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Marshall announced last Wednesday that it is a partner with the University of Kentucky (UK) on a $19.8 million National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) that further develops clinical and translational science initiatives, emphasizing medical research relevant to the community and accelerating laboratory findings to the patient’s bedside.

As part of the federal grant to UK, Marshall will receive $640,000 over a four-year period which will continue to support the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine’s efforts to develop infrastructure and capacity for clinical and translational research through its recently formed Appalachian Clinical Translational Science Institute (ACTSI.)

According to ACTSI founding director, Uma Sundaram, M.D., the mission of the institute is to advance research and education to improve the health of central Appalachia. Since its inception in 2013, the ACTSI has facilitated more than $1 million in 50 pilot grants, created an i2b2-based clinical informatics warehouse (national network linking researchers to clinical research), participated in the recruitment of six new faculty members and is fully functional for clinical and translational science research in central Appalachia. The leadership team of the ACTSI organizes and provides all core activities important to carry out clinical and translational research similar to all other CTSA awarded institutions in the country.

“Marshall’s collaboration with the University of Kentucky is indicative of the success the school of medicine is seeing,” President Jerome A. Gilbert said. “The partnership with UK on this important, federally-funded grant will ultimately mean better health care for our state and the entire Appalachian community.”

School of Medicine Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., said that the new grant complements other efforts that the school of medicine is making in research.
“This grant award means a lot more than just a dollar figure,” Shapiro said. “This award will help our investigators establish the School of Medicine as a clinical hub for clinical and translational research and raise our research profile. I am personally grateful to the dedicated faculty and administrators who made this step possible.”

Sundaram, who is the principal investigator (PI) for Marshall on this UK award as well as the PI for another recently awarded NIH grant, said such collaborations are designed to create the required infrastructure to position Marshall as the West Virginia clinical hub for future CTSA programs.

“It has been a privilege to work with an outstanding team of leaders who direct different areas of the ACTSI as we worked to obtain this very competitive grant with UK,” Sundaram said. “Since people in West Virginia and eastern Kentucky experience similar health care disparities, it is important for the two institutions in central Appalachia, UK and Marshall, to work together to address these many concerns, especially when economic resources are limited, as they are in this region.”

Sundaram went on to say, “With our previous funding, the ACTSI and the UK CCTS have had a very productive collaboration. Thus, it is gratifying that the NIH recognized this partnership and the importance of our patient population in the clinical and translational research national network.”

The national CTSA initiative is composed of 62 institutions across the country designed to quickly move laboratory innovations to patient care. Marshall’s ACTSI was established to function as the state’s clinical hub in the national consortium of CTSA institutions. ACTSI is also part of the Appalachian Translational Research Network which includes UK, the Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, West Virginia University, Ohio University and East Tennessee State University.

Philip A. Kern, M.D., director of the UK CCTS, said establishing research collaborations throughout the region allows for combination of efforts, resources and data to make the greatest possible impact in improving the health of individuals and communities.

“We are pleased to continue our partnership with Marshall University, through a sub-award from UK’s Clinical and Translational Science Award and through our shared membership in the Appalachian Translational Research Network, in the quest to address some of the most pressing health issues in our country,” Kern said.

Gary Rankin, Ph.D., vice dean for basic sciences at Marshall’s School of Medicine, said the ability to continue to the relationship with the Kentucky CTSA will clearly help Marshall make important advances.

“Our clinical and basic science researchers are also becoming more involved with the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Institute centered at West Virginia University, which also partners with the Kentucky CTSA. These working relationships are exciting and will provide an
even broader network of clinical and translational researchers to improve the health of West Virginians and residents of the Appalachian area,” Rankin said.

For more information about the CTSA program, visit https://ncats.nih.gov/ctsa. For more information about the UK CCTS and its partners, visit www.ccts.uky.edu. For more information about the ACTSI, visit https://jcesom.marshall.edu/research/office-of-research-graduate-education/centers/actsdi/

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Photo: From left are Uma Sundaram, M.D., founding director of the Appalachian Clinical Translational Science Institute; Marshall University President Jerome Gilbert; Dr. John Maher, Marshall’s vice president for research; School of Medicine Dean Joseph I. Shapiro, M.D., and Gary Rankin, Ph.D., vice dean for basic sciences at Marshall’s School of Medicine.

