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The Newsletter for Marshall University
Faculty and Staff

April 12, 2023

New deans, directors named

APRIL 12, 2023

Marshall has announced the appointments of the following deans and directors:

- Dr. Maria P. Gindhart as dean of the College of Arts and Media;
- Dr. Rob Quicke as the director of the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications;
- Dr. Wesley Stites as appointed dean of the college of science;
- Dr. Eric Blough as dean of the School of Pharmacy; and
- Dr. Annette Ferguson as director of the School of Nursing.

All are effective July 3.

Gindhart joins Marshall from Georgia State University (GSU) in Atlanta, where she has served as associate dean of the College of the Arts since October 2016. Before this, she was the associate director of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design. Gindhart is passionate about curricular innovation and student success. She has cowritten a successful grant to fund WomenLead in the Arts, a professional signature experience class at GSU. She received her Ph.D. and master's degrees in the history of art from the University of Pennsylvania and her bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in Maine.

Quicke is a tenured professor of communication at William Paterson University of New Jersey, where he served as chair of the communication department from 2017 to 2021. He founded College Radio Day and cofounded World College Radio Day (WCRD), launched by Coldplay's Chris Martin, and was the general manager of the award-winning WPSC 88.7 FM in Wayne, New Jersey, from 2007 to 2021. He has a Ph.D. in communication studies from Regent University in Virginia, and a master's degree in Radio from Goldsmiths College, the University of London, and a bachelor's and master's from Oxford University in English language and literature.

Stites, a native of Cañon City, Colorado, did his undergraduate work in chemistry at Johns Hopkins University. He was awarded a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He returned to Baltimore, this time to the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, for postdoctoral research in molecular biology and biophysics, supported with a National Institutes

of Health (NIH) Postdoctoral Fellowship. Stites comes to Marshall from the University of Arkansas where he has served in several capacities including associate vice chancellor for research and innovation.

Blough joined Marshall as an assistant professor in the department of biological sciences in 2003. In 2012, he became an inaugural faculty member at the school of pharmacy as an associate professor, and then in 2014 as a full professor. From 2015-2018, he was the assistant dean of curriculum before being appointed as the associate dean of academic affairs in 2018. He has been serving as the interim dean of the school since January of 2022. Blough graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1990 with his bachelor's degree, then completed a master's in exercise physiology at Southern Illinois University and completed a Ph.D. program at the Ohio State University.

Ferguson earned her master's degree in nursing with a focus in nursing education from Regis University in Denver, Colorado, and a Doctor of Nursing practice in leadership from Eastern Kentucky University. She has been a registered nurse for over 25 years with a focus in critical care and has worked in higher education as a nurse educator for over 18 years. She has been an associate professor of nursing at Marshall University since 2017. In the fall of 2019, Ferguson served as the director of the pre-licensure B.S.N. program until she was appointed the interim chair for the School of Nursing in 2022. She has presented at numerous conferences and published research findings in peer-reviewed nursing journals.



Photos: From left are Dr. Eric Blough, Dr. Annette Ferguson, Dr. Maria Gindhart, Dr. Rob Quicke and Dr. Wesley Stites.

Rainbow Run seeking volunteers for Friday

APRIL 11, 2023



MARSHALL UNIVERSITY 4TH ANNUAL RAINBOW RUN
HERD GLOW 5K
NIGHTTIME 5K THROUGH THE CAMPUS OF MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023
INDIVIDUAL, TEAM, OR
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION: 
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PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE DIVERSITY, EQUALITY,
AND INCLUSION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The poster features a white silhouette of a bull in the center, surrounded by a vibrant, multi-colored paint splatter. The text is in various colors and fonts, with the main title 'HERD GLOW 5K' in large, bold, green letters. A QR code is located to the right of the registration information. The background is a solid yellow color.

Contact Timothy Melvin at melvin7@marshall.edu to learn more. Sponsored by Academic Affairs,
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The Fourth Annual Marshall University Rainbow Run: Herd Glow 5k will take place on Friday, April 14! If you are unable to participate in the race, the President's Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion invites you to participate as a race

volunteer. Each year, nearly 35 volunteers are needed to assist with same-day registration, distributing race materials, and helping to guide participants along the course throughout Marshall's campus.

Volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. the night of the race. If you would like to register as a volunteer, please visit www.marshall.edu/diversity/5k and click on the "Register as a Race Volunteer" link at the bottom of the webpage.

If you have any volunteer questions, please get in touch with Dr. Timothy Melvin by phone at 304-696-3624 or by e-mail at melvin7@marshall.edu.

Marshall to host over 200 engineering students for 2023 Virginias ASCE Student Symposium

APRIL 12, 2023



Engineering students from universities throughout West Virginia and Virginia will be in Huntington April 13-15 as Marshall University's Department of Civil Engineering hosts the 2023 Virginias ASCE (American Society of Civil Engineers) Student Symposium.

More than 220 students and 50 judges will be participating in events related to civil engineering, including two hallmark competitions that members of the public are invited to observe — the

Concrete Canoe competition on Friday, April 14, at Beech Fork Marina and the Steel Bridge competition on Saturday, April 15, at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium concourse.

For the concrete canoe competition, student teams must design and construct their canoes at their home schools and bring the canoes with them to the symposium, where they participate in a series of races in the canoes at Beech Fork, along with giving a technical presentation. The races go on from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14 at Beech Fork Marina in Lavalette.

“For the steel bridge contest, students from each school design and fabricate their bridge to contest specifications before arriving on campus,” said James Queen, Marshall’s ASCE student chapter president, who leads the group with Alaine Rutherford, student chapter vice president. “When everyone arrives on campus, we have a timed bridge assembly event and then a load testing event to make sure it will hold the requisite weight before it breaks.”

The Steel Bridge contest goes on from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 15 at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium Concourse.

In addition to these two main events, there is a surveying competition, concrete frisbee, innovation competition, construction institute competition and various social events for the students. The symposium is an opportunity for students to both compete in events that correlate with their degree coursework as well as getting to interact with students from other chapters and the judges, who are working professionals.

Marshall students also helped organize the event, for which Marshall received a number of contributions, including a \$10,000 donation from the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Huntington Post.

“The ASCE student symposium is more than just a competition,” said Dr. Sukjoon Na, assistant professor of civil engineering. “It’s a platform for young civil engineers to showcase their skills, interact with professionals, and gain hands-on experience in project management and event coordination. With the generous support of many sponsors including [the] SAME Huntington Post, Nucor and even individuals, these students are paving the way for a better future in civil engineering.”

Although Marshall has been participating in the event for over a decade, this is the first time the university will host it. Marshall’s steel bridge team placed second in 2013, which allowed students to move on to the national competition in Seattle.

For more information about the Department of Civil Engineering, visit <https://www.marshall.edu/cccs/civil-engineering/>.

Photo: Kristin Blake, treasurer for the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Huntington Post (second from left) presents a \$10,000 donation to Marshall University ASCE-SAME Student Organization president James Queen (left). Other student chapter officers shown (left to right) are Will Raines, Jared Humberston, Wyatt Draper, Alaine Rutherford, and Kaleb McDaniel.

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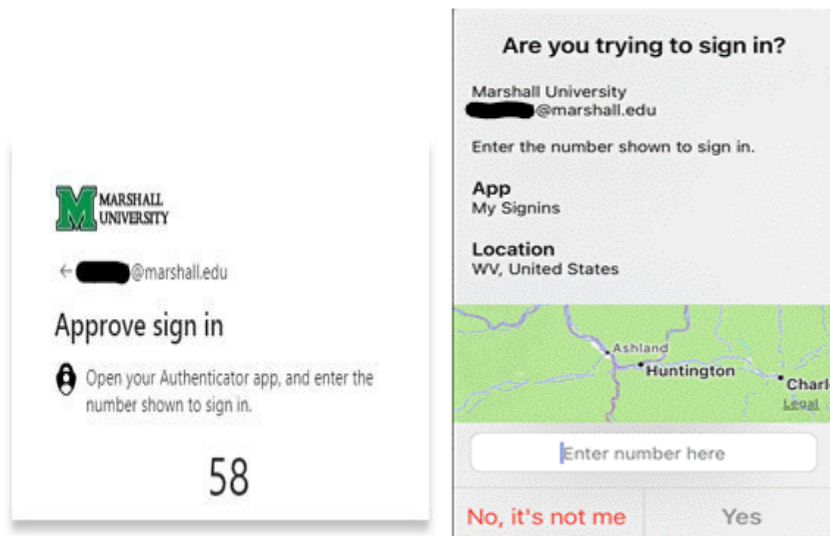
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IT Update: Microsoft Authenticator App to add Number Matching

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Microsoft announced the default notification method for their multi-factor authentication (MFA) app, Microsoft Authenticator, will change from a push-to-approve model to a number-matching model. Designed to reduce bad actor MFA fatigue attacks on end users, the number matching system cannot be abused like its predecessor. On Monday, May 1, Marshall University Information Technology will push this update to university users.



