to participate in the plan, faculty and classified employees must meet the following criteria:

Be at least sixty-five (65) years of age;

Have completed ten (10) years of service at Marshall University; and

Be a participant in an eligible retirement plan (TIAA or Empower Retirement Services).
The plan provides for a lump sum payment of fifty percent (50%) of an employee’s base salary upon retirement or resignation. Faculty of the School of Medicine are not eligible.

Eligible employees must indicate their intention to take advantage of the severance plan between Nov. 1, 2016, and Jan. 30, 2017, and must retire or resign between May 17, 2017, and Aug. 16, 2017. This is an offer beneficial to select current employees and we do not anticipate it will become a regular or recurring program.

Human Resource Services will be offering informational sessions regarding the plan in the coming weeks. Please watch the “We Are … Marshall” newsletter for details.

The plan is available online here. For more information, e-mail human-resources@marshall.edu, call 304-696-6455 or stop by Old Main 207.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation as we work together to be fiscally responsible and address the needs of the university.

Sincerely,

Jerry

Jerome A. Gilbert, Ph.D.
President

Reminder: Campus Conversations begin later today

The Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, as well as Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, will host a series of Campus Conversations this fall. The series will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Shawkey Dining Room in the Memorial Student Center.

Participants will consider questions such as “What is civil discourse?” “Why worry about it now?” and “What role does the university play?” at that first session.

Textual resources are available in limited quantities. The texts, “A Plea for Civil Discourse: Needed, the Academy’s Leadership,” by Andrea Leskes (American Association of Colleges & Universities, 2013) and “Choosing Civility,” P.M. Forni (New York: St Martin’s Griffin, 2002) may be requested by contacting Academic Affairs.
Future sessions will take place Thursday, Oct. 20, Thursday, Nov. 3 and Thursday, Nov. 17. All sessions will be livestreamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

For further information contact academic-affairs@marshall.edu by e-mail or at 304-696-6840 by phone.

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### Marshall art faculty exhibition to end Sept. 30; reception to precede closing

The School of Art and Design will celebrate the success of the faculty exhibition “Intermix,” with a closing reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, in the Visual Art Center’s Charles W. and Norma C. Carroll Gallery. The exhibition, however, will remain on display through Sept. 30.

The show features works by Jonathan Cox, Miyuki Cook, Frederick Bartolovic, Maribea Barnes, Mary Grassell, Ian Hagarty, Hayson Harrison, Daniel Kaufmann, Hanna Kozlowski-Slone, Peter Massing and Sandra Reed.

“The exhibit, which has been on display since Aug. 22, showcases the diverse talents of the faculty within the School of Art and Design,” said Melissa Yungbluth, gallery director and facilities coordinator. “Visitors can expect to see works in painting, printmaking, ceramics, wood, photography and more.”

The reception is free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Center is located at 927 Third Ave. in Huntington, with normal business hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact Yungbluth at 304-696-7299, e-mail galleries@marshall.edu, or visit the School of Art and Design online at www.marshall.edu/art.

*Photos:* Works by Marshall University art and design faculty members will be on display at the university’s Visual Arts Center until Sept. 30.

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Students engage in two days of regional community service

Over six hours in two days, close to 1,000 Marshall University students engaged in philanthropic endeavors across Cabell County Sept. 16 and 17 during Thundering Serve, the university student body initiative to make an impact on campus and the community.

“It seems fitting as we approach the 261st birthday of John Marshall that we look to our university’s creed to see how he would want us to celebrate today,” said Matt Jarvis, student body president. “Today, we have the opportunity to celebrate service.”

One such example involved gathering 10 tons of vegetables over four hours to benefit Facing Hunger Foodbank’s 220 partner agencies in the Tri-State region. Following Thundering Serve’s official launch at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, 20,000 pounds of potatoes were dropped on the campus’ Buskirk Field, where nearly 500 students gathered to bag them for distribution by the food bank.

