

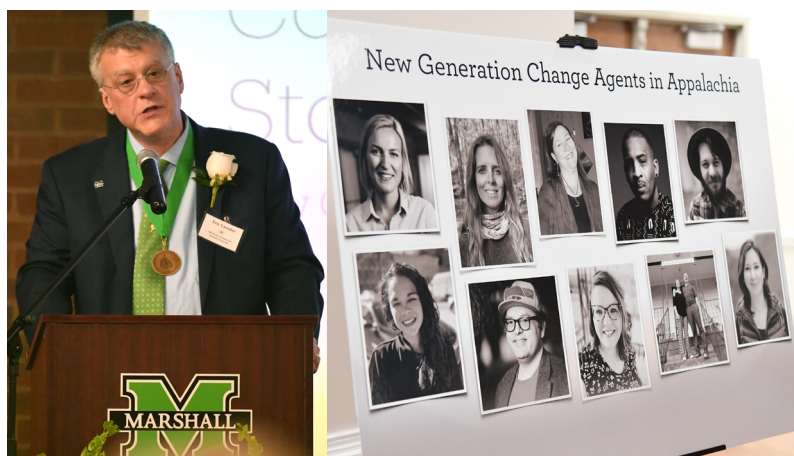
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Professor of History [Dr. Chris White](#) accepting the 30th Drinko Fellowship award from Executive Director [Dr. Montserrat Miller](#).

Dr. Chris White Named 30th Distinguished Drinko Fellow

Since joining the faculty in Fall 2006, Dr. White has taught Latin American history, U.S. history, world history, food history, conspiracies in U.S. history, and courses on the war on drugs and the global south. He leads the History Dept.'s "Food Past/Food Present" series, has authored four books, coedited one, and received the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism's Outstanding Community Contributor Award and the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. [View the Press Release](#)



[Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter](#) presenting his Drinko Fellowship project on "New Generation Change Agents in Appalachia" at the 2025 Symposium.

2025 DRINKO SYMPOSIUM

This year's Drinko Symposium was attended by more than 170 faculty, staff, administrators, and community members who gathered in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center for a formal dinner, a poster exhibit, and a multimedia presentation by 28th Drinko Fellow [Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter](#) about his two-year project on "New Generation Change Agents in Appalachia." [See 2025 Drinko Symposium photos by Rick Hays and Marilyn Testerman-Hays.](#)

DRINKO FELLOWS IN THE NEWS



[Dr. F. Robin O'Keefe](#) is lead author of an [article](#) published in the [Journal of Systematic Paleontology](#) identifying a new species of animal that left 85-million-year-old fossils in British Columbia. "It is always gratifying to discover something unexpected. . . *Traskasaura [sandrae]* is a strange, convergently evolved, fascinating beast." [View the Press Release](#)

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Executive Director [Dr. Montserrat Miller](#) at the 2025 Symposium recognizing Drinko Fellows [Dr. Ed Bingham](#), a [Faculty Distinguished Service Award](#) winner, and [Dr. Rachael Peckham](#), who was recently named [West Virginia Professor of the Year](#).

DRINKO FELLOWS AT THE 2025 SYMPOSIUM



Pictured in the back row left to right: [Dr. Luke Eric Lassiter](#), [Dr. Ed Bingham](#), [Prof. Burnis Morris](#), [Dr. Bob Alexander](#), [Dr. F. Robin O'Keefe](#), [Dr. Rachael Peckham](#), [Dr. Jeff Powell](#), [Prof. Sandra Reed](#), and [Dr. Wendell Dobbs](#). Front row left to right: [Dr. Vicki Stroeher](#), [Dr. Montserrat Miller](#), and [Dr. Mary Beth Reynolds](#).

MARSHALL FACULTY AWARD-WINNERS



[Center for Teaching & Learning Faculty Award-Winners](#) recognized at the 2025 Drinko Symposium pictured in the back row left to right: Drinko Fellow [Dr. Ed Bingham](#), [Dr. Uday Tate](#), [Dr. Lisa Heaton](#), [Prof. Dan Hollis](#), [Dr. Haroon Malik](#), [Prof. Pam Holland](#), and [Dr. Zelideth Rivas](#) - an [Honors College Faculty Award-winner](#). Front row left to right: [Dr. Sara Henning](#), [Dr. Rick Gage](#), [Dr. Molly Mersmann](#), [Dr. Hilary Brewster](#), Drinko Fellow [Dr. Rachael Peckham](#) - named [West Virginia Professor of the Year](#) by the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia, [Prof. Cat Pleska](#), [Dr. Kyle Palmquist](#), and [Dr. Kimberly McFall](#).