New York-based Marshall alumni to give workshop on launching career in the arts

The College of Arts and Media will present a workshop, “What Do I Do Now: Launching a Career in the Arts, Post-Graduation,” with Jordan Bean, founder and producing artistic director of Jordan Bean & Co., and partner, Patrick Taylor, both of whom are Marshall University alumni.
They will offer an interactive presentation for aspiring artists at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Room 224 of the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

Bean is a theater producer with a focus on casting and new play development. Taylor is an actor and theater creator with Tourette Syndrome. They have developed a unique approach to career building, utilizing the contemporary toolkits of social media, website development, personal branding and networking practices.

Anyone considering a career in the arts could benefit from hearing their strategy. The event is sponsored by the Marshall University School of Theatre and the College of Arts and Media. It is free and open to the public.

Bean and Taylor are recipients of the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professorship and Artists Award offered annually by the College of Arts and Media. In 1992, Joan C. Edwards established an endowment bearing her name to enable the fine arts programs at Marshall University to bring distinguished educators in the arts to the Huntington campus to enhance learning opportunities for students, staff, faculty and the community.

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Marshall Day at the Legislature

Marshall faculty, staff and students visited the State Capital Monday, Jan. 14 to meet legislators and staff members. At left, Mr. and Miss Marshall (Jessica Yurkovich and James Prentice) and President Gilbert present Gov. Jim Justice with a gift.

Click to view gallery of photos from that day.

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Rankin earns national award for career achievements

Gary O. Rankin, Ph.D., a professor and vice dean for basic sciences at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has been named the recipient of the 2019 Career Award from the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) Division for Toxicology.

Rankin was selected for the honor based on his mentorship and leadership in the field of toxicology and his exemplary service to ASPET, as well as in recognition of his long history of scholarship in the area of nephrotoxicity.

Rankin earned his Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo, Ohio, before joining Marshall University in 1978. In addition to his role of vice dean for basic sciences at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, he also serves as chair of the Department of Biomedical Sciences.

Scientifically, Rankin’s career has focused on chemical-induced nephrotoxicity, specifically the ability to examine structure-activity relationships and predict cytotoxicity to various organs. He has contributed to examining succinimide structure and susceptibility to nephrotoxicity. He has also examined the role of halogens in the renal damage mediated by aniline, aminophenol and nitrobenzene compounds, which are intermediates in the production of drugs, dyes and pesticides. More recently, Rankin has focused on the pharmacogenetic changes in drug metabolism that impact opiate overdose.

Rankin has mentored nearly 75 undergraduates, graduate students and postdoctoral fellows and has more than 160 research publications in toxicology. He has been a member of ASPET since 1985 and currently serves on the editorial board of The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

The award will be presented to Rankin during the ASPET annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, this spring, where he will also present on the nephrotoxicity induced by dimetachlone, halogenated anilines and their metabolites.
Smith named director of RCBI aerospace program

The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) has named James Smith as Director of RCBI Aero, the Institute’s aerospace manufacturing center.

Smith, former deputy director of Huntington Tri-State Airport, brings an array of aviation experience to the position, from airport certification and planning to fuel operations and firefighting.

RCBI Director and CEO Charlotte Weber praised Smith’s knowledge of the aerospace industry. “Jim’s education and experience in the aviation and aerospace manufacturing fields will be tremendous as we continue to work to enhance aerospace manufacturing in West Virginia and the region.”

A native of Missouri, Smith graduated from the Utah Valley University Aviation Management Program. He is a member of the American Association of Airport Executives and the University Aviation Association.

“Aeronautics and aerospace manufacturing are industries that bring higher pay and high economic returns; they are also industries that need the resources and skills that are found in West Virginia and the region.” Smith said. “I am excited to get to work.”

RCBI Aero is funded through the first U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) i6 Regional Innovation Strategies grant awarded in southern West Virginia. The goal of RCBI Aero is to expand the aerospace industry footprint in West Virginia and the Tri-State region.

To learn more about RCBI Aero, contact Smith at jsmith@rcbi.org or visit www.rcbi.org/go/aero.
Don’t Call Me Crazy: Resilience through art
Marshall University Library Exhibition 2019

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Drinko Library Atrium

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The Film Studies Program is now accepting submissions for the
Short film and video works by Marshall University students

Students may submit multiple film or video works in any format/genre,
including but not limited to narrative film, documentary, animation,
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Maximum film length: 15 minutes.
New this year: $250 Juried Prize for best film.
Submit work at http://www.marshall.edu/filmstudies/
For more info, contact Dr. Walter Squire at squirew@marshall.edu

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Marshall University’s Women of Color Day celebration recognizes individuals who have consistently endeavored to increase respect for women of color and have contributed greatly toward promoting multicultural understanding and awareness at Marshall University or in the Huntington community.

