



An Academic Affairs weekly newsletter, co-sponsored by MU-ADVANCE, featuring updates on program events, projects, and faculty achievements.

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News: MU-ADVANCE Approaching The End

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MU-ADVANCE will wrap up August 31, 2012, but will leave a legacy. The Program, supported by the National Science Foundation, was successful in its mission to increase gender equity in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines over its six-year period. [More...](#)

Meet the Faculty: Dr. Corley Dennison

Dr. Corley Dennison, Dean of the Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, has been named the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Marshall University. He came to Marshall as an assistant professor in 1985, worked his way through the faculty ranks, and began serving as an administrator in 1999. As the Dean of the "J-School," Dr. Dennison has presided over numerous changes, from full accreditation to new and upgraded facilities. He is anxious to begin his new post and looks forward to being involved with student success and retention efforts. [More...](#)

**Faculty Presentation: Professor Burnis Morris**

[Burnis Morris](#), Professor of Journalism and the 19th John Deaver Drinko Fellow, presented his research on Dr. Carter G. Woodson at the Annual Drinko Symposium, held at Marshall University on April 1, 2012. Dr. Woodson was a native Huntingtonian and the son of slaves, who went on to become the second African-American to earn a doctorate (in History) from Harvard University (the first being Dr. W.E.B DuBois in Sociology). Professor Morris' presentation, [The Father of Black History](#), discussed Dr. Woodson's use of the press to disseminate African-American history, and offered an analysis on Woodson's renowned book *The Miseducation of the Negro*. Professor Morris' work seeks to enhance news coverage of non-profit organizations. He has garnered more than \$1M to train both students and journalists on the topic. Watch the presentation [here](#). [The Drinko Academy](#) was established at Marshall in 1994 by Dr. John Deaver Drinko, who graciously donated the funds as a way of giving back to the institution for the quality education he received here.

**Resource: On the Right Track**

In the article [On the Right Track](#), published in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Katharine E. Stewart discusses the importance of directing tenure-track faculty down the right path as they prepare for tenure. She offers these three steps to ensure junior faculty success: 1) know the criteria on which you will be judged, 2) keep track of everything you do from day one on the job, and 3) practice assembling your portfolio long before your review.

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