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Additional quotes:

“This award points to the major contributions West Virginia institutions like Marshall University are making to further innovation and expertise in medical research, and I believe strongly that our state should continue to build on this momentum,” said U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, who hosted an event with NIH and West Virginia universities last year to highlight biomedical research. “This partnership will advance research that can lead to better health care for West Virginians and others throughout Appalachia.” U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito

“I am excited about today’s announcement of this federally-funded National Institutes of Health grant, ensuring that the ongoing important partnership between Marshall University and University of Kentucky can further advance,” U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin said. “This funding will allow top quality medical research, training and quality health services to continue helping reshape our health care system for the future and improve the lives of those in Central Appalachia and across West Virginia.” U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin

“Marshall University continues to lead the way in research to improve lives and health in West Virginia and Appalachia,” said U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins. “This announcement and partnership with the University of Kentucky will advance research opportunities and further Marshall’s Appalachian Clinical Translational Science Institute. I commend Marshall University’s leadership on receiving this important grant and am proud to support this great institution.” U.S. Rep. Evan Jenkins

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Greetings, Marshall Family:

Our 2016 United Way workplace campaign is well underway and I am writing to ask for your help. As of today, we have had 36 individuals contribute to our local United Way through online payroll deduction. This is a great contribution from our Marshall family; however, I would love to see more participants become active in our 2016 campaign. Whether it is a commitment of time or financial support, I hope I can encourage more of our faculty and staff to considering giving back.

To learn more about the 2016 United Way workplace campaign, please visit www.marshall.edu/unitedway or contact our committee chair, Leah Tolliver, at tolliver@marshall.edu.

If you wish to pledge your support today, you may do so by printing and filling out this pledge form and sending via departmental mail to Tolliver in Prichard Hall 135. Marshall University employees may also pledge online by visiting https://rivercities.unitedwaypledge.org/ and using the login marshall and the password united.

Marshall employees have the option of payroll deduction; however, if you are employed by Marshall Health, MURC, INTO, the Campus Recreation Center, Marshall Foundation Hall or other units, you may choose to donate by a one-time credit card contribution, cash or check. You also may choose to be billed.

It doesn’t take much – $2.00 per paycheck can change a life. I invite all of the sons and daughters of Marshall to join me in making a difference.

Thank you for your time and your generosity.

Sincerely,

Jerry Gilbert
Campus Conversations to continue tomorrow, Nov. 3, and Thursday, Nov. 17

The next Campus Conversation on civil discourse will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in room BE-5 of the Memorial Student Center.

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.

One more session will take place Thursday, Nov. 17. All sessions will be livestreamed at www.marshall.edu/it/livestream.

The Offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, as well as Faculty Senate, Student Government Association and the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, are hosting the series.

For further information contact academic-affairs@marshall.edu by e-mail or at 304-696-6840 by phone.
Countdown to Commencement ends today at 6 p.m.; graduates can take care of pre-commencement responsibilities in central location

The final countdown has begun for 1,179 Marshall University students, who will graduate Saturday, Dec. 17.

To prepare for the 2016 Winter Commencement ceremony at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena, Marshall will conduct its semi-annual Countdown to Commencement Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 1 and 2, in the Memorial Student Center’s Don Morris Room on the Huntington campus. It will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, and refreshments will be served.

The purpose of Countdown to Commencement is to assist those participating in this year’s winter commencement, which is for July, August and tentative December 2016 graduates. Countdown to Commencement is designed to assist graduates in communicating with campus administrative offices in a central location.

University Registrar Dr. Sonja Cantrell said this will mark the third consecutive year that the winter commencement, which starts at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 17, will take place in the Big Sandy. Previous winter commencement ceremonies were conducted in the Henderson Center on the Huntington campus, but the continued growth in the number of graduates forced the university to switch to the Big Sandy two years ago.

“Countdown to Commencement, much like the winter commencement itself, grows every year,” Cantrell said. “Because everything is in a central location, ‘Countdown’ will save our graduates a lot of running as they take care of pre-commencement responsibilities, during the busiest time of the year. We encourage all of the graduates to join the Marshall community to celebrate their academic achievements.”

The following services are available at Countdown to Commencement:
Registrar’s Office – Students can verify graduation status, name format, and address for mailing diplomas; confirm commencement participation; obtain commencement instructions; receive recognition cords for military service or ROTC; pick up honor cords and tassels (if graduating with academic honors); and have an opportunity to report any special needs or concerns related to the event.

Marshall University Bookstore – Students can be measured for and purchase their caps and gowns, as well as purchase tassels, diploma frames, class rings and much more.

