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The Newsletter for Marshall University

April 24, 2013

James C. Smith, Thomson Reuters CEO and Marshall grad, to deliver commencement speech to undergraduates May 11



James C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of Thomson Reuters, will deliver the keynote address at Marshall University's 176th commencement Saturday, May 11, at the Big Sandy Superstore Arena in downtown Huntington.

Smith, a native of Carlisle, Ky., is a 1981 graduate of Marshall, which he attended on a football scholarship. He will speak at the 9 a.m. commencement for undergraduates. Commencement for graduate students begins at 2 p.m. that same day at the arena.

"It's humbling, absolutely humbling, and gratifying at the same time," Smith said of being selected to not only speak at commencement, but to receive an honorary doctoral degree of humane letters from the university.

Smith leads a company of 60,000 people in 140 countries who provide critical news, information and technology to leading decision makers around the world. The company's products primarily serve professionals in the legal, regulatory and financial markets and reported revenues of \$12.8 billion in 2012.

Smith is a member of the International Business Council of the World Economic Forum and the board of directors of the Brazil-U.S. Business Council. He also serves on the international advisory boards of British American Business and the Atlantic Council.

"We are extremely honored and excited to welcome Jim Smith, a true son of Marshall, back to Marshall to address our graduates," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "He is someone who took what he learned at Marshall, both in and outside the classroom, and applied it to his own life and career as he climbed the ladder of success in the business world. He grew up in a small town in Nicholas County, Kentucky, and now is CEO of this multi-billion dollar, multinational media and information firm based in New York City, traveling the world on behalf of its business interests. I am certain his commencement message on May 11th will be very insightful and motivating for our graduates."

Smith's football career at Marshall was cut short by knee injuries in each of his first two years, but he still enjoyed a full, engaging college experience. He stayed involved with the football program, serving as a student assistant on Coach Sonny Randle's staff. He also was active in student affairs and participated in the university's honors program before graduating magna cum laude. He was and remains a good friend of Mike Hamrick, Marshall's director of athletics, who was his teammate for a while at Marshall.

"Marshall was great to me," Smith said. "I loved the environment, I loved learning. I loved discovering that I loved learning. The environment there was just perfect for me. It was big enough to offer everything but small enough that you could actually have relationships with the professors."

Except for the 1970 plane crash, Smith said he knew nothing about Marshall before being recruited to play football. But he accepted the scholarship – which he continued to receive until graduating, despite not playing – and never regretted choosing Marshall.

"I absolutely loved the classroom environment at Marshall," he said. "Sitting in class was life changing for me."

Smith began his career as a journalist and was managing editor of the Charleston Daily Mail when it was acquired by Thomson Newspapers in 1987. He rose through the ranks at Thomson Newspapers to become responsible for operations in North America.

Following the divestiture of Thomson's newspaper business in 2000, Smith moved to the professional publishing side of the company where he was responsible for a number of businesses serving the legal, regulatory and academic markets.

He also served as global head of Human Resources before becoming Chief Operating Officer of The Thomson Corporation. Following the acquisition of Reuters in 2008, Smith ran the professional division of the combined company. He was named chief executive in January 2012.

"I don't really feel successful; I'm engaged," he said. "I'm very fortunate to have a job that I love and to be engaged in something worthwhile. I've been very fortunate to work with a lot of great people and to wind up in a company where teamwork is valued. We can be very proud of what we do."

He also is very proud of Marshall.

"Marshall is a special place," Smith said. "It really opens the door to lifelong learning. It can change lives, profoundly. It certainly did mine. I didn't know I loved learning. It defines who I am."

In his current position, Smith spends much of his time traveling, often to other countries. He splits time among offices in New York, London and Stamford, Conn., where he and his wife, Pam Kushmerick, maintain their home. He has four sons.

Awards of distinction to be presented during spring general faculty meeting

Awards of distinction will be presented and retiring faculty recognized during Marshall's spring general faculty meeting Tuesday, April 30, at the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the Huntington campus.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. and will include remarks from Marshall President Stephen J. Kopp and Faculty Senate Chair Eldon Larsen.

Six people will receive the Distinguished Service Award and five will receive the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award.