When attempting log on to an Office 365 resource, users will be presented with a number on the screen (Figure I); the MFA notification is where the user will enter the number (Figure II). The notification will display the username, which application is being used, and the general location. With this information a user should easily be able to tell if the MFA prompt is legitimate or malicious. Keep in mind, the location can vary greatly if using a cellular device to log on to an MFA-protected resource.

With the addition of number matching, the Authenticator app will no longer work on Apple Watches. According to Microsoft, users who have used an Apple Watch with the Authenticator app in the past will need to authenticate on a different device.

If you do not currently use the Microsoft Authenticator App for MFA, this change does not apply and your current MFA method will continue to work.

If you need technical assistance, please contact the IT Service Desk via chat at www.marshall.edu/it, by phone at 304-696-3200 or e-mail itservicedesk@marshall.edu.

School of Theatre and Dance to present ‘The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee’

APRIL 12, 2023



Marshall’s School of Theatre and Dance will present “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” at 7:30 p.m. nightly Wednesday, April 12 through Saturday, April 15, with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 16, in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center.

The musical comedy, with a book by Rachel Sheinkin and music and lyrics by William Finn (which was conceived by Rebecca Feldman with additional material by Jay Reiss), was the winner of both Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book. It tells the story of quirky middle schoolers competing in a spelling bee championship, with some laughs from the grown-ups involved as well. The competitors spell their way through the show, and a few audience members get a chance to demonstrate their spelling chops as well.

Directed by Theatre Professor Jack Cirillo, the show’s cast includes George Kinley, Sierra Lutz, Gavin Spiewak, Noah Richie, Jaden Babbit, Nikki Riniti, Rachelle Snyder, Jacob Cremeans and Jimi Lee.

“It’s a hilarious, touching, sometimes irreverent and crowd-pleasing musical, complete with audience participation,” said Samuel Kincaid, box office and public relations manager for the School of Theatre. “ ‘The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee’ is amongst the first true classics of 21st century American musical theatre.”

Tickets are free for Marshall students with their MU IDs, \$20 general admission, and \$15 for employees and seniors age 60 and older. For tickets or additional information, call 304-696-ARTS.

Further information about Marshall’s School of Theatre and Dance is available at www.marshall.edu/theatre.



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Marshall researcher receives NIH grant to study binge drinking

APRIL 12, 2023



[Mary-Louise Risher, Ph.D.](#), an assistant professor of biomedical sciences at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, has received a \$388,500 grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study how binge drinking during teens and early twenties disrupts brain function that can persist into adulthood.

During the two-year grant, Risher will explore how binge drinking influences communication between neuronal and non-neuronal cells. Non-neuronal cells called astrocytes are critical in helping regulate neuronal function and emotion, motivation and memory. Astrocytes and neurons work together and, through continuous crosstalk, help maintain a healthy brain. When astrocyte-neuronal crosstalk is disrupted by repeated binge alcohol exposure, it interferes with normal cognition and these effects can persist into adulthood. The new grant will allow Risher and her team to identify the mechanisms that drive these changes and identify novel targets and treatments for the prevention and reversal of long-term alcohol-induced cognitive dysfunction.

“Binge drinking accounts for the majority of alcohol consumed by adolescents in the U.S. and occurs during a critical period of brain development,” Risher said. “It is also associated with lasting cognitive impairment and increases the likelihood of developing an alcohol use disorder later in life. Our long-term goal is to understand what happens when brain development and alcohol use converge—disrupting the final stages of brain development—and how this can lead to cognitive impairment and increased prevalence of alcohol use disorder later in life.”