Jostens – Students can purchase their Marshall University Class of 2016 rings. Also, students can order graduation announcements.

GradImages Photography – Cap and Gown portraits will be taken. There is no sitting fee, no obligation to purchase and free proofs will be available within 24 hours of the sitting.

Framing Success – Diploma frames will be available for purchase.

Graduate College – A graduate admission counselor will be available to discuss graduate programs and assist with the admission process.

Career Services – Students are encouraged to let the Office of Career Education know their post-graduation plans so it can help them along their career paths. Students may stop by the Career Services table to register for JOBTRAX (online job search assistance). Information and support will be available on job-related questions, resume assistance, interview skills and much more.

Office of the Bursar – Students may talk with staff about anything concerning their student accounts, holds, account balances and loan counseling interviews.

Financial Aid – Students may pick up information about upcoming financial aid workshops in which they may learn about default prevention, debt management, loan repayment, loan consolidation and loan forgiveness/cancellation programs. They also will have the opportunity to complete their loan exit counseling.

Alumni Relations – Students can learn about the benefits of a Marshall University Alumni Association membership.

Center for African American Students – All African and African American graduates are encouraged to stop by for information and to enroll for purposes of participating in the Christmas Donning of Kente celebration, scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, in Smith Recital Hall on the Huntington campus.

Contact Cantrell at registrar@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-6410 to learn more. For more information about activities planned by the university’s registrar’s office, visit www.marshall.edu/registrar.
Employees who believe they may be eligible for the severance package being offered by the university are invited to take part in an information session next Thursday, Nov. 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in room BE-5 in the Memorial Student Center.

Bruce Felder, Marshall’s director of human resource services, said that this is just the first of several sessions that will be scheduled through January of next year. Employees should watch future issues of We Are…Marshall and the Human Resources training website for information on future sessions.

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

The program was drafted over the summer and the Board of Governors approved the proposed plan in executive session at its Aug. 24 meeting. The legislative committee approved it several weeks ago.

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 it is not expected to become a regular or recurring program.

The plan is available online here and the contract regarding the severance is available here. For more information, e-mail human-resources@marshall.edu, call 304-696-6455 or stop by Old Main 207.
9-month faculty to receive supplemental pay Nov. 23

In response to the delays in the state’s conversion to bi-weekly pay, the university will make a supplemental pay for 9-month faculty base pay on November 23, 2016 to bring compensation back in line. Visit the Pay Changes site for additional information and a spreadsheet to assist in calculations.

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Psychology department collecting coats for Herd for the Homeless

The Department of Psychology, on the 3rd Floor of Harris Hall, is taking donations of coats and other winter items for the Alumni Association event, Herd for the Homeless. Please drop off any items you would like to donate by this Friday, Nov. 4, as the distribution will take place on Saturday. A box is located in the Department of Psychology outside of Harris Hall 326. Thanks!

For further information on Herd for the Homeless, please visit http://www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/2016/10/marshall-alumni-association-to-put-a-face-on-homelessness-in-the-region-with-event-nov-5/ or visit the event’s Facebook page.

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International Festival is this Saturday, Nov. 5

The 53rd annual Marshall University International Festival, sponsored by the Center for International Programs, returns to the Tri-State community from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Huntington’s Big Sandy Superstore Arena.

Admission to the festival is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to purchase food tickets at the event to sample dishes from around the world. Participating restaurants include Chateau D’Italia, Chipotle Mexican Grill, El Ranchito, Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse, Julian’s Market and New China Garden Buffet.

According to Jyotsna Patel, event coordinator and administrator for the Center for International Programs at Marshall, the festival is West Virginia’s largest and longest-running international festival, featuring international foods, world music, dance and displays representing many countries and cultures.

“This event really helps promote diversity and educate the Huntington community about various cultures and countries from around the globe,” Patel said. “The International Festival benefits students by allowing them to interact with other cultures through food and music.”

The festival will include special appearances from Batman and Marshall University’s Marco.
Children attending the event will have the opportunity to have an event passport stamped as they travel to various student booths representing more than 15 different countries. Face painting, cotton candy, crafts and more will also be available throughout the event.

“Marshall University’s Center for International Programs is thrilled to present the 53rd International Festival to the Tri-State area. This is a great event for families and people of all ages. Anyone who enjoys learning about other cultures will enjoy attending the festival and interacting with Marshall University’s international student body,” said Dr. Tammy Johnson, executive director of Admissions and International Student Services.