To qualify for Distinguished Service Awards, persons must have at least 20 years of service at Marshall University, a record of distinguished service to the university and/or college, and a record of distinguished teaching as evidenced by peer, administrative and/or student evaluations. The Distinguished Service Award winners, each of whom will receive \$1,000, are:

- Dr. Robert Sawrey, professor, history, College of Liberal Arts
- Professor A.E. "Art" Stringer, English, College of Liberal Arts
- Dr. Lawrence Schmitz, professor, Chemistry, College of Science
- Dr. Donna Spindel, dean, Graduate College
- Dr. Joyce Meikamp, professor, special education, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development
- Dr. Bob Rubenstein, professor, counseling, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development

Three individuals and one team of two people will receive the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award. To be eligible for the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards, faculty members must either be tenured or hold tenure-track appointments. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinction in the fields of artistic and scholarly activity on the part of the Marshall faculty. The senior recipients of the Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards receive \$2,000 apiece while the junior recipient receives \$1,000. Team recipients receive \$2,000 to be divided among team members. The Distinguished Artists and Scholars Award will be given to:

- Dr. Monica Valentovic, Pharmacology, senior recipient for Sciences & Technology
- Dr. Gwenyth Hood, English, senior recipient for Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, Education & Business
- Dr. Paul Constantino, Biological Sciences, junior recipient in all fields.
- Dr. Venkat Gudivada, Computer Science, and Dr. Anthony Szwilski, Applied Science & Technology, team award recipient in all fields

Two people will receive the John and Frances Rucker Graduate Adviser of the Year award, which acknowledges the contributions of Marshall's outstanding graduate advisers. They are:

- Dr. Stephen Cooper, professor, Communication Studies

- Dr. Lisa Heaton, professor, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development

Marshall also is recognizing 19 retiring faculty who have a combined years of service. They are:

- Dr. Mitchell L. Berk, professor, Anatomy & Pathology, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
- Dr. Woodrow Berry, associate professor, Business Law, College of Business, 26 years of service
- Dr. Michael Burton, professor, Counseling, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 38 years of service
- Dr. Richard A. Coulon Jr., professor, Neuroscience, School of Medicine, 4 years of service
- Dr. Kenneth E. Guyer, associate professor, Biochemistry & Microbiology, School of Medicine, 37 years of service
- Dr. Heather Hagerman, professor, Counseling, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 28 years of service
- Dr. Mary Harris-John, professor, Leadership Studies, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 9 years of service
- Dr. Mahmood Heydariyan, Pediatrics, professor, School of Medicine, 30 years of service
- Dr. Shirley Lumpkin, professor, English, College of Liberal Arts, 30 years of service
- Dr. Rudy Pauley, professor, Associate Vice President, Outreach & Continuing Studies, 15 years of service
- Dr. Thomas K. Pauley, professor, Biological Sciences, College of Science, 47 years of service
- Dr. J. Graham Rankin, professor, Forensic Science, School of Medicine, 19 years of service
- Dr. Thomas K. Savory, assistant professor, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
- Dr. Robert Sawrey, professor, History, College of Liberal Arts, 33 years of service
- Dr. Waseem Shora, professor, Internal Medicine, School of Medicine, 17 years of service
- Dr. Donna Spindel, professor and dean, History, College of Liberal Arts and Dean, Graduate College, 37 years of service
- Professor Arthur E. Stringer, English, College of Liberal Arts, 25 years of service
- Dr. Ruu-Tong Wang, assistant professor, Anatomy & Pathology, School of Medicine, 31 years of service
- Dr. Ronald Wolf, professor, Special Education, Graduate School of Education & Professional Development, 24 years of service

Other faculty to be honored at the meeting, [announced in a separate story](#), are:

- Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award: Dr. Kateryna Schray, professor, English
- Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award: Dr. David Hatfield, associate professor, English
- Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. Allison E. Carey, assistant professor, English; Dr. Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor, history; and Daniel Kaufmann, assistant professor, photography

A reception to honor the retiring and award-winning faculty will take place in the lobby of the Performing Arts Center after the meeting.

Dr. Kateryna Schray selected as Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner; Reynolds, Pickens-Queen winners also announced



Dr. Kateryna Schray, professor of English, has been selected as MU's Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award winner for 2012-2013. In addition, the Center for Teaching and Learning has announced the Hedrick Award and two others honoring four faculty members.

Schray will receive \$5,000 through a grant from Charles B. and Mary Jo Locke Hedrick. The award is named in honor of Charles Hedrick's father, Charles E. Hedrick, a former history professor and later Chairman of the Graduate Council, and one of the founders of Marshall's graduate program.

