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DARE TO ASK! DARE TO KNOW!

NEW FACULTY JOIN THE COLLEGE

The College of Liberal Arts continues to attract high quality faculty to the Huntington campus. This year, the college brought 11 new faculty to various departments.

Communication Studies: Dr. Lindsay Calhoun (Ph.D. University of Utah) is an Assistant Professor teaching an array of communication courses including Business and Professional Communication and Intercultural Communication. She is particularly interested in studying international and intercultural communication.

Criminal Justice: The department has hired the husband and wife team of Dr. Angela Crews (Ph.D. Indi-

ana University) and Dr. Gordon A. Crews (Ph.D. University of South Carolina). The Drs. Crews taught at Washburn University before coming to Marshall.

Dr. Angela Crews is interested in all aspects of the criminal justice system, specifically the analysis of policy and evaluation of programs.

Dr. Gordon Crews has considerable experience working in law enforcement before receiving his academic degree. His current research interest focuses on the international comparison of police response to people who practice non-traditional religions such as Satanism and Wicca.

English: Dr. Whitney Douglas (Ph.D. University of Nebraska) is a new Assistant Professor whose interests are in writing and uses of literacy, rhetorical practice and writing communities, rhetoric as inquiry, and emerging themes in women's literature. She has taught courses in English Composition, Technical Writing, Advanced Expository Writing, and Literacy Studies.

History: Dr. Laura Michele Diener (Ph.D. Ohio State), is an Assistant Professor of medieval history. Her teaching interests include (New Faculty, page 3)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS WIN AWARDS

Marshall Criminal Justice majors won two of the four awards for the student paper competition at a recent conference. Lauren Copley of Ona, WV took first place in the graduate student paper competition and Patrick Hernandez of Ashland, KY took first place

in the undergraduate student paper competition.

"The Criminal Justice Department is pleased that once again our students have taken a lead at the state level," said Kimberly DeTardo-Bora, Associate Professor of Criminal

Justice. "They continue to prove that our program is not about handcuffs and high-speed chases, instead our students have the solid ability to present research and write effectively."

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PROFESSOR PUBLISHES BOOK

The Greenwood Press has just published Assistant Professor Christopher M. White's second book, *The History of El Salvador*.

El Salvador is a small country that has been plagued by political instability, economic hardships, and massacres of innocent men, women, and children.

No other reference source captures the suffering and adversities this ever-evolving country has faced. El Salvador's tumultuous history and recent past are clearly documented in this comprehensive volume, filling a void on high school and public library shelves.

This work offers the most current coverage on this tiny Latin American nation's struggles, covering from the pre-Columbian era to

economics and politics in the 21st Century. Complete with interviews and accounts from former rebels and guerillas and other victims of the country's struggle for freedom, this volume highlights a unique account of El Salvador's past—the viewpoints from the civilians who lived through it. Students will find *The History of El Salvador* to be an invaluable source for social studies, history, current events, and political science classes.

Dr. White received his Ph.D. from the University of Kansas. In addition to teaching on Latin America, the developing world, and U.S. foreign relations, Dr. White directs the College's Latin American Studies. Dr. White's first book is *"Creating a Third World: Mexico, Cuba, and the United States during the Castro Era"* (New Mexico, 2007)



The History of El Salvador, a new book by Assistant Professor of History, Christopher M. White.

NEW SCHOLARLY JOURNAL



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Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter, director of the Graduate Humanities Program at the Marshall University Graduate College and professor of humanities and anthropology, is the founding editor of a new scholarly journal, *Collaborative Anthropologies*. The journal is a forum for dialogue on collaborative research in anthropology and closely related fields.

"The journal goes beyond the kind of interdisciplinary collaboration that implies 'collaborative research' as that between academic colleagues or two or more professional researchers," Lassiter said. "Although it includes discussion about these kinds

of collaborative research, the journal has a special focus on the complex collaborations between and among researchers and the communities with which they work — such as when an ethnographer designs a project with research participants who are engaged not as 'subjects' or 'informants' but as partners in a collaborative research effort."

"This journal will provide a collective space for featuring descriptions of such partnerships and projects (as well as many others kinds, including those that don't fit neatly into this type); ultimately, however, it is concerned with chart-

ing new theoretical terrains, ones that address broader philosophical questions about the collaborative (and ethical) production of knowledge, the role of community engagement in scholarly production and dissemination, and, importantly, the value of collaborative research to a wider public," Lassiter said.

The journal is published annually by The University of Nebraska Press.

STUDENT PAPERS

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Seven Criminal Justice students presented their research papers at the conference.