For more information, contact Shaunta Polk at polk4@marshall.edu or Lisa Allen at allenl@marshall.edu

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On Jan. 8 and 9 two faculty members from the Marshall University College of Education and Professional Development, Dr. Debra Lockwood and Dr. Rebecca Jennings-Knotts, as well as Dr. Marianna Linz from psychology, and Amy Saunders, managing director for Marshall’s Center of Excellence for Recovery, met with the U.S. Office of Special Education and staff in Sen. Shelley Moore Capito and Sen. Joe Manchin’s offices in Washington, D.C. The purpose of these meetings was to talk about what the faculty members are hearing and seeing in the schools with regard to the effects on children related to the opioid crisis, in order to determine how they can best support the children, families, teachers and schools more effectively.

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*Photo:* From left, Dr. Marianna Linz, chair of the Department of Psychology; Dr. Debra Lockwood, assistant professor of special education; Sen. Joe Manchin III (D.-W.Va.); Amy Saunders, managing director for Marshall’s Center of Excellence for Recovery; and Dr. Rebecca Jennings-Knotts, associate professor of school psychology.

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The next Honors College seminar proposal due date is Wednesday, Jan. 30. Proposals are submitted online via forms on the Teaching Honors page of the Honors College website. The Honors College provides faculty of programs from across the university the opportunity to design and teach seminars on subjects that inspire them and that they may not have the opportunity to teach within their regular teaching duties. Faculty in our small seminars work with outstanding, highly-motivated students to actively explore a subject together from an interdisciplinary approach. We believe the Honors College serves as an “incubator” for pedagogical exploration and innovation that enhances the quality of educational experiences across the University. We think of our relationship with those who teach for us as collaborative partnership for the common good.

The deadline for new proposals as well as repeat and updated applications to teach an upper-level seminar for the Honors College in the Fall 2019 semester is Wednesday, Jan. 30. Accepted proposals would be scheduled as Special Topics sections of HON 480, which serves as the core course in the Honors Curriculum. Seminar proposals undergo review by the Honors College Curriculum and Policy Committee at least one semester prior to the semester an approved seminar is offered. For faculty who have previously taught sections of HON 480, you would submit either a repeat or an updated application—depending on the when the seminar was first approved and how many times it has been previously taught for the Honors College. For full details, helpful information, and links to online submission of all required material, please visit the Teaching Honors page. Due dates for Honors Seminar proposals and repeat/updated submissions are published for each academic year on the Honors College Curriculum and Policy Committee page. If you are interested, but not sure if you’re ready to submit a proposal for review this semester, please to reach out to discuss your ideas with Brian Hoey, Associate Dean of the Honors College, at hoey@marshall.edu. It is possible to submit proposals now to teach in a semester after Fall 2019.

We have also updated procedures for the “Honors Option” (aka h-option) that students may propose in consultation with a faculty mentor in order to receive general honors credits toward completion of the Honors Curriculum. H-options are generally intended to serve in limited cases where a student may be unable to complete the general honors portion of our curriculum with honors-designated courses. For faculty who receive requests from students to conduct an h-option in a course that you are teaching—and who are willing to accept the request to assist a student to complete an h-option—we now have a new, online form for handling student-submitted proposals as well as...
updated instructions for students and faculty. The updated form and instructions can be found on the Honors College website under “Current Students/Forms for Students. All h-option proposals are due from students via online submission on Friday, Jan. 25.

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Sujoy Bose

Dr. Sujoy Bose, assistant professor of physical therapy, will receive the James Dunleavy Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy (AACPT) at the American Physical Therapy Association’s Combined Section Meeting Jan. 24 in Washington, D.C. The award is given to AACPT members who have provided exceptional service and leadership and advanced the public/professional awareness of acute care physical therapy.

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Faculty Achievement: Dr. Maria Babiuc Hamilton

Dr. Maria Babiuc Hamilton, together with Marshall University student Dillon Buskirk, recently had a paper published titled “A complete analytic gravitational wave model for undergraduates” in the European Journal of Physics.

Gravitational waves are produced by orbiting massive binary objects, such as black holes and neutron stars, and they are described by the notoriously difficult Einstein’s equations of General Relativity.

“In this paper, we build a complete analytical model for generating gravitational waves, using a post-Newtonian expansion to the gravitational field and the Mathematica computer software, which are accessible to undergraduates,” Hamilton said.
The next regular issue of *We Are...Marshall* will be distributed Jan. 23, 2019. Please send items for consideration to WAMnewsletter@marshall.edu by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 2019.

To read the content of this newsletter online, please click on the following link: www.marshall.edu/wamnewsletter/January-16-2019.