Since joining Marshall’s faculty in 2018, Risher has authored or co-authored seven publications, one book chapter and 22 presentations. She is the recipient of a 2021 Merit Review grant by the Veterans Affairs Office of Research and Development for a study on binge drinking. Risher previously received a Career Development Award through the VA Office of Research and Development, Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development Service and a NARSAD Young Investigator Award from the Brain and Behavior Research Foundation.

The grant was issued by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a division of the NIH, under award number R21AA030086, as an Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Award (R21), a program designed to encourage exploratory/developmental research by providing support for the early and conceptual stages of project development.

Annual Scholarship Honor Brunch celebrates donors and scholarship recipients

APRIL 12, 2023



Student scholarship recipients were honored Saturday at Marshall University during the 2023 Scholarship Honor Brunch, hosted by the Marshall University Foundation. This annual event recognizes those students who are beneficiaries of privately funded scholarships, as well as the donors and families who made the awards possible.

Dr. Ron Area, CEO and senior vice president of development of the Foundation, delivered a special welcome to more than 400 students and donors who attended the event in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center. This

year's brunch marked the 28th occurrence of the event, originally started in 1993, missing the annual occasion in 2009, 2020 and 2021.

“The Scholarship Honor Brunch brings together scholarship beneficiaries and award benefactors and highlights our mission to maximize continuous financial support for Marshall University and its students,” Area said. “We are absolutely committed to increasing the accessibility of education for our students and are thankful for the benevolence of our donors who truly support their Marshall family through their donations as well as their presence here today.”

Sophomore Nicolas “Nico” Raffinengo, from Boynton Beach, Florida, served as the student speaker. A double major in political science and international business, Raffinengo is a member of the 35th class of Yeager Scholars, the Charlie and Alma Slack Class of 2025. Raffinengo said he owes his current and future success to the scholarships he has received at Marshall.

“I think scholarships are something that can even out the playing field,” he said. “A lot of students can’t go to college because of the cost, and when people are able to donate to universities it lowers the cost for students overall, which allows more students to attend university and seek higher education.”



Raffinengo is an ACTA Scholar, presidential ambassador, Pre-Law Club president, and member of the Marshall Student Government. He also volunteers as a local debate coach, which he attributes to the role scholarships play in his student journey.

“I think that it is so helpful and allows me to take on all these things like volunteer in the community and allows me to take part of organizations on Marshall’s campus because now I have all this extra free time where I can do volunteer work and help instead of focusing on how to pay the bills. And I think overall that

uplifts the community in a way that you can’t really see anywhere else because a lot of people have scholarships and they want to give back, too.”

Marshall President Brad D. Smith, 38th president of the university, once again served as the featured speaker. Smith and his wife Alys established the Brad D. and Alys Smith Family Scholarship in 2014 prior to serving as the President and First Lady of Marshall University.

“Education is the great equalizer, but we know that the cost of an education is becoming more burdensome on our students,” Smith said. “Together, we have already built a strong foundation at Marshall, and I cannot wait to see what we can do to ensure Marshall for all, Marshall forever.”

In an interdisciplinary effort, the College of Arts and Media’s School of Theatre and Dance, along with the School of Music, capped off the program with a sneak peek of an upcoming production of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” the full production starting 7:30 p.m. April 12 through April 15 and 2 p.m. April 16 in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center. For tickets, call 304-696-ARTS.

To learn how to establish a scholarship to help students at Marshall, contact Krystle Davis at the Marshall University Foundation by phone at 304-696-6781 or by e-mail at krystle.davis@marshall.edu.

Photos: (Above) President Smith was the keynote speaker at the annual Scholarship Honor Brunch hosted by the Marshall University Foundation April 1. (Below) Yeager Scholar Nicolas Raffinengo provided remarks about the impact of scholarships.

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7:30 PM

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Lawrence to give AfterMath lecture next week

APRIL 12, 2023

AfterMath Lecture
The Department of Mathematics, Marshall University cordially invites you to a public lecture titled,
**Bloom where you are Planted:
A Mathematician's Journey**
Delivered by
Dr. Bonita Lawrence
Professor of Mathematics, upon her retirement.
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
4:00 PM
Smith Hall, Room 154

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On Wednesday, April 19, at 4 p.m. in Smith 154, Dr. Bonita Lawrence will be delivering the math department's second AfterMath lecture. The AfterMath lecture series was begun in Spring 2014 as a way for the mathematics department to celebrate the career of its highly regarded faculty on the occasion of their retirement. We invite everyone to join us in celebrating Dr. Bonita Lawrence.

