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Marshall named a research university by the Carnegie classification system

For the first time in its history, Marshall University has been selected as an “R-2” research institution by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

President Gilbert, in making the announcement, said the new designation, considered a significant milestone in the academic research world, is a tribute to the hard work and research efforts of faculty across the institution.

“This is tremendous recognition for Marshall University’s research programs,” Gilbert said. “We are very proud of the continued progress of our programs and the university. Increasing our research activity has been one of my goals since arriving at Marshall and it continues to be a priority.”

Marshall’s research expenditures have increased 25% over the past two-and-a-half years from $23 million to $31 million, and it is expected to climb further in 2019.

“Marshall’s attainment of this classification recognizes the significant accomplishments of the university in research and post-graduation education,” said Dr. John Maher, vice president for research. “It reflects the hard work and dedication to education and scholarship of the faculty and reflects the continued growth in external grant support for Marshall programs in science, the fine and liberal arts, education and economic development.”

External grant support for Marshall programs currently includes funding from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, among many others.

Marshall was previously classified as a M1: Master’s Colleges and Universities – Larger Programs, but with the university’s increased research productivity and a move by the Carnegie program to include additional doctorates in its methodology, Marshall’s designation improved.

Historically, Carnegie has evaluated higher education institutions every five years, but recently changed its schedule to every three years.
BUILDING ACCESSIBILITY AND CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS ON MARSHALL’S CAMPUS

Q&A Panel Discussion

Join us!
Wednesday, March 13th
2:30pm • Drinko Library Atrium

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The School of Art & Design presents

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL JURIED STUDENT EXHIBITION AWARDS RECEPTION

Wednesday, March 13 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Birke Art Gallery, Smith Hall

For more information, contact Jamie Platt, Gallery Director and Facilities Coordinator, plattj@marshall.edu
Sponsored by the School of Art & Design in the College of Arts and Media www.marshall.edu

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Marshall to present Huntington Area Art Society discussion, ‘Page to Stage,’ today

The School of Art and Design will present a talk with Theatre Professor Mike Murphy at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, at the Cellar Door, 905 3rd Ave. in Huntington.

Murphy’s talk is titled “Page to Stage,” walking through the process of reading a play and researching it, then scale drawing and painting a full-size backdrop for a theatre production.

The event is free with a current Marshall ID. A $10 donation is requested for others. Proceeds support programming in the School of Art and Design. Checks should be made out to Marshall University. All are welcome, but seating is limited. Participants are invited to arrive early to enjoy conversation and optional refreshments.

The Huntington Area Art Society has been meeting semi-regularly for the past few years, providing a chance for Marshall’s visual arts faculty to share their work with the larger Huntington community.

The event is sponsored by the School of Art and Design and the College of Arts and Media.
Marshall researcher receives nearly $500K NIH grant for thrombosis research

Wei Li, M.D., Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of biomedical science at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, was recently awarded a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to further his research on thrombosis.

Thrombosis occurs when blood clots block your blood vessels. It is a lethal complication of systemic diseases such as hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis), cancer and diabetes. Platelets, a population of very small cells circulating in the blood, play a critical role in thrombosis.

By using animal models and human platelets, Li’s laboratory found that thymidine phosphorylase (TYMP), a platelet cytoplasmic protein, is necessary for platelet activation, aggregation and thrombosis.

The goal of this funded R15 grant is look deeper into those findings to determine the functional and mechanistic role of TYMP and clarify the detailed pathways that mediate TYMP enhanced platelet activation and thrombosis, and to establish pharmacological inhibition of TYMP as a novel and safe anti-thrombotic therapy.

Li received a $434,461, three-year NIH Research Enhancement Award (R15), which supports small-scale research projects that strengthen the research environment of the institution. This is the second R15 award Marshall has received since August 2018. For more information about research currently underway at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, please visit icesom.marshall.edu/research.

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"Pourin' off of every page: On Textual Variation, Materiality, and Continuity"

PRESENTED BY
Dr. John Young
Professor in the English Department and winner of the 2017-18 MU Distinguished Artists & Scholars Award (Senior Recipient for Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education & Business)

Thursday, March 14, 2019
4-5 p.m. | Drinko Library 402

Light refreshments to follow.

Contact ctl@marshall.edu to learn more. Hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning.

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QPR

March 14, 2019 at 6 p.m.

