

Welcome to The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University  
February 10, 2021.

**Disparities in Health Care During the Pandemic**



## *Photograph*

*Cover – This photograph of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson portrait was taken by Eric Himes of Marshall's IT department during The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum's special Black History Month Observance, February 1, 2021, at the Visual Art Center's Carroll Gallery, where the portrait of the Father of Black History was unveiled by artist Sassa Wilkes. The Woodson Lyceum commissioned the portrait, whose image is based on Dr. Woodson's likeness from a photograph in the Ancella Bickley Collection of West Virginia State Archives. The State Archives and the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, which Dr. Woodson founded in 1915, granted permission for use of the photograph's likeness. Marshall University retains all rights to the portrait and will find a prominent home for it on campus.*

## **Program**

### **Disparities in Health Care During the Pandemic**

4 p.m. February 10, 2021

The link to this virtual event: <https://tinyurl.com/lyceum21021>.

#### **The Occasion**

Burnis Morris, Carter G. Woodson Professor and Director, The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum

#### **Welcome**

Dr. Jerome Gilbert, President, Marshall University

#### **Remarks**

- Dr. Wendell Dobbs, Professor of Music and Interim Dean, College of Arts and Media
- Dr. Montserrat Miller, Executive Director, Drinko Academy

#### **Personal Perspectives**

- Head Football Coach Charles Huff, Marshall University

*Introduction by Professor Burnis Morris,*

#### **COVID-19 Disparities in West Virginia**

- Ms. Jill Upson, Chair, West Virginia COVID-19 Advisory Commission on African American Disparities, and Director, Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs Commission on Disparities and executive director of the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs

*Introduction by Professor Burnis Morris*

#### **Infant Mortality in West Virginia**

Dr. Lauri Andress, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, West Virginia University

*Introduction by Dr. Joseph Shapiro, Dean, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University*

#### **An Appeal to the Public**

Dr. Leonard White, Assistant Dean, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Marshall University

*Introduced by Huntington Mayor Steve Williams, who will disclose how Dr. White saved his life.*

#### **Q & A**

Presenters may ask questions of the experts, and Dr. Miller will read questions collected on Zoom.

*Co-sponsoring this event is Huntington Tri-State Branch,  
Association for the Study of African American Life and History.*

*The Lyceum also expresses appreciation to Eric Himes,  
of Marshall's IT department, for his support beyond the call of duty.*

## Our Experts



Dr. Lauri Address, WVU

Dr. Lauri Address is an African American assistant professor in the School of Public Health at West Virginia University. She also holds an adjunct appointment at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, Dean's Office. Originally from Houston, Texas, Dr. Address has been part of the faculty at WVU since 2013. Prior to joining academia Dr. Address worked in government as chief of public affairs, a policy aide to local and congressional policymakers, and lead teams from 2007-2010 that launched the Centers for Health Equity in Wisconsin and Louisville, Kentucky.

Drawing from those experiences, Dr. Address is now examining issues of race, racism historical trauma, and infant mortality disparities. She has also conducted research on built environment inequities in infrastructure in West Virginia including transportation planning, food access and food deserts for low-income women, children, the homeless, and seniors. She recently launched a website that investigates how place shapes population health in West Virginia located at [place and health wv \(all lower case one word\) .com](http://placeandhealthwv.com) <https://placeandhealthwv.com/>, The goal of the website is to shift the way that a society thinks about and conceptualizes notions of good and poor health to extend beyond healthcare.



Head Football Coach Charles Huff, Marshall University

(Condensed from Marshall University's announcement, Jan. 17, 2021)

Marshall University officials announced that University of Alabama associate head coach/running backs coach **Charles Huff** has been named the Thundering Herd's next head football coach. Huff just finished his second year with the Alabama Crimson Tide and helped lead the team to a victory in the 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship versus Ohio State University. Known as an elite recruiter and developer of talent, Huff's proven track record has bolstered Alabama head coach Nick Saban's staff for the past two seasons. Huff joined Alabama in 2019 after one season (2018) as the assistant head coach, run-game coordinator and running backs coach at Mississippi State University. He boasts 17 years of coaching experience on both the NFL and college levels, with stops at Penn State University (2014-17), Western Michigan University (2013), the NFL's Buffalo Bills (2012), Vanderbilt University (2011), Hampton University (2010), University of Maryland (2009) and Tennessee State University (2006-08). A native of Denton, Maryland, Huff graduated in 2005 from Hampton University, where he served as a team captain, starting 12 games at center as a senior in 2005. He also played guard, fullback and tight end in his career.