Other awards honoring faculty include the **Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award**, which will be given to Dr. David Hatfield, associate professor of English; and the Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award, which will be received by Dr. Allison E. Carey, assistant professor of English; Dr. Laura Michele Diener, assistant professor of history; and Daniel Kaufmann, assistant professor of photography.

Here is a brief look at the awards and the winners:

Charles E. Hedrick Outstanding Faculty Award

This award recognizes a full-time faculty member who has a minimum of seven years teaching experience at Marshall and has a record of outstanding classroom teaching, scholarship, research and creative activities.

Dr. Kateryna Schray has been at Marshall since 1996, when she was hired as an assistant professor of English.

"Dr. Schray is, quite simply, an exemplary teacher," said John Van Kirk, also an English professor. "Dr. Schray is one of those rare people who can shine brilliantly both in the classroom and on the page, an innovative and truly inspiring teacher and a scholar of the first rank."

Schray describes her teaching philosophy as "embarrassingly simple: provide students with a supportive learning environment, identify and build on their strengths, and make each person an active participant in his/her own education, all the while remembering that learning is inherently joyful."

Dr. Jane Hill, chair of the department of English, said she has "never had a colleague who more vividly and completely embodies the ideals of our profession."

“Dr. Schray’s reputation as a teacher is, quite literally, national in scope,” Hill said. She said that for the past two years, Schray has been among the top five teachers in America, according to ratemyprofessor.com, and the highest-rated English professor in the country.

“From the moment she started work on Marshall’s campus, she has established a record of outstanding scholarship, teaching and service, and maintained the excellence in all these areas consistently over all the years she has been here – an extraordinary achievement,” said English Professor Shirley Lumpkin.

Schray previously received the Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award in 2001 and the Reynolds Outstanding Teaching Award in 2009.

Schray said she takes three guiding principles with her into the classroom: 1, Learning is a joy; 2, Come as you are; 3, An education really does make a difference.

“I have taught writing in an industry setting, in a homeless shelter, in a convent, and in an impoverished country,” Schray said. “In all those settings my students were taking an active step towards improving their lives in a way that nothing else could. I want my students to leave my class with a quiver full of lightning bolts and the confidence to launch them.”

Schray earned her Ph.D. in Medieval Literature from the University of North Carolina in 1997. She received her bachelor’s degree from La Salle University and her master’s from Georgetown University.

Marshall & Shirley Reynolds Outstanding Teacher Award

This award includes a \$3,000 stipend, and all full-time faculty members who have completed six or more years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Dr. David Hatfield served as chair of Marshall’s English department for eight years before returning to the classroom in 2008. It was a challenge going back to full-time teaching, but according to Hill, Hatfield met that challenge and more.

“Dr. Hatfield models a trust in the learning that is possible for Marshall students,” Hill said. He has developed “a pedagogy of meeting students where they are and working with them to move toward the skills, knowledge, and interests that we want them to have.

“That he has maintained such a high level of student satisfaction during his transition from a primarily administrative role as chair for eight years to a full-time teaching role is even more impressive.”

Hatfield believes the most effective aspect of his teaching is that he helps students interrogate and develop their own habits of mind.

“I have to be in charge of the discussion, but the times I’m at my best in that role is when I’m invisible in that role, because I believe that students, given the right tools and opportunities and environment, also can teach themselves – and that’s the kind of learning I have found most valuable and that sticks with the students,” Hatfield said.

English Professor Dr. John K. Young, Hatfield’s colleague since the fall of 2000, said Hatfield played a vital role in reconfiguring the English undergraduate curriculum by revising the senior capstone course.

According to Young, Hatfield ceded the “structural authority ordinarily inhabited by professors in order to enable students to invest in their own educations.” Hatfield’s students “engaged in a genuine problem-solving endeavor, enabling them to generate more authentic artifacts of their learning,” Young said.

Dr. Whitney Douglas, a former faculty member at Marshall who worked with Hatfield, said his students tend to think of his courses “not as a required class, but as a vibrant intellectual space.”

“That clearly speaks to the kind of learning environment he creates for students, and the possibilities he opens up for their intellectual engagement,” Douglas said.

Hatfield earned his Ph.D. in English from Louisiana State University in 1993. He received his bachelor’s degree from Marshall in 1981 and his master’s from Marshall in 1983.

