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## Motivational Speaker Patricia Russell-McCloud to Appear

The iLead Black Student Leadership Summit is coming to Marshall's Huntington campus beginning Friday, Oct. 16, and continuing until Sunday, Oct. 18.



Patricia Russell-McCloud

Sponsored locally by Marshall's Center for African American Students' Programs, iLead's objectives are to bring black student leaders from diverse backgrounds, locations and organizations together to disseminate leadership and personal development tools to aid leaders to better themselves while helping communities, families, organizations and ultimately institutions.

Sessions will include daily presentations by professionals in the field, break-out sessions with student leaders and professionals, team building exercises and networking.

Topics to be explored include discovering the impact today's leaders will have on the future, networking with other student and professional leaders, exploring and developing action plans for success and learning about current trends, methods and other attributes that are required for successful leaders.

### 'Campus Conversations' Continue Oct. 27

A series of discussions to identify and develop priorities that will become elements of an academic master plan at Marshall University is underway.

Campus Conversations, which are open to all Marshall faculty, students and staff, will take place throughout the 2009-10 academic year to enable those attending to provide input for the draft of the Academic Master Plan, which is expected to be completed in April 2010. The conversations are scheduled at alternate times in an effort to encourage broad participation.

Each session will have a thematic focus but discussions are expected to be open, direct, and not necessarily limited to the theme. Those on the South Charleston campus can participate in all sessions via video conference.

The first conversation, "Developing a Student Body: Recruitment, Retention, Success and Leadership," took place this week.

Subsequent dates and topics include:

*Conversation 2: "Developing Faculty: Recruitment, Retention, Success, and Leadership,"* 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 27, in room 2E28, Memorial Student Center; and, noon Wednesday, Oct. 28 in room 105 of Corbly Hall.

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Keynote presentations will cover a range of topics by professionals in the field of student leadership. Those presenting are Dr. Genevieve E. Myers, professor of political science at Marshall; Steven T. Birdine, president/CEO of Affirmations in Action!; Dr. Jan E. Duncan, director of student teaching, Alcorn State University; and Mary Clarke, M.A., director of academic services at St. Louis University.

Author and Howard Law School graduate Patricia Russell-McCloud will be the keynote speaker at a banquet that will take place Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Don Morris room of the Memorial Student Center. Listed in the

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## Cousteau to Give Multimedia Presentation Oct. 15

Audiences will be ushered beneath the sea when Jean-Michel Cousteau's multimedia presentation and deep sea journey on the big screen, "The Great Ocean Adventure," comes to the Keith-Albee Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, as part of the Marshall Artists Series.

Cousteau, son of legendary explorer Jacques



Jean-Michel Cousteau will appear at the Keith-Albee Thursday, Oct. 15.

Cousteau, will guide audiences through the world beneath the water as he shares photos, stories and videos from his 40 years of studying the sea.

The founder of the Ocean Futures Society, Cousteau is an environmental advocate who has addressed Presidents Clinton and Bush, the United Nations and other governmental and business leaders

about ocean conservation. He was the first person to represent the environment in the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in 2002. His more than 75 films have won him an Emmy, the Peabody Award, seven d'Or awards and the Environmental Hero Award, presented by former vice president Al Gore.

With experience as an architect, Cousteau created the first environmentally-friendly resort in the Fiji Islands. During "The Great Ocean Adventure," he will detail how he applied his experiences designing artificial floating

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# Visiting Pianist from Turkey to be in Residence at Marshall

Dr. Tûrev Berki, a visiting guest pianist from Turkey, will present a solo piano recital and participate in a chamber music concert during a week-long residency at the Marshall Department of Music beginning Oct. 14 and continuing through Oct. 20.

The piano recital begins at noon Friday, Oct. 16, at First Presbyterian Church, 1015 5th Avenue in Huntington. A complimentary lunch will follow the program, which will enable the audience to meet Berki. The chamber music concert, which will also feature cellist Dr. Sölen Dikener and violinist Ian Jesse, will take place Monday, Oct. 19 in the Smith Recital Hall on Marshall's Huntington campus. Both concerts are free of charge.