Jill Upson, Henderson Office of Minority Affairs  
State of West Virginia

**Jill Upson** is the Executive Director of the Herbert Henderson Office of Minority Affairs (HHOMA). She was appointed to this cabinet-level position in December 2018 after serving for four years in the West Virginia House of Delegates. Through her vision to employ a combination of informational and cultural initiatives, Upson has greatly expanded the impact of this agency statewide. Only months after taking leadership, Upson designed, created, and implemented the first major grant program at HHOMA. The community-based pilot project that she named BRIDGE (Building Resources In Diverse Geographic Environments), is providing a half million dollars in funding to underrepresented communities throughout West Virginia.



Dr. Leonard White, Assistant Professor  
Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

**Dr. Leonard White** is the associate dean for diversity and an assistant professor in the department of internal medicine of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine at Marshall University. He received his MD and his post-graduate training in internal medicine from the University of Toledo School of Medicine. He practices internal medicine in several settings, coupling hospital-based practice at several hospitals with outpatient medicine within Valley Health. His primary academic interest is the correction of health care disparities.

**Dr. Wendell Dobbs** has served as professor of music at Marshall University for 35 years and as Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Media for the past two years. He performs as principal flute with the Huntington Symphony Orchestra and the Ohio Valley Symphony. As the John Deaver Drinko Fellow he founded the John Marshall Fife and Drum Corps. He explores early American and 19<sup>th</sup>-century French music for the flute. Early in his career Dobbs performed with the United States Army Band, “Pershing’s Own” in Washington, DC. During those years he completed his masters and doctorate at Catholic University studying with Bernard Goldberg. Later he studied for two years as a French Government Scholar in Paris with Michel Debost and Alain Marion. He performs regularly with his colleague Júlio Ribeiro Alves in the Violauta Duo.

**Dr. Montserrat Miller**, professor of history; executive director, John Deaver Drinko Academy for American Political Institutions and Civic Culture, Marshall University. Dr. Miller earned a Ph. D. from Carnegie Mellon University in 1994, a M.A. in History from Carnegie Mellon University in 1990, a M.A. in History from Marshall University in 1988, and a B.A. in International Affairs from Marshall University in 1983. She has won numerous awards for scholarship, teaching and service over her 30-year academic career, including the 2007 Edward H. Greene West Virginia Professor of the Year Award. Her research has been funded by the U.S. State Department’s Fulbright Program, the American Association of University Women, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain’s Ministry of Culture and United States’ Universities, the West Virginia Humanities Council, and Marshall University. Dr. Miller’s work has been published in Catalan, Spanish, and English. Her book, *Feeding Barcelona, 1714-1975: Public Market Halls, Social Networks, and Consumer Culture* (Louisiana State University Press, 2015), was awarded the Best First Book Prize by Phi Alpha Theta, the National History Honorary Society. For more information about Dr. Miller, visit [www.marshall.edu/drinko/](http://www.marshall.edu/drinko/)

**Burnis R. Morris** is the Carter G. Woodson Professor of Journalism and Mass Communications and co-founder and director of The Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University. Morris also founded the Institute on Black History for teachers (in 2017) and will conduct the fourth program in June, all with major grants from West Virginia Humanities Council. He previously created the Fourth Estate and the Third Sector, a national training program for journalists who cover tax-exempt organizations and philanthropy, a program Knight Foundation awarded more than \$850,000. He is author of three published books, including “Carter G. Woodson: History, the Black Press, and Public Relations” (University Press of Mississippi, 2017), which prompted Time (2019) and AARP (2020) magazines to feature his work in their Black History Month coverage. He is a co-author of “Radical Roots: Public History and Social Justice” (Amherst College Press, April 2021). Morris, a former assistant chair of the Faculty Senate, recently was recognized by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communications as a national Trailblazer of Diversity. He earned a BA in Journalism at the University of Mississippi and MPA at University of Dayton.