Lauren Copley: *Medillin v. Dretke: The United States' Judicial Response to Avena and Other Mexican Nationals*

Jonathan Clemins: *Playing with Fire: The Juvenile Weapon of Choice as Explained by Hirschi's (1969) Social Control Theory*

Patrick Hernandez: *Techniques of Neutralization and Arson*

Krystal Mayville: *Firearms Trafficking: A Rational Choice*

Jessica Napier: *Plagiarism among Criminal Justice Students and the Utility of Turnitin.com*

Pallavi Samariya: *Explaining Domestic Violence through Marxist Feminism Theory*

Katheryne Staats: *The Transition from Barbie Dolls and Tonka Trucks to Juvenile Delinquent: Peer Deviance as Examined by Sutherland's Differential Association Theory*

Dr. DeTardo-Bora is this year's chair of the College's annual Undergraduate Research and Creativity Conference. She received the 2007 COLA Outstanding Teacher and the 2006 Pickens Queen Teaching awards.

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NEW FACULTY

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gender studies, ancient and medieval religious practices, Vikings, and ancient Greece and Rome. Her article "Enter the Bedchamber of Your Soul: Advice for Nuns at Prayer," is forthcoming in *Pastoral Care in the Middle Ages*.

Philosophy: Dr. Gayle L. Ormiston (Ph.D. Purdue University) is a professor of philosophy and the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Gayle's previous work was at Kent State University, where he held various academic and administrative positions.

Psychology: Dr. April Fugett-Fuller (Ph.D. University of Kansas) is an Assistant Professor who studies psycholinguistics. Specifically, she is interested in how multiple levels of processing (meaning,

spelling, and sound) work together in reading. She teaches experimental psychology, psychometrics and statistics. Next semester she will teach the department's first course in psycholinguistics.

Psychology: Dr. Tom Linz, (Ph.D. University of Georgia) is an Associate Professor who has taught at the Marshall University Medical School for the last two decades. He brings expertise in the areas of psychotherapy and psychological/neuropsychological assessment. His areas of interest include attention and the related concerns as well as the function of language in control of behavior.

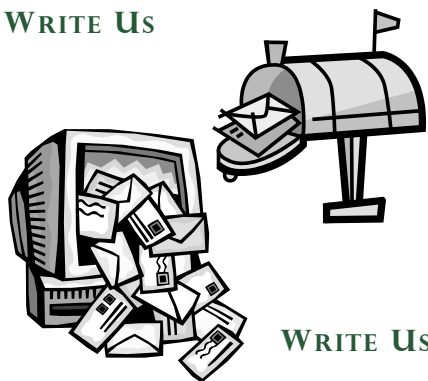
Psychology: Dr. David J. Pittenger (Ph.D. University of Georgia), is a professor of psychology and the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Before coming to Marshall,

David held faculty and administrative ranks at Marietta College and The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Sociology: Dr. Anders Linde-Laursen (Ph.D. Lund University, Sweden as well as from Copenhagen University, Denmark) joins us as a Professor and Department Chair. Dr. Linde-Laursen is an ethnographer who has published extensively on the cultural realities of the Danish-Swedish border, and does research in tourism and ethnic identity.

Sociology: Dr. Markus Hadler (Ph.D. University of Graz, Austria) is a new Associate Professor who will teach statistics and quantitative research methods as well as other specialized courses in Sociology. Dr. Hadler conducts transnational comparative research on contempo-

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- Create a welcoming atmosphere for all who come to the office.
- Recognize the accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff of the College.
- Provide complete, accurate, and timely information.
- Protect the academic standards and integrity of the College and University.
- Promote opportunities for student and faculty scholarship.
- Defend the free and uncensored exchange of ideas.
- Honor diversity and respect for the individual.
- Support civic engagement.

NOTE FROM THE DEAN

"Above the fold" is a common publishing phrase meaning that a newspaper story is the most important of the day, hence its placement on the top of the front page. I decided to use the phrase as the name of our newsletter because the college does many important things we want to share with others.

I am extremely impressed with the level of dedication the faculty of the college show to their students, their scholarship, and their community. Our students also do amazing work. Therefore, I want to use this newsletter to let others know of the

good work we accomplish.

You might also wonder about the origins of the motto, *Rogare Aude! Sapere Aude!* Kant used the phrase *Sapere Aude!* in an essay he wrote describing the enlightenment. According to Dr. E. Del Chrol, Assistant Professor of Classics, "*Sapere* is a quite complex and wonderful word. It often gets translated as if it should equate to some intellection, like to know a fact or perceive a fault. In its origin, it means 'to taste' or 'to savor'. Over time it comes to mean 'to be wise' or 'to know', but can also mean 'to have good taste'."

The value of a liberal arts education is that it trains people to ask important questions and to strive to understand themselves and others. These are the foundations of the freedom of thought and life we all cherish. Thus "dare to ask and dare to know" are the appropriate challenges for college students.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David".



David J. Pittenger, Dean
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