Dr. Tûrev Berki, a pianist from Turkey, will be in residence at Marshall University October 14-20.

"The visit of Dr. Berki to MU is the continuation of our duo collaboration that began with a concert tour in Turkey during my sabbatical leave in the spring of 2009," said Dikener, who is a member of the Marshall music faculty. "He is an outstanding musician and a virtuoso pianist. His visit ... will contribute tremendously to MU music students to enhance their global experience in the arts."

Berki is chair of the Musicology Department, State Conservatory of Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey.

A native of Ankara, he began his piano education at the age of nine with master duo-pianists Elif and Bedii Aran. He represented Turkey in the International Steinway Piano Competition, where he was awarded first prize, and was also among the five award winners in Italy at the Senigallia International Piano Competition for Young Pianists. In 1993, having been assigned as the cultural attaché of the Turkish Republic in the United States, he gave a recital in Washington D.C. on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the republic. As a soloist, he has played various concertos as well as many recitals, in international festivals held in Turkey.

Berki's visit is sponsored by MU Music Department and First Presbyterian Church under the MUsic Alive Guest Artist and Chamber Music Series, a program that is now in its fourth season. Dikener is the artistic director of the series, working together with Dale Capehardt from First Presbyterian Church. Each academic year, two international artists are invited to Huntington for concerts, lectures and other activities. The 2009-2010 program will feature, in upcoming events, the Degas String Quartet from North Carolina; the Capital Piano Trio from New York; violist Dr. Cetin Aydar from Izmir, Turkey; and the Nevelson Duo from Marshall.

## Stringer Collection Published by Salmon Poetry

English Department Professor A. E. (Art) Stringer recently published a new collection of poems, *Human Costume*, through Salmon Poetry in Ireland. Stringer is the author of a previous collection, *Channel Markers*, and has taught writing and literature at Marshall for 20 years.

"Professor Stringer continues to prove himself to be an extremely deep well of talent and inspiration for our students," said Dr. David J. Pittenger, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "Having an accomplished author of his

distinction is an undeniable asset for the Department of English, the College of Liberal Arts and the university. An extraordinary teacher, he leads his students by example to demonstrate the majesty of writing."

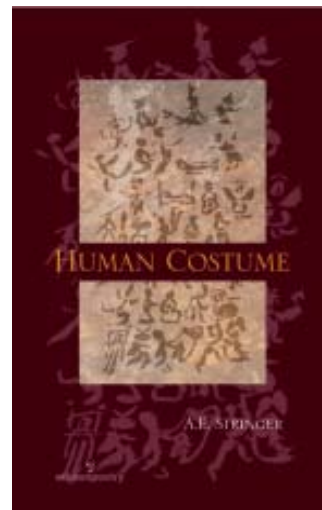
Stringer and southern Ohio poet Ron Houchin, whose book *Museum Crows* is also new from Salmon, just returned from a public reading in Galway, Ireland to launch both of their titles.

They will appear together in Huntington in early December and elsewhere in West Virginia in the coming year.

Stringer said *Human Costume* sees the human figure as being costumed in flesh and feeling, by which human nature is both

revealed and concealed. "The heart of the book," he said, "is our seasonal celebration of Halloween on the eve of All Saints Day." He said it was only after moving to West Virginia and experiencing the area's elaborate rituals and celebrations of these holidays that he came to appreciate their connection.

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## Profile: Brenda Harlow

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Brenda Harlow

Brenda Harlow is on a mission and her job title pretty much says it all, Cancer Information Specialist. Her goal quite simply is to see that as many woman as possible are informed about opportunities to be screened for breast and cervical cancer both locally and in the six county area in which she works.

Her work is administered through the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health and contracted through the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. And when women can't come to them, the Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health at the Edwards School of Medicine, in collaboration with the departments of Family Medicine and Ob/GYN, takes their mobile unit to women in rural areas.