Live entertainment will feature Voodoo Katz of Charleston, West Virginia, a six-man band known for their core Caribbean and African numbers, as well as various performances by Marshall University international students.

Raffles will be available throughout the event for a Marshall University Bookstore gift card, Brown Dog Yoga membership, Huntington Museum of Art membership, local art and more.

The Center for International Programs has partnered with Marco’s Pizza and Cabell County Schools for the event, which is sponsored by BB&T, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Kroger and MUOnLine.

For more information about Marshall University’s International Festival, contact the Center for International Programs at 304-696-6265, e-mail cip@marshall.edu or visit the International Festival website at www.marshall.edu/cip/festival/.

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**Lewis College of Business appoints new leadership in two divisions**

The Lewis College of Business has appointed three new division heads.

Dr. Richard Agesa will serve as the new head of the division of Finance and Economics, and Dr. Frederick Mader and Dr. Doohee Lee will serve as interim co-heads of the Division of Management, Marketing and Management Information Systems, according interim dean Bob Simpson.

“All three demonstrate strong leadership in their respective disciplines and we are pleased to have each of them represent the Lewis College of Business,” Simpson said.
**Dr. Richard Agesa**

Dr. Richard Agesa received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. A member of the Lewis College of Business faculty for the past 15 years, he has teaching and research interests in applied microeconometrics and developmental economics. Agesa has published in top-rated economics journals such as the American Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, and the Journal of Development Studies. He is the 2010-2011 recipient of Marshall University’s Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award (DASA), which recognized his substantial quality research. He has received research and teaching awards from the Lewis College of Business as well. A 2002 article ranked Agesa as among the top 20 publishing African American economists in the nation.

**Dr. Doohee Lee**

Dr. Doohee Lee is professor of health care administration and holds the Richard D. Jackson Endowed Chair in the Division of Management at the Lewis College of Business. A native of South Korea, Lee received his Ph.D. in health management and policy from the University of Texas School of Public Health in 1999 and joined the faculty of Marshall in 2009. He previously taught at Cleveland State University and Columbus State University. He has taught numerous courses in the areas of health care management for the past 17 years. With respect to scholarship, he has been an active contributor to the field of health care management and policy. He has published over three dozen scholarly journal articles – mostly empirical studies focusing on cost containment and quality improvement in the delivery of health care services – which appeared in journals such as Health Care Management Review, Health Services Management Research, American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, and Journal of Health and Human Services Administration.

**Dr. Fred Mader**

For over 25 years, Dr. Fred Mader has taught professional selling, supply chain logistics and marketing management courses in the Lewis College of Business. He received his Ph.D. in 1988 and his M.B.A. in 1981 from the University of Georgia. He received both his bachelor’s and another master’s degree from Western Kentucky University. Prior to his position at Marshall, Mader taught at the University of Louisville and the University of Georgia in their marketing and economics departments.

To learn more about the Lewis College of Business, visit [www.marshall.edu/cob](http://www.marshall.edu/cob).
Rent 20th’ Anniversary Tour makes stop at the Keith-Albee

The iconic Broadway musical “Rent” will be making a stop on its 20th Anniversary Tour at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. Giving the community a taste of the past, the performance will remind audiences why this musical became so iconic in the first place.

On April 29, 1996, a musical opened on Broadway that looked and sounded unlike anything that had come before it. Touching on issues that were sensitive when it came to entertainment, it told a powerful, moving, heartbreaking and ultimately uplifting story of young, impoverished New York artists who were seeking to make their way in the world, longing to connect, and trying to survive the looming specter of AIDS.

The characters were of all difference races and sexualities, making for an even more powerful show.

Even though the show was inspired by Puccini’s opera, La Bohème, it held a strong reflection of its creator Jonathan Larson, who wrote the book, music, and lyrics. His score brilliantly melded Broadway savvy with contemporary rock, and the show captured the inclination of a particular place at a particular moment in time.

A few weeks before the musical’s Broadway premiere, Larson, who died of an aortic aneurysm the night before “Rent” was scheduled to open Off-Broadway, was awarded the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The show later went on to win the Tony Award for Best Musical, and ran for over 12 years. The show is known for iconic songs such as “Seasons of Love,” “Light My Candle,” “I’ll Cover You,” “Goodbye Love,” and many more.

