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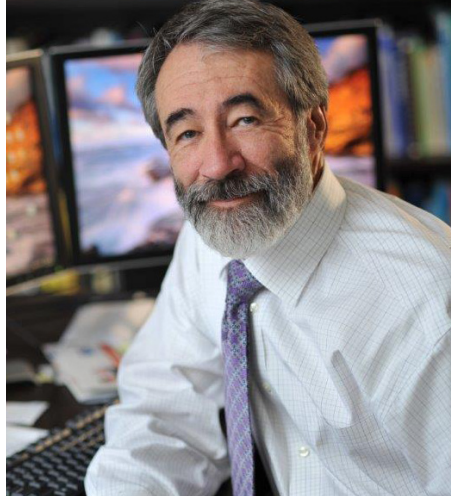
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A Message FROM DEAN PREWITT

Our semester is quickly coming to a close with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays just around the corner. Students are busy scheduling with our COHP advisors for the upcoming semester and I couldn't be more proud of the continued dedication of our faculty, staff and students within the college. We recently found out Marshall University raised \$29K for the United Way campaign which was spearheaded by staffer, Megan Archer and the UW campus committee. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize these efforts which can only



improve the city of Huntington and our residents. This month, I'd like for you to pay special attention to several events we have planned for our university community. On Nov. 11th, we will have a visit from Mr. Robert Meeropol, son of the famous Rosenbergs, who will share his story with our university community. We will also have grand opening events on Nov. 19th and 20th to announce our brand new nursing simulation labs in Corbly and MOVC. We hope to see you there! As always, my door is always open ---

Michael Prewitt

MPH Program Recruits for Spring Semester in D.C.



Earlier this month, our MPH faculty and staff travelled to the Idealist Graduate Fair at the Washington Convention Center in D.C. to recruit potential students and generate awareness about Marshall's Graduate Program in Public Health. The Idealist Graduate Fair connects individuals with graduate schools in fields such as international affairs, education, public policy, public health, social work, and environmental science. Marshall University's MPH program joined 248 other colleges across the U.S. including Harvard University, Columbia University and John Hopkins University to assist students planning graduate study. Dr. William Pewen, program director, noted said there was great interest in Marshall's MPH.

"Students quickly recognize the remarkable training and research opportunities available at our university, and many find our innovative curricula in Global and Community Health, and in Research, Evaluation and Policy provide an exceptional match to their career objectives," he added, "As students consider affordability as well, the value of a Marshall MPH becomes even more compelling."

Nursing faculty to conduct research to improve student retention



Dr. Nancy Elkins of the Marshall University College of Health Professions will begin her qualitative research soon with students who did not complete their four-year baccalaureate nursing programs in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia. Elkins said the results from this research study would help to improve retention rates at Marshall University and surrounding universities.

Elkins said research such as this is necessary when one considers the number of nurses who will be needed over the next several years.

“The nursing shortage is expected to grow and it is projected that the United States will need an additional 340,000 nurses by the year 2020, according to the American Association of Colleges of Nursing,” Elkins said. “Because this nursing shortage continues to grow, nurse educators cannot afford to lose qualified students hoping to become RNs. We must increase the retention rate of nursing students who take one of the limited, sought-after positions in a nursing program.”

Elkins said the registered nurse workforce is one of the top ten occupations in the United States with an expected job growth of 26%, which is an increase of 1.2 million nursing jobs through 2020, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

“The results of this study may assist administrators of BSN programs with nursing student retention and program completion, which will help meet challenge of the nation’s growing deficit of nurses,” Elkins said.

Elkins will conduct her research alongside her co-investigator and fellow nursing colleague, Dr. Joy Cline. Cline said the results from this study could increase the number of nursing graduates and therefore improve health care throughout the U.S.

“Let’s face it, our country is facing a surge in patients as baby boomers age and right now the literature shows we aren’t educating enough nurses to meet the demands of the American public,” Cline said. “Currently, there is no research that measures student perspectives or outcomes about their unsuccessful experiences in their nursing program. We are hoping to change that.”

Dr. Denise Landry, department chair of the Marshall School of Nursing, said many students are dealing with factors that can affect their performance in the clinical and classroom setting, such as psychological stress, test-taking anxiety, juggling family obligations, work responsibilities, health issues and economic instability. Landry said she commends her colleagues for initiating research that will improve all nursing programs in the country.

“Dr. Elkins has begun to implement strategies within our School of Nursing to help prepare students to successfully complete their BSNs through her proposed Introduction to Nursing course,” Landry said. “The School of Nursing is reviewing and revising the curriculum and it is a course that may exist in upcoming semesters.”

Volunteers who are interested in participating in the study can contact Elkins by e-mail at elkinsn@marshall.edu or by calling 304-696-2617. Participants in the study will receive \$50 for a one-hour interview.