AfterMath Title: Bloom where you are Planted: A Mathematician's Journey

Abstract: My practical minded mother, Loretta Dora Lawrence, always told us to "Bloom where you are planted!." Although I was quite stubborn at times concerning following her wise directives, when it came to my academic endeavors, I took this particular piece of advice to

heart. This led to a glorious journey of intriguing, compelling, challenging, joyful and heartwarming experiences. Each offered the possibility of a new garden of ideas that had the potential to inspire me and those in my charge to learn from and contribute to our beautiful mathematical structure and inspire others to do the same. In my talk, I will give you a glimpse into my adventures and the resulting blossoming gardens.

Bonita Ann Lawrence was born into an American military family stationed near Stuttgart, West Germany; her father, a career army helicopter pilot who rose through the ranks from Private to Lieutenant Colonel. Her family moved frequently, usually stationed in the southern United States, one time near Frankfurt, West Germany, and eventually settling in Lawton, Oklahoma.

There, she graduated from Eisenhower High School and Cameron University, majoring in Secondary Physical Education and Mathematics Education. She was a member of the tennis team, the volleyball team, and coached Little League Softball.

For the next few years, she took odd jobs such as teaching, tutoring, tax preparation, managing a McDonalds, and running a knitting store, becoming an authority on knitting. She competed in amateur foot races and triathlons, placing in several races, including winning the Fort Knox 10k Run.

She returned to academia, earning a Master of Science at Auburn University and a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Texas in Arlington, both in mathematics.

From there, she accepted an assistant professor position at North Carolina Wesleyan College, becoming a popular instructor, winning a professor of the year award, increasing enrollment in the mathematics program, and being faculty advisor for various student organizations, including the cheerleading squad. It was during this time that she earned a national Project NExT Fellowship from the Mathematical Association of America in its second year.

Lawrence then took a position at the University of South Carolina at Beaufort, and after a few years, came to Marshall University in 2001 and made Huntington her home, with her fellow Project NExT Fellow, Dr. Clayton Brooks.

Lawrence flourished at Marshall, with publications in international journals, invited talks in over eight countries, authorship of textbooks, and numerous awards, including two MU Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards, the 2005 Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award, the 2009 Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award, the 2016 MAA Ohio Section Teaching Award and the 2010 West Virginia Professor of the Year.

Lawrence served on the Faculty Senate and the Graduate Council, representing the College of Science. She also served as the graduate advisor for the Department of Mathematics, directing theses for numerous master's degree students. She was previously the associate chair of the department and served as interim chair for a semester.

Lawrence built, and maintains, the only publicly accessible differential analyzer, an electromechanical computer, used in the 20th century for solving differential equations and now used for educational purposes to provide insight into various levels of Mathematics.

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APRIL 19, 2023
5:00 p.m. • Joan C. Edwards Playhouse



Graduates interested in participating can sign up at:
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Visit: The LGBTQ+ Office at East Hall Room 211
Deadline to register: April 17, 2023

Lavender Graduation is a ceremony that honors the achievements and contributions of our LGBTQ+ and Ally undergraduate and graduate students here at Marshall University.



For more information please contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu





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Donning of the Kente Graduation Ceremony

April 20, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.
Joan C. Edwards Playhouse

The Donning of the Kente Ceremony celebrates a traditional rite of passage, consistent with 17th-century West Africa. Students receive their very own handwoven Kente cloth that will define and capture one of the most significant moments of their lives

Graduates interested in participating can sign up at:
<https://www.marshall.edu/caas/> or scan our QR Code.



Or visit

The Center for African American Students Office in
East Hall Room 215 | **Deadline to register: April 18, 2023**




For more information please contact Shaunte Polk at polk4@marshall.edu

Join Marshall Libraries for a book club

WELL-READ AND UNDEAD



APRIL 19 | 5:00 P.M. | MICROSOFT TEAMS

Marshall's book club, Well-Read and Undead, will be collaborating with CONTACT Rape Crisis Center for Sexual Assault Awareness Month and will discuss *The Luckiest Girl Alive* by Jessica Knoll. (Triggers for sexual assault, drugs, and eating disorders)



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Marshall School of Medicine to host forum addressing health care provider burnout

APRIL 12, 2023

The Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine will host the Paul Ambrose Health Policy Forum at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Harless Auditorium at the Marshall University Medical Center, 1600 Medical Center Drive in Huntington.