Pickens-Queen Excellence in Teaching Award

Each of these three award winners receives a \$1,000 stipend. The award honors outstanding junior faculty. All faculty members teaching on a full-time, tenured or tenure track appointment who are at the instructor or assistant professor rank and who have completed one to five years of service at Marshall are eligible.

Dr. Allison E. Carey came to Marshall in 2010 from a part-time position at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and a full-time instructor position at Cannon Upper School, a private school in Concord, N.C.

“Her excellence in making the transition to Marshall as teacher, scholar and colleague has been seamless,” Hill said.

Carey earned her bachelor’s degree and her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee, and her master’s from the University of Florida. She says three aspects of her teaching are most effective in helping students to achieve the learning outcomes: practice, support and praise.

The students practice various skills they are learning; they are supported through extensive feedback, which is not always academic, from Carey; and, she praises her students as frequently as possible.

“Students thrive on praise – as do we all – and I think that helps them grow as students,” Carey said.

Lumpkin highly recommended Carey for the Pickens-Queen Award.

“I think she is a model of the reflective attitude, the efficient, high energy, productive, well-organized classroom teacher, and the engaged scholar of teaching the Pickens-Queen was designed to honor,” Lumpkin said.

Dr. Laura Michele Diener joined the Marshall faculty in 2008 and, as history Professor Dr. Montserrat Miller said, “we have never been the same since.”

“Her love of history is tremendously infectious and from what I have observed from visiting her classroom and from occupying an office across the hall from hers, no student is immune.”

Dr. Daniel Holbrook, associate professor and chair of the history department, said Diener’s classes generally involve projects that go beyond reading, researching and writing. They frequently, he said, involve “hands-on” experiences with material artifacts.

“Thus, for example, in her class on the history of textiles, students get to actually work with fibers, carding, spinning and weaving them to produce fabric,” Holbrook said.

Diener stresses the importance of writing in her classes.

The most important concept students can learn in my class is that their strongest asset is their writing,” she said. “It doesn’t matter if they are writing essays, research papers, creative prose, or poetry – their words are valuable.”

Diener earned her bachelor’s degree in Medieval and Renaissance Studies in 2000 from Vassar College, her master’s in history in 2003 from The Ohio State University, and her Ph.D. in 2008 from Ohio State.

Daniel Kaufmann was hired in the School of Art and Design in 2009 from a pool of well over 100 candidates. He has fit in well with the art faculty and fits the dynamics of the school, especially by integrating current technologies into the courses he teaches and by developing the facilities that are provided to the students, according to Professor Peter Massing.

“He has exceeded the expectations that new members in our department continue to present,” Massing said.

Kauffman teaches photography in the School of Art and Design, but also teaches broad-ranged skills and concepts that can be translated to any number of career choices.

“The skills I would like students to gain from my courses are self-advocacy, technical problem solving and critical thinking,” Kaufmann said. It is important, he said, to build a strong sense of community in the classroom.

“Having a sense of community in the classroom creates a dynamic learning environment in which peer interaction and discourse helps to drive the content of the class,” he said.

Kaufmann received a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1997 and a bachelor of arts degree in studio art in 2003, both from Florida State University, and a master of fine arts in studio art in 2008 from the University of New Mexico.

“Kaufmann effectively transfers his creative energy, enthusiasm and expertise to students,” said Byron Clercx, director of School of Art and Design. “He is acutely aware of their desire for independence and their concurrent need for technical, conceptual and (at times) emotional guidance.”

Marshall to kick off Cultural Immersion Workshop Series April 30

Marshall University community members, particularly staff members, are being encouraged to attend the kickoff of a new Cultural Immersion Workshop Series at a luncheon that will take place from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 30. It will be located in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center on the Huntington campus.

Featured on this initial program are the Kahurangi Maori Dance Theatre and Workshop of New Zealand.

Dr. Shari Clarke, vice president of multicultural affairs at Marshall, said that the workshop series, to continue this summer, will focus on providing culturally specific information on various countries, using both local and national speakers with expertise on a specific country. In addition, a workshop on general understanding of culture will be offered.

“We aim to provide awareness, education and understanding of international cultures,” Clarke said. “We are looking forward to welcoming more students from other countries, and we want to make sure the university community is ready.”

Clarke said that future sessions will focus on African countries, China, Japan, Korea, Viet Nam, Saudi Arabia, eastern Europe and Turkey.