Through Saturday morning, teams of students from the university’s UNI 100 class helped with various campus cleanup projects and partnered with community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington Parks and Recreation District, Huntington in Bloom and more.

“I repeatedly say that Huntington and Marshall are in this together and we want to work together to improve both the city and the university,” said Jerome A. Gilbert, Marshall’s president.

The West Virginia Department of Agriculture supplied the potatoes, which came from state farmers in Greenbank, West Virginia.

For more information about Thundering Serve, go to www.marshall.edu/studentaffairs.

Photos: Students from Marshall University gathered and bagged 20,000 pounds of potatoes from Buskirk Field Friday afternoon.
Reminder: Fet’s ‘Alice and the Time Machine’ to be presented this evening

Dr. Victor Fet, professor of biological sciences, has published Alice and the Time Machine, which he describes as a tale inspired by Lewis Carroll’s Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland and H.G. Wells’ The Time Machine.

He will give a presentation on the science fantasy book at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the 4th floor atrium of the Drinko Library. Refreshments will be served.

The book is dedicated to the 150th anniversary of Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Wells, which occurs on the date of the presentation, Sept. 21. It is published in two parallel versions, one in English and one in Russian.

The book was illustrated by Byron W. Sewell and published this year by Evertype, an Irish publisher.

The English edition is available on Amazon.com.

Voices from Marshall to perform at Pullman Series

The second concert of the Marshall University Pullman Series will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in the pavilion at Pullman Square in downtown Huntington.

The performance will feature musical theatre favorites by the Voices from Marshall, with Marshall music majors Cadence Weaver, Christa Navy, Taylor Isaacs, Cierra James, Andrew Hupp, Hillary Herold and Michael Bare, accompanied by Jacob Smith. The Voices from Marshall will perform selections from Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat, Les Misérables, Into the Woods and The Addams Family, among other selections.
The Pullman Series is outdoors and concerts take place weather permitting. It is free and open to the public.

The series will continue Thursday, Sept. 29, with the Marshall University Trombone Ensemble and again on Thursday, Oct. 6, with the Marshall University Guitar Ensemble.

For more information, call the School of Music at 304-696-3117 or visit www.marshall.edu/music.

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US Fleet Forces Ensemble to perform at Marshall

The U.S. Fleet Forces Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Lt. Robert J. Coats, will perform at Marshall
Rebecca “Becca” Hayes, M.D., has been selected as the September 2016 Resident of the Month, announced Paulette S. Wehner, M.D., vice dean for graduate medical education at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Hayes is currently completing the third year of a four-year internal medicine/pediatrics residency program. Under the combined program, graduates are board eligible in both internal medicine and pediatrics.

“With the recent importance placed on patient safety and quality improvement, Dr. Hayes stepped up and took a co-chair position on the newly-created House Staff Quality Improvement (QI) Council. She is an excellent clinician who is truly concerned and passionate about ensuring the safety of our patients. I look forward to seeing what the council accomplishes over the next year under the leadership provided by Dr. Hayes and council co-chair, Dr. Haris Kalatoudis,” Wehner said.

William “Skip” Nitardy, M.D., internal medicine/pediatrics residency director, said that he is excited about Dr. Hayes’ recognition.

“Becca is not only gifted at research and quality improvement but she is also outstanding clinically,” Nitardy said. “She is a valued member of our program. This recognition is much deserved.”

During residency, Hayes also is also completing a master’s degree in education in health professions (MEHP) from Johns Hopkins University. She graduated from the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and was selected for the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor and Gold Humanism Societies. Before medical school, Hayes received her undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Ohio University.

As part of her recognition as the September Resident of the Month, Hayes received items including a certificate of recognition and a designated parking spot.