### **Please Let Teachers Know about Our Institute for Teachers**

- June 19-23 – With funding from West Virginia Humanities Council, The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum is offering a Black History Institute for all K-12 teachers, especially those who teach art, English, literature, history and social studies. Teachers selected for the program will receive \$500 stipends, and they may receive three graduate professional development credits with paid tuition. This is The Lyceum's fourth institute since 2017. Deadline: by 5 p.m. March 31, 2021. Contact Professor Burnis Morris, [morrisb@marshall.edu](mailto:morrisb@marshall.edu), or apply online at [https://marshall.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1FTTHmaZiBcSW2O](https://marshall.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1FTTHmaZiBcSW2O)

### **Please Join The Woodson Lyceum at Other 2021 Black History Month Events**

- 6 p.m. Feb. 26 – Winners of the Annual Black History Month Essay Competition will be announced during a program co-sponsored by The National PanHellenic Council on behalf of the Office of Fraternity & Sorority Life, the Psi Beta Beta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum. The link to the event will be available *soon* on the NPHC Herdlink Page <https://herdlink.marshall.edu/organization/nphc>. For additional information, contact [Cunningha189@marshall.edu](mailto:Cunningha189@marshall.edu).
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**STEP STROLL & HOP?**

*NPHC Spring Convocation*  
Virtual  
Wed. Feb. 17, 2021  
6:00pm EST

Please scan the QR Code to Register:



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### **About Black History Month**

Dr. Carter G. Woodson (Dec. 19, 1875-April 3, 1950), the Father of Black History, said the turning point in his career was his West Virginia years, a period that included graduation from Huntington's Douglass School, service as its principal and work as a coal miner. Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now, ASALH) in 1915, launching the Black History Movement. He created the first "Negro History Week" Feb. 6-12, 1926, and his followers expanded it to a month 50 years later. Dr. Woodson advocated the study of Black History throughout the year, but disrespect for people of African descent was rampant, and only a week was possible during his day. However, his writings (and those of his associates) clearly indicate he advocated the study of Black History throughout the year.

### **About The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum**

The Woodson Lyceum at Marshall University was created in 2016. It takes its name from Aristotle's first school, which was called a lyceum, but the name also is closely associated with justice and freedom for African Americans and the press. For instance, during a speech at a lyceum in Springfield, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln attacked vigilantes for murder of abolitionist editor Elijah Lovejoy, and crusading journalist Ida B. Wells brought attention to injustice at a Memphis lyceum and through that lyceum's newspaper. The name lyceum also is associated with a major civil rights victory at the University of Mississippi Lyceum, where rioters in 1962 stormed the building but failed to prevent the registration of James Meredith, the university's first Black student. At Marshall University, The Woodson Lyceum, a collaboration between Drinko Academy and the W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications, is a Woodson-inspired forum on black history and education and provides support for a free press – all, of course, throughout the year. Since its inception, The Woodson Lyceum has produced programs involving Dr. Earl Lewis, who was president of the Mellon Foundation; Dr. Carla Hayden, the librarian of Congress; and the 400-year anniversary and significance of Jamestown. The Woodson Lyceum also has sponsored programs featuring Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, the first African American to chair the Department of History at Harvard, and trained West Virginia teachers in Black History instruction despite the coronavirus pandemic. The Lyceum concluded 2020 with a presentation by the U.S. Surgeon General, Jerome Adams.

### **Institutional supporters of The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum:**

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*(Please support the work of The Woodson Lyceum. Visit: [Maple Grove Society - The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum \(marshall.edu\)](https://www.marshall.edu/maple-grove-society-the-dr-carter-g-woodson-lyceum))*