Although there is no charge for the April 30 luncheon, reservations are needed and may be made by calling the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 304-696-4677 or by e-mailing Clarke at clarkes@marshall.edu.

In addition to the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the workshop series is being sponsored by Marshall's offices of Academic Affairs and Human Resources, the Center for International Programs and the Marshall University Research Corporation.

Marshall students to participate in Donning of Kente Thursday, May 2

The Center for African American Students' Programs is making plans for the annual Donning of Kente Celebration of Achievement. The event will take place at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 2, at the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

The celebration and cap-and-gown ceremony will begin with a procession that will include graduating students, university deans, faculty and President Stephen J. Kopp.

The keynote speaker will be William A. Smith, superintendent of schools in Cabell County, who is an alumnus of Marshall.

"We take pride once again to bring to our campus and community the richness of this centuries-old and unusual ceremony," said Maurice Cooley, director of the center. "The Kente ceremonial tradition, with its roots in West Africa, recognizes an individual for his/her extraordinary accomplishments and brings to us the spirit of this event."

The ceremony takes place each spring for African and African American students who graduated from Marshall University during the winter and those slated for graduation in May or during the coming summer school term. Cooley emphasized that all Marshall and Huntington community members are welcome to attend.

The Kente cloth, which resembles a stole and is worn with the academic regalia, is a symbol of accomplishment that has its roots in a long tradition of weaving in West African countries. Marshall instituted the tradition of presenting Kente cloths to graduating African American students several years ago, and approximately 50 students are expected to participate along with university deans, faculty and staff.

Cooley said the Donning of Kente Celebration of Achievement is one of the most prestigious and culturally significant events in which Marshall's African and African American students can participate.

The following woven cloths will be awarded during the Donning of Kente celebration: Owia Repue for associate degrees; Babadua for bachelor's degrees; Kyemfere for master's degrees; and Akyem Shield for post-master's degrees.

African music will be provided by the Marshall University African Dance and Drum ensemble, directed by James Hall. A reception will follow for all participants and those in attendance.

Butch Brodtrick named Employee of the Month



Frank “Butch” Brodtrick, Database Specialist, Finance Information Technology, has been named the Marshall University Employee of the Month for February, according to Michelle Brown Douglas, chair of the Employee of the Month Committee.

Employed at Marshall for nearly 11 years, he was nominated by Barry Beckett and Robert Walker.

In their nomination they wrote: “Butch’s primary job duty is to maintain and enhance the student online payment portal. Butch’s efforts have allowed the university to save in excess of \$400,000 in credit card fees as well as over \$100,000 in yearly fees that it would cost to purchase similar services from a vendor.”

Brodtrick received a plaque and a check for \$100 from President Stephen J. Kopp.

Marshall Business Hall of Fame adds five new members

Five highly successful business leaders were inducted into Marshall University’s Business Hall of Fame yesterday, April 23.

The induction reception and ceremony took place in the Marshall University Foundation Hall, Home of the Erickson Alumni Center.

This year’s inductees are:

- David A. Graley, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation, a longtime banker and former chair of the Huntington Area Development Council;
- C. Frederick Shewey (who died in January 2012), founder of International Industries, Inc., president and owner of Grey Eagle Construction Company, Inc., a major force in the state’s

natural resource industries, and an influential community and business leader in the Tug Valley region of West Virginia;

- Louis S. Southworth, II, a tax attorney for Jackson Kelly PLLC, who was named West Virginia Best Lawyers Corporate Lawyer of the Year for 2009;
- William Guy Spriggs, Chairman of Anheuser-Busch Operations, founder of Eagle Distributing Company and chairman of the board for Triple Crown Beverage; and,
- Charles H. Wendell, a Certified Public Accountant who is the CEO of hotel entities that have developed 20 properties in the middle Atlantic and southern states.

The Hall of Fame honors those people in the business community who have outstanding records of long-standing achievement in their career fields. It is the most distinguished honor granted by the College of Business.

Following the induction ceremony, the Hall of Fame now has 90 members, dating back to the first inductions in 1994. Here is a brief look at each of the new inductees:



David Andrew Graley joined the First Huntington National Bank in 1975 where he served in a variety of senior management roles, including Senior Corporate Banking Manager for the State of West Virginia. He has served his community through involvement in Chamber of Commerce and other economic development activities.

During his terms as chair of the Huntington Area Development Council, he worked toward the goals of involving the business community with Marshall University and encouraging the development of “New Economy” jobs. He served on the board of the Marshall University Research Corp., the MU College of Business Advisory Board and the Forensic Science Advisory Committee.

