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# WE ARE... MARSHALL™

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## Yeager Symposium Takes Place Next Week

With the theme of "For One, For All: Perspectives on Public Art," the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Yeager Symposium Lecture Series runs Oct. 22, 23 and 25 with all events taking place at the Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre inside the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.



The presentations begin at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

"Public art is really at the heart of civic identity and purpose," said Dr. Barry Sharpe, executive

## Homecoming Festivities 'Bring the Thunder'

The traditional Homecoming parade is one of many events planned as Marshall celebrates homecoming week, Oct. 22-27, with this year's theme, "Marshall's...Whooo's bringing the Thunder," a reference to the Rice University Owls, the Thundering Herd's opponent in Saturday's football game. The game kicks off at 4:30 p.m. at Joan C. Edwards Stadium.



former Marshall football standout and NFL player, Bartrum played 13 years with the Kansas City Chiefs, Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots and the Philadelphia Eagles. Throughout his professional career he was regarded as one of the best long snappers in the NFL While at Marshall

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director of the John R. Hall Center. "This year's Yeager Symposium will be organized around how public art centers on basic questions of identity, purpose and memory. It will also provide a wonderful opportunity to focus attention on the place and value of art in urban planning and economic development."

Jack Mackie, a public artist living in Seattle, will be the keynote speaker. He will present the Harry and Betty Wolfe Lecture on Thursday, Oct. 25. The title of

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## Jean Augustine Named Employee of the Month

Jean Augustine, Administrative Assistant Senior in the Office of Development, has been named the Employee of the Month for September, according to Jim Stephens, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

An employee for almost 18 years, she was nominated by Dr. Carolyn Hunter, Dr. Lynne Mayer and Richard Plymale.

Hunter said in her nomination that over the years they worked together she had observed Augustine's organizational skills, her ability to make smart decision and her efforts in managing and expanding the university's private scholarship program which have been exemplary. "But most special of all her abilities is the wonderful relationship she has with people. Development work is all about people, and Jean is the best. Her

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Jean Augustine (left) receives the Employee of the Month plaque from President Kopp.

# Med School Tied for No. 1 in Family Practice Doctors

Marshall's medical school is tied for No. 1 in the nation in the percentage of medical school graduates entering family practice, according to a study in the September issue of the journal *Family Medicine*.

The Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine shares the top spot with Florida State University. Both had 22.2 percent of their graduates enter family practice residencies in the study year (2006-07), compared to a national average of 8.5 percent.

"This No. 1 ranking affirms the commitment of Marshall University's School of Medicine in educating physicians who are the front line of primary health care in our nation," said President Stephen J. Kopp. "Combined with the stellar medical licensure exam performance achieved by our medical school graduates each year, the MUSOM serves the State of

## Deadline Near for Holly Berry Festival Crafters

Artisans and crafters wishing to participate as vendors at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Holly Berry Festival at Marshall have until Friday, Oct. 26 to register, according to Barbara Winters, dean of Libraries. The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 in the lobby of the Memorial Student Center.

Winters said vendors interested in exhibiting their wares during the one-day festival should contact her by phone at 62318 or by e-mail at [wintersb@marshall.edu](mailto:wintersb@marshall.edu).

Sponsored by the Marshall Library Associates, this year's festival again will feature handmade arts, crafts and books for sale designed and crafted by local and area crafts people.

Dr. Lynne Welch, chair of the Festival Planning Committee said 10 percent of the sales will be donated to the Library Associates endowment fund, supporting development of the Marshall University Libraries book collections.

Admission and parking are free for festival goers and free snacks will be available throughout the day.

West Virginia and our nation exceptionally well through the education of highly qualified physicians who excel in family practice and other medical specialties."

The finding represents good news for small West Virginia communities, said Dr. Robert B. Walker, the medical school's executive vice dean and chair of the Department of Family and Community Health.

"Most West Virginia counties have communities that rely on primary care physicians because they do not have a hospital or city where subspecialists practice," he said. "Family doctors are on the front line of our attempt to create a healthier West Virginia."

And, he added, "National studies show there is an impending shortage of family doctors and other primary care physicians of monumental proportions, so we are fortunate in West Virginia that we have communities and policy makers who support the education of these physicians. We're proud of our ranking at the top, and we're grateful; to Marshall for giving us the resources to achieve this ranking."

## Brazilian Musicians in Residence on Huntington Campus

A trio of guest musicians from the University of Brasilia, Brazil, are spending a week in Huntington to perform and conduct master classes while on the Huntington campus. The visit is a result of a recently signed document between Marshall and the University of Brasilia regarding an exchange program for students and faculty, with the goal of establishing a dual degree in music in the future.