Question, Persuade, Refer

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

Free to all faculty, staff and students.
Drinko Library Room 402

Sponsored by the Garrett Lee Smith Grant & Dept of Social Work
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Women's and Gender Studies presents the annual

2019 CHARLOTTE SCHMIDLAPP DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Ruth Franklin
“Beyond 'The Lottery': Writing the Life of Shirley Jackson”

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 | 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL STUDENT CENTER, SHAWNEY DINING ROOM

Ruth Franklin is the author of the award-winning and critically acclaimed 2016 biography, Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

For more information, contact Laura Michele Diener at diener@marshall.edu
Sponsored by the Schmidlapp family, the Women's and Gender Studies Program, the College of Liberal Arts, and Fifth Third Bank

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HerdCon planned for Saturday, March 16

Libraries and Online Learning is sponsoring HerdCon, Marshall’s inaugural pop culture convention, planned for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 16, in the Memorial Student Center and Drinko Library on Marshall's Huntington campus.

HerdCon will include live music, cosplay competitions, live action role-playing (LARP) demonstrations, gaming, discussion panels, belly dancing, vendors, artists and more.

“Students and community members are invited to come with their family, friends and classmates to a special event welcoming them to experience much of what makes Marshall a wonderful and special place to be,” said Heather Lauer, event organizer and assistant professor and librarian at Marshall. “We decided to plan this convention because of our own love of pop culture and Marshall University. Previous events, such as VaultMU, focused on the Fallout 76 game and we are happy to continue that spirit with additional celebrations of what makes Marshall innovative and creative.”

General admission is $5. Admission is free for MU students, faculty and staff, and youth 18 and under. VIP tickets are available for $25 and include a HerdCon T-shirt, art print, 6-sided dice and more. VIP tickets are limited and must be ordered in advance to ensure availability. Tickets, shirts and VIP packages can be purchased online at https://tinyurl.com/herdcon2019tickets. Registration and VIP package pick-up will take place at the 5th Avenue entrance of the Memorial Student Center.

“This event has been a year in the making,” said Michelle Alford, another event organizer and library information systems technician at Marshall. “We have strived to involve both our campus and community in HerdCon and hope that this will become an annual celebration of both our love of pop culture and also of Huntington and Marshall University.”

More than 50 artists and vendors are scheduled to participate in addition to representatives from Marshall's Digital Humanities program, Japanese Outreach Initiative, Information Technology department and various student organizations.

For more information e-mail herdcon@marshall.edu or visit www.facebook.com/herdcon.

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Marshall University
SCHOOL OF THEATRE
AND MARSHALL UNIVERSITY AUDITORIA
PRESENTS

INNOVATE, COLLABORATE, CELEBRATE:
2019 Spring Dance Concert

MARCH 16 | 7:30 PM
JOAN C. EDWARDS PLAYHOUSE
EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

For more information contact 304-696-2787
www.marshall.edu/theatre

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HERD IN TOWN!

“LAST LECTURE” - A CELEBRATION OF COLA RETIRING FACULTY

Inspired by Randy Pausch of Carnegie Mellon University, the “Last Lecture” series is an opportunity for retiring faculty to share insights on their professional and personal experiences.

Monday, March 18
6:00pm
Fat Patty’s
1935 3rd Ave.

FEATURING MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
PSYCHOLOGY AND ENGLISH FACULTY:

Paige Muellerleile, Ph. D.
John Van Kirk, MFA

Sponsored by College of Liberal Arts
For more information, contact: Leif Olson - la Olson@marshall.edu | Dr. Cheryl Brown - brownca@marshall.edu | Karen Fischer - rachels@marshall.edu

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WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Keynote in Women’s Leadership
March 19th • 5:30pm
MSC – Shawkey Dining Room

West Virginia native First Lt. Emily Lilly presents her history-making journey as the first female National Guard member to graduate from the elite Army Ranger School.

Light refreshments provided! Free and open to the public.

For more information, contact:
Claire Snyder | snyder71@marshall.edu

Sponsored by: Women’s & Gender Center | Student Activities | Office of Military & Veterans Affairs
www.marshall.edu

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The Marshall University Center for Teaching and Learning presents

Educators Teaching Collaborative:
"Challenges"

Tuesday, March 19 | 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Memorial Student Center, BE-5

Through incorporating guiding principles from the Great Teachers Seminar (GTS), the ETC is a learning community for teachers of all disciplines at Marshall University to grow and employ their own expertise to inform best practices across the wide spectrum of learning at our institution. Three sessions will be offered which provide concrete examples that promote engagement in the classroom and overall improved teaching techniques applied in any discipline.