Graley was honored as the Top Economic Development Volunteer in West Virginia in 2004 and was declared a Distinguished West Virginian by Gov. Bob Wise. He was later given a Commendation for Volunteer Service by Gov. Joe Manchin and was recognized as one of the top economic development volunteers in the southeastern U.S. by Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco.

After Graley closed out his banking career in 2008 as president of the Huntington Region for Chase, he began a rewarding move to Cabell Huntington Hospital to raise funds for a children’s hospital. Since then, Graley has led a successful campaign, raising \$12 million, and the Hoops Family Children’s Hospital was “born.” He continues to serve as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Cabell Huntington Hospital Foundation.



C. Frederick Shewey was an influential community and business leader in the Tug Valley region of West Virginia for many years. He was a major force in the state’s natural resource industries, beginning in oil and gas and moving into lumber and coal.

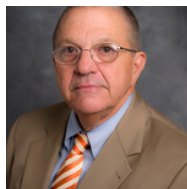
Shewey was one of the founders of Dash Coal Company, which grew into International Industries Inc. He worked daily with his friend and business partner, James H.

“Buck” Harless. In addition, he was owner and president of Grey Eagle Construction Company Inc.

At Marshall University, he was a member of the Fine and Performing Arts Gala and Annual Fund, a member of the President’s Circle, the John Marshall Society, and an emeritus member, Circle of Gold, of the Marshall University Foundation. He was a member of the International Oil and Gas Producers Association, the West Virginia Coal Association, Shriners International, Boy Scouts of America, Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce and many other civic organizations.

Shewey received many awards throughout his life, including the Distinguished West Virginia Award in 1996 and again in 2010. He is recognized and honored on the Pathway of Prominence at Marshall University and by the name of the Fred and Christine Shewey Athletics Building at Marshall.

Shewey believed strongly in the value of education and served 18 years on the Mingo County Board of Education in West Virginia. He established scholarships at Marshall University and the University of Florida.



Louis S. Southworth, II, is a member and practicing tax attorney with the law firm of Jackson Kelly PLLC. He joined the firm in 1968 and focuses his law practice on administrative, business and commercial, business planning, leases, legislative services, mergers and acquisitions, securities and corporate law.

Southworth received a Bachelor of Arts from Marshall University in 1965, a Juris Doctor from West Virginia University in 1968 and an LL.M. in taxation from the New York University School of Law in 1970. A frequent lecturer at various tax seminars and meetings, Southworth is listed in Woodward/White’s *The Best Lawyers in America*® (corporate law, tax law) and was named West Virginia Best Lawyers Corporate Lawyer of the Year for 2009. In addition, he has been published in the West Virginia Law Review and The Corporation Law Handbook – West Virginia Practice Handbook, among others.

Southworth presently serves as chairman of the Government Relations Committee of the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce. He heads up the Jackson Kelly Legislative Services Team in West Virginia. He is actively involved with the American and West Virginia Bar Associations and is a fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.

He is a trustee of many professional and civic associations and has served as a director of the Charleston Area Medical Center Foundation, the University of Charleston and the Clay Foundation. Since 1999, Southworth has served as a member of the firm’s executive committee, the governing body of Jackson Kelly, and was elected as its chairman in 2001 – a position he retains today.

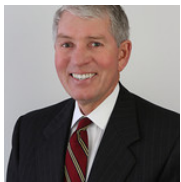


William Guy Spriggs was employed in the travel business and then sold insurance before returning to join the family business in 1976 as a wine salesman at Spriggs Distributing Company, which was established by his grandfather, Guy Spriggs, in 1933.

He advanced to sales manager before moving to Ashland, Ky., in 1980, where he founded Eagle Distributing Company. Spriggs has been chairman of the board for Spriggs Distributing in Ironton, Eagle Distributing in Ashland and Eagle Distributing in Huntington. In 2011, the three operations combined their management efforts and now operate under the name Triple Crown Beverage, which serves more than 15 counties in the Tri-state area with beer, wine and energy drinks.

While working in the beer business, Spriggs served on industry association boards in both Ohio and Kentucky. He has spent many hours giving back to his community, serving on the boards of the Paramount Arts Center, Ashland Alliance, Ironton City Schools Foundation (which was founded by his father), Ashland Salvation Army, Foundation Tristate. He is past president of the KDMC Health Foundation and Ramey Estep Home.