The forum will address “Physician and Health Care Provider Burnout.” This event is targeted to health care professionals and students but also open to the public.

[Daniel Snavelly, MD](#), an interventional cardiologist with HIMG and St. Mary’s Regional Heart Institute, members of Mountain Health Network, will provide a keynote address followed by a panel discussion including:

- [Kimberly Becher, MD](#), is chief medical officer of Community Care, which has offices in Clay, Braxton, Upshur, Harrison, Pocahontas, Lewis and Randolph counties. Becher earned her medical degree from Marshall University, is a former health policy fellow and graduate of Marshall’s family medicine residency. She was named the 2022 West Virginia Doctor of the Year by the West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians.

- [Ron Stollings, MD](#), is an internal medicine physician with Madison Medical Group in Madison, West Virginia. Stollings earned his medical degree from Marshall University and served 17 years in the West Virginia State Senate.
- [Tracy LeGrow, PsyD](#), is a professor and director of psychology for the Department of Psychiatry at Marshall Health. LeGrow earned her Doctor of Psychology from Marshall University.
- [Matthew Christiansen, MD, MPH](#), serves as commissioner of the Bureau for Public Health (BPH) and State Health Officer for the State of West Virginia. Christiansen earned his medical degree from Marshall University, is a former health policy fellow and graduate of Marshall's family medicine residency.

The Ambrose Health Policy Forum is presented by the Department of Family & Community Health and the 2023 health policy fellows. Additional partners include the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health at Marshall University and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.



THE SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN PRESENTS

EMPTY BOWLS 2023

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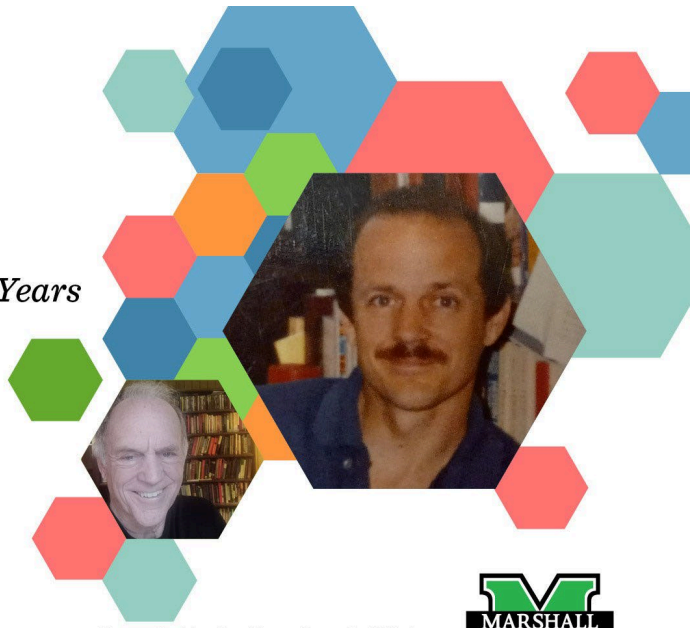


The Last Lecture of
DR. WILLIAM G. PALMER

*Looking Back: Reflections on 39 Years
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FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023
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Reception to follow.
Help us celebrate Dr. Palmer's career
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 **COS Research Expo 2023** 

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
ROBERT RAMOTOWSKI
Forensic Science Research Program Manager
National Institute of Standards and Technology
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BBSC 102



Research Expo 2023

April 21, 9am-11am



Our goal is to highlight the best student research in the college and allow their work to be presented to colleagues and peers across campus.

This year's event will be held on Friday, April 21st from 9am to 11am in the halls of the College of Science Building.

Students will present posters in disciplines including:
Biology, Chemistry, Forensic Science, Mathematics, and Physics and more.

Questions? email: foresics@marshall.edu

Aviation Maintenance Program to hold open house April 22

APRIL 12, 2023

The aviation maintenance program offered jointly by Mountwest Community and Technical College and Marshall University will be featured at an open house event Saturday, April 22.