Photo: Rebecca “Becca” Hayes, M.D., (right), a third-year resident at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named September Resident of the Month. Pictured with her is William “Skip” Nitardy, M.D., internal medicine/pediatrics residency director.
Shumaker named department administrator for Marshall Surgery

Shumaker joined the Marshall Health team in 2015 as the department administrator for Marshall Dermatology. Prior to coming to Marshall Health, he served as the manager of media and community relations for Cabell Huntington Hospital for seven years. Shumaker has also worked as a staff writer for The Charleston Gazette and director of youth ministries at Kenova United Methodist Church.

He is involved in the local community as the current president of the United Way of the River Cities and the Ceredo-Kenova Little League. Shumaker has a bachelor’s degree in journalism and mass communications from Marshall University.

Shumaker oversees the day-to-day operations, administrative and human resources functions of Marshall Surgery, a 30-physician clinical department of Marshall Health with seven locations. In addition to general and advanced surgery, the department also encompasses ear, nose and throat specialists and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

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New Hours for Drinko Library take effect

Due to increased demand, the Drinko Library has increased its hours. Drinko Library now will be open from 1 p.m. Sunday until 6 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday.

Students will be able to check out materials using the self-checkout device on the second floor anytime, but will not have access to check out electronic equipment or have access to reserves or reference services after 11 p.m. Building hours are available at: http://www.marshall.edu/library/hours.

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Cornea, glaucoma specialists join faculty

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and Marshall Health recently welcomed two new specialists to its department of ophthalmology.

“The School of Medicine, along with our patients, have been anticipating the addition of these specialists to our practice,” said R. Mark Hatfield, O.D., M.D., administrative chair of the department of ophthalmology. “Their expertise and training in corneas and glaucoma will help us meet a considerable need in our region.”

Maya Bitar, M.D., a fellowship-trained, board-certified cornea specialist, has been appointed an assistant professor of ophthalmology. Bitar’s interests include dry eye syndrome, keratoconus, Fuch’s dystrophy, pterygium, ocular surface neoplasia, corneal transplantation, cataract surgery and refractive surgery. Bitar earned her medical degree from Jesuit Saint-Joseph University in Beirut, Lebanon. She completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at Schepens Eye Research Institute at Harvard Medical School in Boston; an ophthalmology residency at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Kentucky; a pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus fellowship at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary at the University of Illinois at Chicago; and a cornea fellowship at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Bitar is accepting new patients and referrals at the Huntington office of Marshall Eye Surgeons, located at 5187 U.S. 60 East in the East Hills Professional Center. For appointments, please call 304-691-8800.

Manik Goel, M.D., a fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist and cataract surgeon, has also joined the department as an assistant professor of ophthalmology. Goel earned his medical degree from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in New Delhi, where he also completed a residency in ophthalmology. He completed a second ophthalmology residency at Washington University in St. Louis, a glaucoma research fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida, and a glaucoma fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Goel becomes the first fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist in southern West Virginia since the passing in 2015 of Dr. Michael Krasnow, founding chair of Marshall’s ophthalmology department.
Goel is accepting new patients and referrals at clinics in both Charleston and Huntington. Marshall Eye Surgeons’ new Charleston office at 331 Laidley St., Suite 201, will open in November. In Huntington, he is seeing patients at Marshall Eye Surgeons, located at 5187 U.S. 60 East, Suite 6, in the East Hills Professional Center. For appointments at either location, please call 304-691-8800.

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Winners named in O’Hanlon Essay Contest

A pair of Marshall graduate students took first- and second-place in the 2016 Dan O’Hanlon Essay Contest, results of which were announced Monday in a brief ceremony in the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy in Old Main on the Huntington campus.

Gregory S. Ward won the contest, and Cindy Krepps was second. The question for the 2016 contest was “The Electoral College: Should We Keep It, Abolish It, or Reform It?”

Ward titled his essay Defending The Fence: The Electoral College’s Vital Role Within Madison’s Republican Model. Krepps titled hers Dissolving the Electoral College: America’s Cry for Change. This was the first time graduate students had won both prizes.