He served as chairman of the capital campaigns for Ashland Community College, Ohio University Ironton branch and Kentucky Highlands Museum. In 2003, he was awarded the Foundation Tristate community service award and in 2004 the Appalachian Regional Commission award for philanthropy. In 2003, he was recognized by the U.S. Congress with Angels of Adoption award for his work at the Ramey Estep Home.



Charles H. Wendell is a Certified Public Accountant with a variety of real estate and business experience. He has held principal positions in the coal, construction, hotel and real estate fields since 1976. Currently, he is the CEO of hotel entities that have developed 20 properties in the middle Atlantic and southern states, including Hampton Inns, Courtyards by Marriott, Residence Inns by Marriott, Fairfield Inn, Homewood suites by Hilton, Holiday Inns, etc.

He also is the CEO of a wide array of commercial real estate entities in the same middle Atlantic and southern states. He is responsible for the companies' financing and legal issues, and is responsible for the development and acquisition activities of these companies.

His real estate experience includes the leasing and/or development of dozens of properties through construction and/or purchase of more than one-quarter of a billion dollars of hotel and commercial real estate in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Wendell has served as chair of the board of trustees of Porte-Gaud School, a coed private institution in Charleston, S.C. He graduated with honors from Marshall in 1970 and became a CPA in 1972.

Area poets Houchin, Stringer launch new books

Poets Ron Houchin and A. E. Stringer will read from their work at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 25, in the Shawkey Room of the Memorial Student Center. The reading marks the American release of Houchin's *The Quiet Jars* and Stringer's *Late Breaking*, both recently published by Salmon Poetry of Ireland.

Stringer is professor of English and the author of three poetry collections. His work has appeared in such journals as *The Nation*, *Shenandoah*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Prairie Schooner* and *Denver Quarterly*. He has also edited and introduced an edition of Louise McNeill's classic Appalachian poetry book *Paradox Hill* (West Virginia University Press, 2009). He has traveled to read his work in a wide range of American locales and also in Galway, Ireland. For the past 24 years, he has taught writing and literature at Marshall, where he also coordinated the Visiting Writers Series.

A Huntington native, Houchin is the author of six books of poetry. His work has appeared in *Poetry Ireland Review*, *The Southwest Review*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Appalachian Heritage*, *Five Point* and many others. *The Quiet Jars* is a volume of new and selected poems. This year Houchin also published a collection of short stories, *Tales Out of School* (Wind Publications, 2012), and his new poetry collection, *The Man Who Saws Us in Half*, is forthcoming from Louisiana State University Press. His earlier collection *Among Wordless Things* received the 2005 Book of the Year Award from the Appalachian Writers' Association. He has read his work internationally in locales as diverse as Key West, the Czech Republic and Ireland.

Their appearance, dubbed "The Farewell Tour," is sponsored by Salmon Poetry of Ireland and NSI Productions.

For more information, call Stringer at ext.6-2403.

Alumni awards to be given Saturday at annual banquet

Twenty people and one club will be honored at the Marshall University Alumni Association's 76th annual Alumni Awards Banquet Saturday, April 27, in the Memorial Student Center's Don Morris Room.

The awards banquet highlights Marshall's 2013 Alumni Weekend, which takes place this Friday and Saturday, April 26-27. Honoring distinguished alumni, friends and students, the banquet starts at 7 p.m. Cost to attend the banquet is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple.

Here is a complete list of the distinguished alumni award winners for 2013, who will be honored at the banquet:

National Awards Distinguished Alumnus Award

Dr. David Wiley is an associate professor of Instructional Psychology and Technology at Brigham Young University. Originally from Barboursville, he received his undergraduate degree in vocal performance from Marshall University in 1997. He earned his doctoral degree in Instructional Psychology and Technology at BYU in 2000. Wiley has been described as one of America's most innovative thinkers on the future of learning. According to Adam Frankel, executive director of the National Center for Research in Advanced Information and Digital Technologies, Wiley is "... one of America's most innovative thinkers on the future of learning. His cutting-edge work is helping America find ways of cutting costs while delivering a world-class education to all our students. Harnessing the promise of technology to drive better results is David's trademark."