Soprano Irene Bentley, composer Dr. Sergio Nogueira Mendes, and pianist/composer Renato Vasconcellos are attending various music department classes in theory, history, and jazz as well as working individually with Marshall music students.

Next week, on Tuesday, Oct. 23, Mendes will give a lecture on the history of Brazilian Music at 2 p.m. in Smith Music Hall.

Bentley, Mendes, and Vasconcellos will be in residence on the Huntington campus until Friday, Oct. 26. For further information, persons may contact the Marshall department of music at ext. 6-3117.

## Note of Thanks

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our gratitude to Physical Plant employees, the custodial department employees and Classified Staff Council for the flowers and numerous cards sent after the recent death of my beloved sister, Brenda Meehling.

Sincerely,  
*Linda McComas and family*

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## *Williams Receives Medallion Award*

Dr. Kathie Williams, director of women's studies and associate professor of history, is one of five persons statewide who have been selected to receive the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) Medallion Award.

She was selected on the basis of her leadership in civic education, the women's studies program and her outstanding promotion of Equality Day at Marshall. The award is given annually to five individuals from each state in recognition of outstanding service in promoting the goals of NASS in the areas of elections, civic education and service.

Medallion recipients will be honored at a luncheon and awards ceremony Friday, Nov. 9, at the Charleston Marriott.

## *'Art of Autism' Opens Oct. 29*

"The Art of Autism," a traveling exhibition featuring 30 works by child and adult artists with autism, will be on display Monday, Oct. 29 through Friday, Nov. 2 at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus. Viewing hours are 1 to 5 p.m. and the exhibition is free to the public.

Hosted by the West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University, the exhibit will open with a reception in the performing arts center lobby from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Oct. 29. Presentations on autism and artists with autism will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the center's Francis-Booth Experimental Theatre. Refreshments will be served in the lobby after the presentations.

The paintings, limited edition prints and pastel drawings of the show help "build a bridge of awareness to the world of autism," said Vallene Weeda, coordinator of the Prism Gallery, which is part of an Autism Initiative undertaken by Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School and the National Network of Digital Schools. The initiative focuses on raising awareness, curriculum development, teacher training and support for students with autism and their families.

Dr. Barbara Becker-Cottrill, executive director of the West Virginia Autism Training Center, said art and music can be among the strengths of individuals with autism spectrum disorders. "Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability occurring in about one in 150 births," Becker-Cottrill said. "We hope the exhibit will also promote greater public awareness."

## *Faculty/Staff Achievements*

*Cicero Fain*, assistant professor of history, has published an article, "Black Response to the Construction of Colored Huntington, West Virginia, during the Jim Crow Era," in *West Virginia History*, Fall 2007.

*Dr. Jose Morillo*, professor of Spanish, chaired a panel on the Contemporary Spanish Novel at the 57<sup>th</sup> Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference at Virginia Tech, Oct. 11-13. Also he presented a paper, "Prostitution in Postwar Spain," at the same conference.

## *Homecoming*

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he was a three-year letterman, earning all-Southern Conference honors as a senior, and helped lead Marshall to the Division I-AA national championship in 1992. Bartrum, a native of Meigs County, Ohio, was presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award this past April during Alumni Weekend. On Friday, Oct. 26 he will be one of eight former Thundering Herd student-athletes who will be inducted into the Marshall Athletic Hall of Fame. .

The parade begins at noon downtown near the Big Sandy Superstore Arena and ends at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium.

"Homecoming is always one of the most exciting times of the year for Marshall alumni, students and faculty," Tish Littlehales, director of alumni relations, said. "This year will be no different with many special events and activities planned for our alumni, students, staff and friends from near and far. We look forward to meeting and greeting everyone during what will be a fantastic homecoming week."

The first official Alumni Association event of homecoming weekend is the Coaches Breakfast Friday morning, Oct. 26 at the Ericson Alumni Center.

The MU Foundation will kick off "The Bridge" at 3 p.m. Friday at the John Marshall statue. "The

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## *Jean Augustine*

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work ethic is unmatched, and her attention to detail is perfect. She represents Marshall University to potential and current donors with a friendly, caring and confident manner."

Mayer notes, "Jean's outstanding performance has brought great value to the Development Office in so many ways. She has a broad knowledge of Marshall's academic area and administrative processes, and has true expertise in working with donors to develop scholarships and other endowment fund guidelines. While she is sensitive to donor's desires, she always is cognizant of the scholarship recipients' best interests and what will work best for the office of financial aid and the foundation."