Larson was a little-known composer, but gave “Rent” the chance to quickly become one of the most celebrated musicals of the decade. Nearly two decades later and it has changed the landscape of American theatre. Larson’s composition continues to speak loudly and defiantly to audiences across generations and all over the world.

This show was a huge attraction to many young theatergoers, who became known as Rentheads. They came back time and time again, because the show spoke to them so personally. Although Broadway held many iconic shows, “Rent” was a game-changer. It was a life-changing experience for anyone connected with the show.
Key members of the original creative team for the show are reuniting together for this national tour, enabling a new generation to discover why the show is so special and why it continues to have a profound effect on audiences.

While telling a story of an unforgettable year in the lives of seven artists struggling to follow their dreams without selling out, RENT contains an inspiring message of joy and hope in the face of fear. This timeless celebration of friendship and creativity reminds us to measure our lives with the only thing that truly matters—love.

Tickets for Rent’s 20th Anniversary Tour are $94.95/$78.90/$68.20/$61.78. To see this award-winning show, contact the Marshall Artists Series Box Office at 304-696-6656 or order tickets online at Ticketmaster.com. You may also visit our box office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse on the Huntington campus. Box office hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m.

The Rent 20th Anniversary Tour is sponsored by Community Trust Bank, Dr. Christopher & Mrs. Tammy Hugh, Dutch Miller Kia, Intercultural Affairs at Marshall University, KEE 100, B97, WSAZ, The Herald Dispatch, Marshall University and The Marshall Artists Series.

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**STUDENT TICKETS: $10**

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**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE by contacting Sarah Reynolds at reynolds1@marshall.edu.**

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Music Monday to explore social aspects of domestic music

The School of Music’s MUsic Mondays will present the third lecture of the fall series at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave., Huntington.

The lecture, “A Conversation Among Friends: Beethoven’s Piano Trio in C minor” will explore the social aspects of domestic music making in the early 19th century and of the music written
specifically for that activity. Lead presenter Dr. Vicki Stroeher, professor of music history at Marshall University, said that Beethoven’s works for the home are among the best of the works for this purpose.

The fall series, which sets to investigate how the composer conveys meaning to the listener, will continue on December 19 with Benjamin Britten’s *Ceremony of Carols* and its use of England’s musical past.

Seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and refreshments, and facilitators are requesting a $10 donation, payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to Marshall University. All proceeds will go to support the music program. Marshall students get in free with a Marshall ID.

For more information about *MU*sic Mondays, call the School of Music at 304-696-3117.

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**Community Drawing Sessions to take place Nov. 14 and Dec. 12**

The School of Art and Design and the Tri-State Arts Association will present Community Drawing Sessions on Monday, Nov. 14 and Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Visual Arts Center, Room 510. The sessions are free with a

Marshall student, faculty or staff ID, and general admission and alumni can participate for $10 a session.

These drop-in Community Drawing Sessions at the VAC provide anyone – novice or professional – the opportunity to practice drawing the human figure in a non-judgmental environment.
Sessions consist of draped or costumed models posed in 20-minute intervals and are perfect for independent work and informal collegial exchange. No prior experience is required and pointer lessons are available upon request. Bring your own materials.

For more information, contact the School of Art and Design by e-mail at reedsa@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/art.

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**Faculty Achievement: Dr. Michael E. Woods**

Dr. Michael E. Woods, assistant professor of history, has published his new book titled *Bleeding Kansas: Slavery, Sectionalism, and Civil War on the Missouri-Kansas Border*.

The summary by the publisher, Routledge, says that “between 1854 and 1861, the struggle between pro- and anti-slavery factions over the Kansas Territory captivated Americans nationwide and contributed directly to the Civil War. Combining political, social and military history, *Bleeding Kansas* contextualizes and analyzes prewar and wartime clashes in Kansas and Missouri and traces how these conflicts have been remembered ever since. Michael E. Woods’s compelling narrative of the Kansas-Missouri border struggle embraces the diverse perspectives of white northerners and southerners, women, Native Americans, and African Americans. This wide-ranging and engaging text is ideal for undergraduate courses on the Civil War era, westward expansion, Kansas and/or Missouri history, nineteenth-century U.S. history and other related subjects. Supported by primary source documents and a robust companion website, this text allows readers to engage with and draw their own conclusions about this contentious era in American history.”

Further information is available on the publisher’s website and on Amazon.com.