Department of Dietetics joins campus community to celebrate Food Day with 100 Mile



Christina Gayheart (far left) is shown with Dietetics alums Tonya Davis (center) and Lindsey Williams (far right) during Marshall's first celebration of Food Day held Oct. 23.

Last year, more than 300 universities across the U.S. organized events to celebrate Food Day and this year, Marshall University joined the movement. Food Day, a nationwide celebration of healthy and affordable foods, advocates for better food policies on a local, state and federal level.

Christina Gayheart, president of Marshall's Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics, said the organization partnered with Marshall's Dining Services and Sustainability Department to host a "100-Mile Meal" on Oct. 23, in Towers Marketplace on the Huntington campus.

"Food for this dinner was sourced within 100 miles of Marshall University, helping to support our area farmers and to create a more stable, sustainable economy," Gayheart said. "This was an opportunity to educate the public about locally produced, healthy foods and push for a change in the American food system."

The meal was free for students who have a meal plan and cost \$10.49 for the rest of the Marshall community.

"This was a meal prepared using local resources including chicken, dumplings and smoked ham from Kentucky Proud in Walton, Kentucky; mashed potatoes from Mrs. Dennis's Farms in Wauseon, Ohio; mixed fall vegetables from Holthouse Farms

in Willard, Ohio; brown-and-serve rolls from Heiner's Bakery in Huntington; and ice cream topped with baked West Virginia-grown apple slices from Broughton's Milk and Ice Cream," Gayheart said.

Lauren Kemp, Local Food Business Programs Director at Unlimited Future Inc. and a sponsor for Marshall's 100-Mile Meal, said she oversees the 30-Mile Meal Huntington program, which is a regional flavor and food development initiative working in the tri-state area. Kemp said the 100-Mile Meal will begin to show students the wealth of food that can be grown in this region.

"It was so great to see Marshall's student leaders asking for local foods in the university dining halls," Kemp said. "Student leadership from the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics shows that students are starting to care about where their food comes from and this could lead to great opportunities to connect the campus with our community."

Special events were hosted by the Wild Ramp, 30-Mile Meal, Marshall's Sustainability Department and the Student Association of Nutrition and Dietetics including a photo booth, informational tables, video games and prizes. The campus radio station, WMUL-FM 88.1, provided music and entertainment. For more information about the 100-Mile Meal, contact Gayheart at gayheart@marshall.edu or visit <http://www.marshall.edu/100milemeal/> online.



Department of Social Work sponsors “The Rosenberg Trial Seminar” Nov. 11th

In 1953, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for conspiracy to commit espionage and passing information about the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union. Sixty-one years later, their son Robert Meeropol will share his story with the Marshall University community during “The Rosenberg Trial Seminar” sponsored by the College of Health Professions and the college’s Department of Social Work.

Dr. Peggy Proudfoot Harman, assistant professor of social work and organizer of the event, said this seminar will be the culmination of a semester-long exploration into the implications of the well-known Rosenberg trial by her First Year Seminar (FYS) students.

“My FYS ‘Investigation 101’ students have studied the connection of how social, biological, and psychological factors shape human behavior,” Harman said. “From a social work standpoint, Mr. Meeropol’s story is interesting for many reasons especially when one considers that he and his older brother were abandoned by family members after his parents execution until he was later adopted by the Meeropol family.”

Harman, a former federal investigator/ mitigation specialist for the Federal Public Defender in Pittsburgh, said Meeropol has plans to discuss many themes, which are still relevant today.

“In light of the recent news associated with Edward Snowden, ISIS, and other acts of terrorism, the issues of national security, patriotism and the death penalty are still topics of great interest to many of us,” Harman said. “As far as we know, Mr. Meeropol is the only U.S. attorney to have had both parents executed and with this in mind, he will bring a fascinating personal perspective to the table.”

Meeropol said he was only 6 years old when his parents were put to death. Now in his 60s, Meeropol said he does not do many speaking engagements, but the opportunity granted to him through Marshall University was one he could not pass up.

“When I found out there was a group of young students dedicated to delving into my parents case at Marshall, I saw an opportunity to explore these connections and create a level of interaction I have not had within other campus events,” Meeropol said.

History may not repeat itself, but it does echo, according to Meeropol who said he hopes the Marshall community will see the relationship between what has happened in the past and what continues to happen in our present and our future.

“At the end of this, I want my audience to learn how to explore for themselves. If they listen to everything I say and respond, ‘okay this guy is the fountain of truth’ then they won’t have gotten the point. If they reject everything I say and then respond, ‘he’s living in a fantasy land,’ then they won’t have gotten the point either,” Meeropol said. “The point I want them to take away is that the truth is rarely simple and often times, keeping an open mind will help us understand things in a way we never thought possible.”

Robert Meeropol will present twice on Tuesday, Nov. 11th, The morning session with FYS students will be held in the Drinko Library Room 402 from 10-11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. The Marshall University Department of Social Work will sponsor one CEU for licensed social workers for this session.