No registration necessary.
Light refreshments will be served, courtesy of the Mathematics Department.

Contact ctl@marshall.edu to learn more

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Solo Recital & Master Class
featuring Kaitlyn Davis

PERFORMANCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
7:30 P.M. • Smith Music Hall
Room 143

MASTER CLASS
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
12:30 P.M.
Jomie Jazz Forum (Room 103)
Room 143

For more information, contact
Alexander Lee, leal@marshall.edu

Sponsored by the College of Arts and Media and the School of Music. Funded in part by the Joan C. Edwards Distinguished Professors in the Arts Endowment with support from the College of Arts and Media, Marshall University.

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WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PRESENT

“The Homefront Experiences of West Virginia Women During the Civil War”

by Mandy Shaver

Thursday, March 21
12 – 1 p.m.
Harris Hall 138

History M.A. student Mandy Shaver presents her research. Shaver’s studies focus on late nineteenth-century America, the Civil War, and Women’s History.

Free and open to all students. Refreshments will be provided.

Sponsored by Women’s and Gender Studies and the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts.
Tooley chosen as winner of the 3rd Annual Marshall Student Short Film Festival

Marshall sophomore Kadin Tooley was selected as the winner of the inaugural juried Best in Festival award at the Marshall University Student Short Film Festival. Tooley is director, cinematographer, co-writer and co-producer of the film *Mann Motte*.

In *Mann Motte*, a young man and woman watch folklore legend become reality. The short blends 1920s silent horror with golden-age slasher films. Tooley is from Frazier’s Bottom, West Virginia, and is a video production major. The award included $250 for the winning film.

“*Mann Motte* is a wonderful homage to 1920s German Expressionist cinema, which, in turn greatly influenced American horror film,” said Dr. Walter Squire, director of film studies and an associate professor of English at Marshall. “*Mann Motte* features stunning low-key lighting and camera work, beautiful miniatures and set design, and a suitably disturbing score, all in the service of a novel retelling of the Mothman legend.”

The festival was sponsored by the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts, Housing and Residence Life and Marshall University Libraries as an opportunity to showcase the filmmaking talent of Marshall students.
A clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of an investigational drug for late-stage liver disease is now available at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

“The most serious liver complication of obesity is Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis, or NASH, which is very common in West Virginia and the Tri-State region,” said Uma Sundaram, M.D., a board-certified gastroenterologist at Marshall Health, vice dean for research and graduate education at the School of Medicine and the school's principal investigator of this clinical trial. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), West Virginia ranked ninth in the nation in 2017 for its chronic liver disease/cirrhosis mortality rates.

The trial, which is part of the ongoing Phase 3 AURORA study through Allergan, is being conducted to evaluate the efficacy and safety of the investigational drug for the treatment of liver fibrosis in adult patients 18 to 75 with NASH. The approach evaluates the effectiveness of the investigational drug, compared to the placebo. Participants will attend regularly scheduled study visits with Marshall Health physicians for ongoing assessment.
NASH is inflammation and damage in the liver, due to a build-up of fat. It is a more serious form of liver disease within a group of conditions called non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). It is common for people to have a build-up of fat in the liver, and for most, it causes no symptoms or health problems. However, for some people, the buildup of fat over time causes inflammation and damage to the cells in the liver. NASH can lead to more serious conditions, namely cirrhosis and liver cancer.

Marshall is now recruiting patients in stage 2 or 3 of NASH for the multi-year study. There is no charge to participate in the study, including diagnosis, testing and investigational drug. For more information about the study, please contact Nicole Finley by phone at 304-691-1836 or by e-mail at finley18@marshall.edu, or Carrie Chapman by phone at 304-691-1841 or by e-mail at stollings8@marshall.edu.

Faculty Achievement: Dr. Aley El-Shazly

Dr. Aley El-Shazly, associate professor of geology, has recently had a paper published in the Journal of Precambrian Research titled “Geochemistry of Banded Iron Formations and their host rocks from the Central Eastern Desert of Egypt: A working genetic model and tectonic implications,” in collaboration with Professors K.I. Khalil and H.A. Helba from Egypt.