Richard Plymale, who was an organizer of the Fort Gay High School Memorial Scholarship established in 1997 and who continues to be involved with it, has the highest praise for Augustine and her work with the Fort Gay group. He cites the care and warmth she showed the scholarship organizers and the patience and knowledge she demonstrated while helping them through the required paperwork. "Her love and gratitude for Marshall, for the Alumni members, and the students and staff seems boundless and so genuine," he said.

She was presented with a plaque, balloon bouquet and a check for \$100 by President Stephen J. Kopp.

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Bridge" will connect academics, athletics and alumni through construction of the College of Information Technology and Engineering Laboratory facility, the women's softball field and the new Alumni and Foundation Center.

The Party at Pullman Square begins at 7 p.m. Friday with a performance from the Subway Beach Band which plays music from the 1950s, '60s, '70s and '80s.

A pre-game tailgate, planned in conjunction with Black Alumni, Inc., takes place from 1:30 to 5 p.m. in the Thunderzone Corporate Area located on the east side of the stadium.

Other homecoming events include:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 24** – The sixth annual homecoming tailgate celebration, "Thunder Into Mason County," takes place at the Mid-Ohio Valley Center in Point Pleasant from 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 25** - Office decoration judging begins at noon. The Student Government Association will be conducting a canned food drive on campus to help the Huntington City Mission. They will also be accepting donations for the Habitat Restore.
- **Friday, Oct. 26** – Green and White Day.

The Fourth Annual J-walk—a fundraiser for the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, begins at noon on the student center plaza. A silent auction of items donated by area businesses will also take place.

The College of Information Technology and Engineering (CITE) will have an alumni reception from 5 to 7 p.m. at Savannah's Restaurant at 1208 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Parent & Family Weekend kicks off with a reception hosted by President Stephen J. Kopp and his wife, Jane, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center lobby.

Members of Black Alumni Inc. will gather at the Pullman Plaza Hotel with a viewing of *We Are Marshall* scheduled for 7:30 p.m. A dance at the plaza begins at 9 p.m.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2007 Induction Banquet takes place at the Grand Theatre at the Pullman Plaza Hotel. A reception for the 1971 Young Thundering Herd football team is scheduled at 8 p.m. in the Hartley Room of the Cam Henderson Center to honor Dan Canada as the distinguished M Club member for 2007. He will be presented with an M Club blanket during the MU-Rice game.

- **Saturday, Oct. 27** – The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Marshall Alumni 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the Recreational Sports Office, begins at 8 a.m.

Black Alumni Inc. activities continue with an annual business meeting, election and awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center; a visit to the Spring Hill Cemetery for a graveside ceremony in honor of the 1970 football

team at 1 p.m.; a tailgate party from 1:30 to 5 p.m. at the Thunderzone Corporate Area; and a dance beginning at 9:30 p.m. at the Pullman Plaza Hotel

The H.E.L.P. program will have its 2007 Open House/Meet the Tutors at Wilbur E. Myers Hall from 1 to 3 p.m.

Parent & Family Weekend continues with a pre-game tailgate from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Thunderzone Corporate Area.

CITE will have its 8<sup>th</sup> annual tailgate from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Football Practice Field with a barbecue lunch to be provided.

Marshall plays Rice at 4:30 p.m. in the homecoming football game.

The Step Show will take place at the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center after the game at 7:45 p.m. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

## Yeager Symposium

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his presentation is "Towards a Civic Art." Mackie is based in Seattle, but has worked on major urban redevelopment and urban planning and design projects in Nashville and other major cities as well as in Seattle.

"Mr. Mackie is a tremendous speaker and a leading force in public art policy and practice who will appeal to broad constituencies," said Byron D. Clercx, chair of the Department of Art and Design. "Jack is decidedly articulate and disarmingly empathetic and empowering. He will illustrate how public art is a 'value added' community enhancement that redefines how people understand and interact with civic spaces and one another."

The Yeager Symposium was scheduled to begin Oct. 22 with a visit from Tom Kelly of the Bogside Artists, a group of three mural painters from an area of Derry City, Northern Ireland, known as the Bogside. It was in the Bogside area that 14 people were shot dead on "Bloody Sunday" by the British army on Jan. 30, 1972. To date, the Bogside Artists have painted a dozen murals about the political conflict of "Bloody Sunday." Kelly will speak on "Art and Conflict." The Bogside artists have been working together on mural projects since 1994.

The second event is a panel discussion featuring Clercx and Dr. Dan Holbrook from the Department of History. The title of their presentation is "Regeneration through Public Display: The Interaction of Public Art and Public History." They will speak about how public art and public history can work together to rejuvenate communities, with specific reference to projects in Huntington.

Don Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, said the focus on public art "is an important step for the Symposium and Marshall. We have talked about public art on campus for many years and I applaud Dr. Sharpe and the Yeager program for raising the awareness of the issue," he said.