The Rosenberg Trial Seminar will take place 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 11th in the Memorial Student Center’s room BE5 on Marshall’s Huntington campus. Hard copies of his book “*An Execution in the Family: One Son’s Journey*” will be sold for \$10 with proceeds to benefit the Rosenberg Fund for Children. Food and refreshments will be provided for all participants and two hours of continuing education units CEUs will be available for licensed social workers sponsored by the Marshall University Department of Social Work. For more information on the Department of Social Work, visit www.marshall.edu/cohp online. To learn more about Meeropol and his work with The Rosenberg Fund for Children, visit <http://www.rfc.org> online.

Marshall communication disorder graduate student chosen as PROGENY research finalist



A Marshall University student has been chosen as a finalist to participate in the American Speech-Language Hearing Association's (ASHA) PROGENY research program at the association's annual conference Nov. 20-22 in Orlando, Fla.

Ryan Kerns, 22, of Romney, W.Va., is a first-year graduate assistant in the Marshall University department of communication disorders. Kerns conducted his research on faculty attitudes and perceptions of interprofessional (IPE) education. He will share this research in a poster presentation during the annual ASHA conference in November.

According to the ASHA website, "PROGENY pairs faculty researchers with undergraduate students who are first authors on poster presentations at the annual ASHA Convention. PROGENY highlights and supports the work of these undergraduates by providing them with an opportunity to talk with experienced scientists about their research, and about pursuing an academic-research career."

IPE, the topic of Kerns' research, refers to occasions when students from two or more professions in health and social care learn together during all or part of their professional training with the object of cultivating collaborative practice for providing client- or patient-centered health care. Kerns said he became interested in IPE and

how it's used in the educational curriculum for future allied health professionals. Kerns collected data from faculty in the Marshall Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy as well as the College of Health Professions.

"I observed a few planning sessions for IPE sessions and thought a survey would be beneficial to help educators reflect on their experiences," Kerns said. "I also did this research because I think it is important students play an active role to ensure they gain the most out of educational opportunities."

Pam Holland, director of clinical education for the department of communication disorders, said the department's Community of Research Practice group is one way these students learn about research and the opportunities offered through the PROGENY program.

"PROGENY stands for PROMoting the future GEneration of researchers," Holland said. "That is exactly what we do at Marshall - we motivate our students and encourage them to conduct research projects which allow them to explore an academic-research career."

Kerns said he feels extremely blessed to attend an institution like Marshall University, which gives students the opportunity to strengthen and develop research skills, which can help throughout his professional career.

"Since becoming a member of the Community of Research Practice group in fall 2013, I've felt empowered and capable of doing research at this level," Kern said. "I would like to personally thank our department for helping me get to this point by supporting me and providing essential feedback, especially Dr. Susan Thomas-Frank and Mrs. Pamela Holland for being the best professional mentors I could ask for."

Holland, who also serves as an assistant professor of communication disorders, said developing research skills enhances students' clinical capabilities and prepares them to be evidence-based practitioners. Since the Community of Research Practice group began in 2008, Marshall has had eight students, including Kerns, represented in the PROGENY program in the past six years.

Students can learn more about these sessions by visiting www.marshall.edu/corp online. To find out more about ASHA, visit www.asha.org, or to learn about PROGENY, visit www.asha.org/Research/PROGENY/ online.

Grand Opening for Nursing Simulation Labs in Corbly Hall and MOVC campus



A grand opening reception will be held for both nursing simulation laboratories to showcase the amazing facilities and equipment housed within Marshall's Huntington campus and the MOVC campus. The grand opening reception for the Corbly Hall simulation lab will be 3:30 - 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19th with a special demonstration by the School of Nursing faculty and students. Food and refreshments will be provided after a tour of the lab is conducted.

The grand opening reception for the MOVC nursing simulation lab will be held 3:30 - 6 p.m., Thursday, November 20th in Point Pleasant, WV. Special attendants will include President Stephen Kopp and others who will be in attendance for a series of public forums to discuss the future of higher education funding in West Virginia later that evening in Point Pleasant.

Dates To Remember

- **November 11th:** Rosenberg Trial Lecture Series, hosted by Dept. of Social Work, MSC BE5, 7 p.m.
- **November 12th:** Department Chair Meeting, Dean's Suite, PH 224, 9:30 a.m.
- **November 15th-19th:** 142nd Annual Meeting of APHA, New Orleans.
- **November 17th:** SON to provide student flu shots, BE5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **November 18th:** SON to provide student flu shots, Don Morris Room, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **November 19th:** Nursing Simulation Lab Open House, Corbly Hall 4th Floor, 3-6 p.m.
- **November 20th:** MOVC Nursing Simulation Lab Open House, Point Pleasant, 3-6 p.m.
- **November 20-22nd:** Annual ASHA Convention, Orlando, Florida.