"Woman in outlying areas often have to travel a long distance to get to a clinic or a doctor so instead of waiting for them to come to us we go to them," she says. The mobile unit offers multiple health care functions but when it goes in the field to offer Pap tests it is staffed by an Ob/GYN physician and a nurse from the medical school she explains.

"There is limited space on the unit which has two small exam rooms and a waiting area. Pap tests are done in the unit and we can arrange for mammograms to be done at another site. We try to arrange free Pap tests for women who meet income guidelines and to work with labs to get free Pap tests for those who don't."

Harlow often accompanies the bus-like unit as it makes its way into the six counties it serves, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo and Wayne. Back on campus she coordinates and schedules health promotions and works as a liaison between the Bureau of Public Health and the medical school, assisting with billing and other assorted paperwork while arranging for outreach activities.

Recently Marshall teamed up with West Virginia University's new mobile mammography unit, "Bonnie's Bus" to offer both Pap tests and mammograms at the Harless Center in Gilbert. It was their first collaboration and Harlow has high hopes that it won't be their last.

She grew up in Summersville and after receiving an associate degree from West Virginia Institute of Technology spent five years with Bright of America, a Summersville company that made laminated items and assorted decorative gifts. Feeling a need to return to school, she enrolled at Marshall in 1977 and went on to complete both a B.A. degree and a master's degree in counseling. A job working with the Huntington area Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization soon followed.

"This is a wonderful program which benefits volunteers as much as kids. Now the age for volunteers has been lowered to 18 and the ages for the kids in the program runs from 6-15. This allows college students, for instance, to take part in the

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## Surplus Property Sale Starts Nov. 2

Marshall will hold a public surplus property sale Nov. 2 and 3 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Art Warehouse building located at 201 21<sup>st</sup> Street in Huntington. Registration will be conducted and bid forms will be distributed during those times.

An array of items, including office furniture, business machines, copiers, printers, refrigerators and a pick-up truck, are available.

After the bids are tabulated the items will go to the highest bidder. Successful bidders will be required to pay for and pick up their purchases no later than 3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 6.

For additional information, call Deborah Watson at ext. 66678 or e-mail her at [watsond@marshall.edu](mailto:watsond@marshall.edu).

## Regional Chamber, Young Professionals Committee Establish Scholarship

The Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Scholarship has been established by the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.

The Chamber and YPC recently pledged \$10,000 to fund the scholarship and the YPC recently provided an additional \$1,500 to help fund the Lewis College of Business' new Lounge project. The Young Professionals Committee is a subcommittee of the Chamber that fosters leadership skills for professionals ages 21 to 45.

Scholarship guidelines call for one award of \$2,000 to be given to a Marshall University student annually for five years beginning with the current academic year.

The recipient must be a full-time undergraduate student who does not qualify for the PROMISE Scholarship. He or she also must be an employee or an immediate family member of an employee of a business that is a member of the chamber or an affiliated subcommittee.

"The Chamber is happy to provide this opportunity to a deserving student," said Mark Bugher, president of the chamber. "Creating education opportunities is critical to our overall economic climate and the success of local businesses."

The recipient must perform a minimum of 20 hours of unpaid community service or 20 hours in an unpaid

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From left to right are Matt White, Cassey Bowden, Christie White, Dr. Ron Area, Mark Bugher, Brandy Roisman and Romy Mundy. All but Area, who is Senior Vice President for Development and Chief Executive Officer for the Marshall University Foundation, are members of the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce and Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Scholarship Committee. White is chair of the YPC and Bugher is president of the Chamber.

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program if they're interested. I was able to put my counseling background to good use as I worked with the group's early intervention program and domestic violence program."

The empathetic Harlow worked at Big Brothers/Big Sisters for 10 years before taking a job at River Valley Child Development Services, an early intervention program. Later she worked at Branches, a domestic violence shelter, before coming to Marshall where she's been for 13 years.

