

# The Social Scientist

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## Message from the Chair

Welcome to **The Department of Sociology and Anthropology** at Marshall University.

Wow, what a time to be a social scientist, huh?!? Think about it...with all of the challenges and changes we are faced with today as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there simply is no better time to study social interaction (or distancing as the case may be), family, the workplace, politics, aging, public health, or the role that religion or sports, leisure, and recreation have in society. Social scientists are well positioned to explore these topics and more!

As we come to the end of an unpredictable, ever-changing semester, allow me to take a minute to thank our department faculty, staff, and students for all of their hard work, dedication, and resili-

ency over the last few weeks. Online classes are certainly not what most of us signed up for, yet we handled the change as well as can be expected. I can't thank our faculty, staff, and students enough for quickly adjusting to these changes in both learning and instruction.

To our majors, minors, and graduating seniors, we offer our most sincere congratulations! Many of you were juggling additional family and work responsibilities, or the loss of an income, while trying to complete your class requirements. You did well! For those moving on, we wish you all the best. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom in the Fall. Finally, to our dear colleague, Dr. Fred Roth, we will miss you next year. Congratulations on your retirement.

For all of us, the end of the spring semester is a time for remembrance. We take stock of where we came from, and have a moment to think about where we are going, as we pursue the future with hope. May your future be all that you hope for, and may it be sprinkled with love and friendship.



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## Fall 2020 Courses

Introductory Sociology

Population & Human Ecology

Sex & Gender

Social Organizations

Social Research

Health, Culture, and Society

Ethnographic Research

Cultural Anthropology

Methods in Language & Culture

The Native Americans

Archeological Theory & Analysis

Contemporary Social Issues & Problems

Senior Seminar



## Congrats to our Spring 2020 Graduates

**Cody Barker**

**Jaelin Carpenter**

**Sophia Cassidy**

**Mattie Shuler**

## Student Award Winners

**Mattie Shuler**

Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (academic)

**Emily O'Neal**

Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology  
(academic)

**Baleigh Epperly**

Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (service)

**Sam Webster**

Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology  
(service)

**Alanna Morgan**

Outstanding Graduate (academic)

**Allen Ross**

Outstanding Graduate (service)

## Retiring Faculty and Alumni Highlight

### Dr. Fred Roth



A native of New York, Dr. Roth received his doctorate from the University of Connecticut (2002).

His publica-

tions and research interests focused on comparative criminology, policing, social deviance, and underdevelopment. He was employed at Marshall University in 2001 where he taught over 200 courses in Introductory Sociology, Deviance, Criminology, and Juvenile Delinquency. He per-

formed vital roles in the Sociology and Anthropology Department such as Graduate Program Director. He also served as a committee member or chaired several master's theses. Students know and appreciate him for his academic guidance and quick wit. Our department will never be able to replace the personality that is Fred, and we wish our friend well on his retirement in South Africa.

### Jeff McKay

Jeff McKay, a two-time graduate of Marshall with an M.A. and B.A. in Sociology, was recently named Marshall University's Distinguished Young Alumnus.

Since graduation, Jeff has changed the beer culture of Huntington. He founded Huntington's first craft beer bar and helped found Huntington's Rails and Ales Festival and the Wild and Wonderful Winter Beer Fest. Jeff also lobbied state



leaders to change beer laws for the better, bringing additional business to the Mountain

State. Jeff is the owner of Summit Beer Station located in downtown Huntington.