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Appalachian Studies Association begins search for Spring 2017 interns

The Appalachian Studies Association, which is housed at Marshall, has begun its search for interns for the spring semester. Please pass along to any students you know who may be interested.

**Appalachian Studies Association Internship: 2017**

Students who work with the ASA will develop a broad skillset through hands-on professional experience. Interns for the spring term will work with ASA staff to prepare for the annual Appalachian Studies Conference, held in Blacksburg, VA, March 9-12, 2017. The conference program features a wide array of presentations by scholars, musicians, activists, artists, and more. Interns will be asked to attend and work the conference; responsibilities will vary dependent upon students’ field of study and interests. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit.

**Clio Internship: Discover and share the history of our communities!**

ASA interns will publish concise summaries of historical and cultural sites and create mobile walking tours that guide visitors and residents to these places in communities throughout Appalachia. Interns may work from any location and will enjoy the freedom to choose the places and topics that most interest them. Interns will receive three hours of undergraduate or graduate credit while building their professional network and resume.

Students will write concise summaries of each historic and cultural site and create mobile walking tours with Clio, [www.theclio.com](http://www.theclio.com), a website and mobile app built by Marshall faculty. Clio is free for everyone and being used throughout the country. Interns will have the opportunity to work with local foundations, tourism offices, scholars, and community organizations as they create and refine each entry and tour.

For more information, and to apply for these internships, please contact Christopher Leadingham, Office Manager of the Appalachian Studies Association, by phone at 304-696-2904 or by e-mail at leadingham6@marshall.edu.

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Entrants sought in Black History Poster Contest

Marshall University students are invited to participate in a Black History Poster Contest, the theme of which is an image or design that best captures Carter G. Woodson’s goals for preserving and observing black history.

Woodson, who lived in Huntington for a time, is considered the Father of Black History. The winning poster will be used to promote 2017 Black History Month events.

Deadline to enter is Dec. 1, and the winner – who will be announced before Christmas break – will receive $100. Copies of the winning poster will be printed and unveiled on or before Jan. 15 during celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday, and announcement about the 2017 Back History Month events.

Entrants are asked to give the School of Journalism and Mass Communications permission to print and use their submissions. Their submissions should be suitable for an 11 x 15 poster and 8 1/2 x 11 for e-mailing. They should be e-mailed to Professor Burnis Morris at morrisb@marshall.edu.

Before Woodson won international recognition for his research, he was a West Virginia coal miner and received his high school diploma in Huntington in 1896 from Frederick Douglass High School, where he returned four years later as principal.

Photo: Dr. Carter G. Woodson is the inspiration for the Black History Poster Contest, which will end Dec. 1.

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Doctor honors family’s medical legacy with School of Medicine scholarship

Bruce A. Ratcliff, M.D., a local obstetrician and gynecologist, and professor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has established an endowed scholarship with the School of Medicine.

The Ratcliff Family Scholarship honors the memory of Bruce’s father, Dr. Gilbert A. Ratcliff Sr. and his brother, Dr. Gilbert “Gil” A. Ratcliff Jr. The late Gilbert Ratcliff Sr. was originally from Indiana and graduated from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He arrived in Huntington in 1930 and established a private OB/GYN practice. He retired in 1978 at 81 years old after delivering more than 10,000 babies in the Tri-State area. Gil Ratcliff Jr., a 1963 graduate from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, is a co-founder of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital and a retired pediatrician/neonatologist.

Bruce Ratcliff, a 1966 graduate from the University of Virginia School of Medicine, joined the Marshall faculty in 1999 and has practiced in the Huntington area for more than 40 years.

“As a member of a medical family, my brother, and I are fortunate to practice medicine and educate future physicians at the School of Medicine,” said Bruce Ratcliff. “Our father instilled in the two of us the need to help others, be committed to life-long learning and to make a difference. By endowing this scholarship, we are fulfilling my father’s life lessons in helping future physicians.”

The scholarship is for first-year medical students at Marshall with strong academic backgrounds and financial need. The award is renewable for three additional years pending normal academic progress.

“Faculty support is vital to the success of our students and the School of Medicine,” said Linda S. Holmes, director of development and alumni affairs for the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. “Dr. Ratcliff and his family’s commitment to our medical community spans decades, so it is only fitting that the Ratcliff legacy continue to benefit the school and its students for generations to come.”

For more information on the scholarships or to make a gift to the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please contact Holmes at 304-691-1711 or go to https://jcesom.marshall.edu/alumni-giving.

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