James Smith, program director, said that the event will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Huntington Tri-State Airport campus.

“Come tour our education hangars at Tristate Airport,” he said. “Meet our instructors and students, and see demonstrations of training, equipment and facilities. It’s bound to be a great day if you’re interested in a career in aviation.”

Attendees can also register to win a flight in a Marshall aircraft. Refreshments will be provided.

To make a reservation, contact Amy LeMaster by e-mail at sponaug1@marshall.edu.

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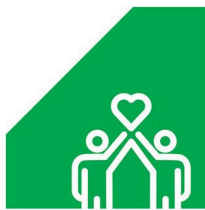


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MARSHALL UNIVERSITY SPRING 2023 EXAM SCHEDULE

EXAM HOUR	MONDAY APRIL 24	TUESDAY APRIL 25	THURSDAY APRIL 27	FRIDAY APRIL 28
8:00 A.M. UNTIL 10:00 A.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 8:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 9:00 MWF
10:15 A.M. UNTIL 12:15 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 10:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 11:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:00 MWF
12:45 P.M. UNTIL 2:45 P.M.	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 OR 2:30 MWF	CLASSES MEETING AT 12:30 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 2:00 TR	CLASSES MEETING AT 1:00 MWF

NOTE: All classes meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after will be examined in two-hour blocks at the first regularly scheduled class meeting during the above examination period. If the two-hour time allowance results in a conflict in exam times, it is the student's responsibility to notify the professor of the later course and to reschedule the later exam. Rescheduled exams must be concluded by Friday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m.

All Wednesday (only) afternoon classes, those meeting at 3:00 p.m. and after, will be examined Wednesday, April 26.

Saturday classes will be examined April 22 at their regularly scheduled class period.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of CHM 111, 205, 211, 212, 355, and 356 will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 22.

The common final exam time and date for all sections of PHY 201, PHY 203, PHY 211, and PHY 213 will be 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 22



Scantron phasing out ...

MARSHALL LIBRARIES WILL DISCONTINUE ITS CONTRACT FOR THE SCANTRON TEST GRADING SYSTEM AT THE END OF APRIL 2023.

Please use this time to prepare alternative means for administering and grading your tests in the future.

You may contact the Online Learning/Design Center team for options available through Blackboard.

Questions, contact **Dr. Kelli Johnson**
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Cooper, Frymyer join RCBI outreach team

APRIL 12, 2023



The Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) has expanded its business outreach team with the addition of two workforce development specialists.

Heather Cooper of Cabin Creek and Todd Frymyer of Charleston will connect manufacturers across the United States – with a special focus on West Virginia and the surrounding region – to the array of services and advanced technology available at RCBI. They will educate employers about manufacturing apprenticeship opportunities and assist companies in implementing registered apprenticeship programs

through RCBI's Apprenticeship Works, the National Advanced Manufacturing Apprenticeship Partnership. The partnership currently works with manufacturers in West Virginia and 20 other states.

Both Cooper and Frymyer are based at RCBI South Charleston.

Cooper, a native of Montgomery, is a graduate of Valley High School. She earned two associate degrees in business from BridgeValley Community & Technical College and a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University. She worked at BridgeValley for seven years, helping operate the college's Advanced Technology Center in South Charleston and implement the Utility Line Service Training Program there.

Frymyer, a native of Morgantown, graduated from Morgantown High School and West Virginia University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. He comes to RCBI from West Virginia Public Broadcasting, where he most recently served as media sales manager. Frymyer previously worked as an account manager at the Charleston Gazette-Mail.

To learn how Cooper and Frymyer can assist your manufacturing operation, contact them at 304-781-1625.

In case you missed it!
**Marshall Libraries MasterClass
Recording: *Using Social Explorer***

A one-hour workshop, geared towards faculty and grad students in the social sciences, will focus on using Social Explorer, a library database for analyzing and visualizing the characteristics of almost any location.

- Get an overview of Social Explorer's research and teaching tools.
- Create your own maps to see trends and make comparisons over time and place.
- Create tables and export data off the platform to gain insights and help make decisions.

Presented by Amelia Marcantonio-Fields, who provides demonstrations and product development for Social Explorer, specializing in GIS.



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