“Even more important, from my perspective, is that both winners hold regent’s bachelor’s degrees and are nontraditional students, which says that Marshall’s work to honor the life experience of nontraditional students has impressive results,” said Patricia Proctor, director of the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

Ward is seeking his Master of Arts in Teaching and plans to teach high school history, hopefully in Kanawha County. Married and the father of six children, he started his collegiate career at Washington and Lee, but didn’t finish. He had a long career in retail and moved around a lot before coming back and getting his R.B.A. from Marshall.

Krepps earned her R.B.A. and is now seeking her Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

The essays reached opposite conclusions to the question posed in the contest.

Ward said he was amazed that he won.
“I was beyond surprised,” he said. “Though ever hopeful, I was nonetheless thrilled when I found out I’d won the essay contest. Having read all the previous years’ winning essays, I knew competition would be fierce. I allowed myself to be cautiously optimistic, but a part of me is still stunned that I won.

“I entered primarily because I love to write, especially argumentative essays. I did not take any graduate classes over the summer, yet I wanted to remain intellectually active. In addition, our oldest daughter began college this fall, and in some sense writing this essay was therapeutic for me as I readied myself for her leaving.”

Ward received $1,000 for first place and Krepps received $500 for second. Proctor said participation was at an all-time high for the contest, which debuted in 2009.

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Photo: Judge Dan O’Hanlon, left, poses for a photograph with Cindy Krepps, runner-up in the Dan O’Hanlon Essay contest, and Gregory S. Ward, the contest winner.

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Faculty Achievements: Department of Modern Languages

**Dr. Rosario Quintana** has been elected as an Academica Correspondiente (Corresponding Member) of the North American Academy of the Spanish Language.

**Dr. Ida Day** will have a chapter published in the book *Ecological Crisis and Cultural Representation in Latin America*, published this month by Rowman and Littlefield.

**Dr. Zelideth Rivas** is co-editor of the book *Imagining Asia in the Americas*, published this month by Rutgers University Press.

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Allison Carey

In this essay, she explores the history of the dime novels—inexpensive paperback books that often featured melodramatic plots and tear-jerker endings—that were marketed and sold directly to Civil War soldiers, or that were sold on the home front with the encouragement for families to mail them to soldiers. Specifically, the essay explores two different dime novels, both with abolitionist themes: Clotelle: A Tale of the Southern States (1864) and Maum Guinea, and Her Plantation “Children”; or, Holiday-Week on a Louisiana Estate: A Slave Romance (1861). Of these two books, Clotelle is the one that is read and taught today, but Maum Guinea was influential at the time and was popular with Confederate and Union soldiers alike. This essay also explores how instructors (and their students) can access these novels through free digital archives and offers guidance on using them to teach about American literature, abolitionist rhetoric, and the whims of popularity and literary prestige.
Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank president to speak at Marshall

Dr. Jeffrey Lacker, president of the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank, will speak on the topic “Does Federal Reserve Governance Need Reform?” at Marshall University’s Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5.

Mayor Steve Williams will welcome Lacker to Huntington. The Marshall University BB&T Center for the Advancement of American Capitalism will sponsor a reception immediately after the speech.

Lacker has been president of the Fifth District Federal Reserve Bank since Aug. 1, 2004. The Fifth District, based in Richmond, Virginia, covers the states of Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, 49 counties constituting most of West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Lacker is a Ph.D. economist, having earned his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1984. He earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from Franklin & Marshall College in 1977, after which he joined Wharton Econometrics in Philadelphia. After earning his Ph.D., he was an assistant professor of economics at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University from 1984 to 1989. He then joined the Federal Reserve Bank in 1989 as an economist in its research department, and later served in several positions including vice president and director of research before becoming president.

Lacker has written and spoken extensively on monetary, financial, and payment economics and has presented his work at many universities and central banks. He has also taught at The College of William and Mary and has been a visiting scholar at the Swiss National Bank.

The business community is invited and encouraged to attend this event, which is free and open to the public.

The next regular issue of We Are...Marshall will be distributed Sept. 28, 2016. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26.

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