Harlow has always been fervent about getting the word out to women about the importance of the early detection of cancer

"My job is very fulfilling. I don't always meet the women who benefit because I don't work at the actual clinic, but I do sometimes hear them talk about their experiences," she says. And she buoyed by knowing that she can pass along information about programs that can provide financial help for treatment options. She cites for example the Federal legislation which under guidelines allows benefits for treatment for woman who are diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer through an early detection program.

"One of the biggest problems is getting the word out that there are benefits which are available. I still hear from women who got help after getting this information and that does make the job worthwhile."

These days she stays busy caring for her golden retriever, Lincoln, and running two or three times a week. She's an avid reader, likes to travel as her time permits and loves all Marshall sports, particularly football, so she can usually be seen at the stadium on game days. "I love all the energy before the games," she says enthusiastically.

"My job can be stressful but it has its rewards," she adds. And she has some sage words of advice. "Women often put the needs of everyone else before themselves. They take care of husbands, children, parents and other people and put their own needs on the back burner. And some women don't go to the doctor because they don't have the money and they don't know about programs that will help them. That's what we're here for, to get information to people to protect their health."

## Campus Conversations

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*Conversation 3: "Developing Academic Programs: Resources, Facilities, and Structures," 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12, in room 2E28, Memorial Student Center; and, noon Friday, Nov. 13, in the Alumni Lounge (2W16), Memorial Student Center.*

*Conversation 4: "Financial Considerations and Context," time, place and date to be announced during the Spring Semester 2010.*

The discussions are sponsored by the Office of Academic Affairs and MU-ADVANCE. Light refreshments will be provided. Questions and requests for additional information should be directed to the Office of Academic Affairs, [academic-affairs@marshall.edu](mailto:academic-affairs@marshall.edu).

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Top Five Business Motivators in America by Black Enterprise Magazine, she also has been featured in Ebony, Black Enterprise and Essence magazines. She has earned a reputation as one of the top orators of today.

Dr. Shari Williams-Clarke, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs at Marshall, said the summit offers a range of prolific presenters, including "Patricia Russell-McCloud, who is absolutely the most dynamic and engaging speaker I have heard. Her message is strong, motivating and resonates with students and the general public. She will hold the audience captive. We are all looking forward to an exceptional summit."

Registration for all events is \$45 with no charge for Marshall students and high school students. Registration for the banquet only is \$25 per person or \$125 for a table for eight. To register call 304-696-4677 or e-mail [clarkes@marshall.edu](mailto:clarkes@marshall.edu).

For additional information about iLead, go to [www.iLEAD.webs.com](http://www.iLEAD.webs.com).

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islands, schools and environmentally responsible ocean-oriented resorts to his study of the sea. He helped design the Parc Oceanique Cousteau in Paris, which teaches visitors about ocean preservation without using captive animals. His team led the efforts to reintroduce the first captive orca, Keiko, into the wild. On Earth Day in 1997, Cousteau held the first interactive video chat beneath the ocean to celebrate International Year of the Reef.

Tickets can be purchased through the Marshall Artists Series box office, located in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center, or by calling (304) 696-6656 or (304) 523-5757. Patrons can also visit [www.marshallartistsseries.org](http://www.marshallartistsseries.org) for ticket information.

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*Human Costume* includes poems about nature, war, love, and art that have appeared over the past decade in journals such as *The Ohio Review*, *Shenandoah*, *Antaeus*, *Denver Quarterly*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and others.

The book was supported by a grant from the John Deaver Drinko Academy and is available at the Marshall bookstore and at [www.salmonpoetry.com/humancostume.html](http://www.salmonpoetry.com/humancostume.html).

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internship at a chamber or YPC member business during the year he or she receives the scholarship. The recipient must live in campus housing and maintain full-time status and a minimum grade point average of 2.5.

"It is with great pleasure and excitement that the YPC can partner with the chamber to offer this scholarship to Marshall University," said Christie White, chair of the YPC. "It will be a wonderful opportunity to assist in advancing the higher education of the future young professionals of the Huntington area."