The link to this paper can be found at:


The significance of this paper is that it marks the conclusion of project on banded iron formations from Egypt that was funded in 2012 by NSF, and which resulted in a total of five papers published in peer refereed journals, and six presentations at national and international meetings.
Marshall University is once again collaborating with the EDUCAUSE Center for Analysis and Research (ECAR) to engage in the Annual Study of Students and Information Technology. Current undergraduate students and faculty members are invited to participate in the ECAR Technology Surveys.

Marshall University is dedicated to improving student and faculty experiences with information technology in higher education. The results of these surveys are very important to the campus and will help determine future technology direction. Participation in the study is voluntary and responses are completely confidential.

After completing the anonymous survey, participants can elect to enter their email address into a drawing for a chance to win a $50 or $100 Amazon.com gift card. Participants will only be contacted by EDUCAUSE if they are randomly selected to receive a gift card. All contact information will be kept confidential.

The 2019 surveys are available through March 31 at www.marshall.edu/it/ecar. For additional information, please contact Crystal Stewart by phone at 304-696-2970 or by e-mail at crystal.stewart@marshall.edu.
The Marshall University Classified Staff Council and the MU Alumni Association partnered during January and February to collect essential garments for residents of Harmony House.

Marshall staff and friends donated 676 pairs of men’s and women’s underwear and other clothing essentials last Wednesday, March 6.

Representing Marshall on drop-off day were Missy Clagg-Morrison (center), education coordinator for the department of psychiatry, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine; and Carol Hurula, manager, business operations, Office of the Provost (right). Also assisting was Brian Morrison (left).
The Marshall Rec Center is hosting their premier spring event: WELLFEST. As a day centered on health and well-being, WELLFEST is full of exciting opportunities and events. The event takes place on April 4th at the Marshall Recreation Center.

An American Red Cross blood drive serves as the epicenter of the day from 1:30-6:30 p.m., with other organizations tabling with information and giveaways from 4-6:00 p.m. The Rec Center will be open to the community the day of WELLFEST and free fitness classes will be available.

Throughout the event, there will be various fitness demos, giveaways, FREE massages, and a special activity area for children where they can participate in games, challenges, and more!

WELLFEST is a great opportunity for you to showcase your organization’s involvement in the community or to simply attend as a guest to learn and have some fun.

Vendor Registration Fees:

Student Organization- FREE

Marshall Department- $25

Non-Profit- $25

Non-Affiliate- $50

For questions on registering for the event or additional information please email dodd18@marshall.edu.
Students in the Lewis College of Business competed and won 2nd place during the 7th annual Peoples Bank Undergraduate Business Case Competition last month.

Dr. Marc Sollosy, associate professor of management, served as the faculty advisor alongside a team of three undergraduate students: Alex Lathwell, senior marketing major; Boram Kim, a junior finance major; and Lauren Corbett, a senior management major.

The team earned $1,000 for their 2nd place recognition.

Sollosy said competitions like these are important because they serve two purposes.

“It gives the student experience addressing real world problems, as presented by the bank and it’s a recruiting opportunity. The bank has a very robust professional development program and they use the competition as an opportunity to scout for the ‘best and the brightest’ available in our field,” Sollosy said.
Fifteen teams representing 14 colleges and universities competed. In addition to Marshall, the following institutions were represented: Northern Kentucky University, Tiffin University, the College of Wooster, Ohio Valley University, West Virginia University, University of Charleston, the Ohio State University, Oberlin College, the University of Akron, University of Mount Union, Cleveland State University, Ohio University and Marietta College.

First place went to Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio ($1,500), third place to University of Akron in Akron, Ohio ($750) and fourth place to the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio ($500).

Teams were given two months to prepare their presentations and presented them to Peoples Bank executives. The case covered a range of geographical regions along with multiple functional areas (human resources, finance, strategic planning and marketing). Presentations were 25 minutes in length, followed by a 10-minute question-and-answer session with the judges. Participants also met with representatives of the financial services industry, according to a release by Peoples Bank.

This is the sixth year Marshall has participated in the competition with plans to compete again next year. To learn more about how you can get involved in activities sponsored by the Lewis College of Business, contact Sollosy at sollosy@marshall.edu or visit www.marshall.edu/cob online.

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