Dr. Jan. Fox, Marshall's senior vice president for information technology/CIO, said Wiley is considered to be the creator of the first Massive Open Online Course. "His career is dedicated to increasing access to educational opportunity for everyone around the world," Fox said. Wiley has received the National Science Foundation's CAREER award and Fast Company rated him No. 78 in a list of the top 100 creative people for 2009. He also was named a Peery Social Entrepreneurship Fellow in the BYU Marriott School of Business in 2012.

Alumnus Community Achievement Award

Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Hale is the State Equal Employment Manager for the West Virginia National Guard in Charleston. A graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Charleston, he later earned credits at Marshall University, and graduated with a Regents Bachelor of Arts from West Virginia State University in Business in 1984. A father of seven and grandfather of 14, he is active in the community and is involved with youth through mentoring and coaching. He has 28 years of service as a Little League football coach and serves on many committees throughout the area. Hale has made significant contributions to the community through his membership with Omega Psi Phi fraternity, which was incorporated in 1974 through the Nu beta chapter at Marshall.

Distinguished Service Award

James P. (Jim) Summers has been director of development at Zeta Beta Tau Foundation since June 2012. The ZBT Foundation is a nonprofit corporation exclusively committed to educational and charitable purposes that assist the brothers of Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He graduated from Marshall University in 1970 and the previous fall had served as Marshall's mascot, Marco. He

moved to Atlanta 35 years ago and immediately became one of the founding members of the Marshall University Atlanta Club.

John Gilmore, president of the Atlanta club, said Summers is a huge Marshall supporter. “I have never known anyone that embodies what it means to be a Son of Marshall more than Jim,” Gilmore said. Joe Gillette, chair of the Marshall Foundation board of directors, noted Summers is the “go-to guy for anything related to Marshall. I have witnessed his tireless work to promote Marshall on an individual level as well as local in the Atlanta area and nationally,” Gillette said. Summers travels near and far, east coast to west, to watch as many Thundering Herd athletic events as possible.

Awards of Distinction

College of Education – Margaret “Susie” Pace

Margaret Pace earned a B.A. in Special Education/Elementary Education from Marshall in 1965. She taught special education in Mercer County, served as principal of Park High School for 10 years, earned two master’s degrees, earned 11 professional certifications and spent the last 10 years of her career as Director of Special Education in Mercer County. All the while, Pace and her family have been strong supporters of Marshall University.

College of Fine Arts – Michael K. Paxton

Michael K. Paxton is a sixth-generation West Virginian and Chicago-based artist with more than 35 years of dedicated work. He graduated from Marshall in 1975 with a B.A. in Art. Most recently he was awarded a fellowship by the Jentel Artist Residency Program in Wyoming for the summer of 2013 and an Illinois Arts Council Professional Development Grant, also for 2013.

College of Information Technology and Engineering – Paul A. Mattox Jr.

Paul Mattox is Commissioner of Highways and Secretary of Transportation with the West Virginia Department of Education. He earned his Master of Science degree from Marshall University. Mattox has extensive experience in designing and managing public works projects for highways, bridges, water, wastewater systems and site development. During his tenure as secretary, he has overseen the administration of more than \$3 billion in construction projects across the state.

College of Liberal Arts – Charlie and Norma Carroll

Charlie and Norma Carroll are Marshall University sweethearts and great friends of the College of Liberal Arts. Charlie graduated in 1950 with a degree in business administration and Norma graduated in 1951 with a degree in business management. In 1975, Charlie established Carroll Insurance, which quickly became a large and highly successful operation. Both Charlie

and Norma have been extremely supportive of Marshall, most recently turning their attention to the Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy.

Graduate School for Education and Professional Development – Dr. Dixie Billheimer

Dr. Dixie Billheimer is the chief executive officer of the West Virginia Center for Professional Development. A veteran educator with more than 30 years of experience, she has dedicated her professional life to enhancing educator preparedness and student achievement in West Virginia. She holds a Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Instructional Technology, as well as an Education Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction with a minor in Instructional Technology from Marshall.

School of Medicine – Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D.

Sen. Ron Stollings, M.D., is a member of the Marshall University School of Medicine's Class of 1982, and he represents the 7th senatorial district in the West Virginia State Senate. He is a professor of medicine for the West Virginia University School of Medicine and serves as field faculty for the Rural Health Education Partnership. In August, at the West Virginia Primary Care Association's 27th annual conference in Charleston, Stollings received the inaugural Distinguished Community Health Champion award.

W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications – Todd Marcum

Todd Marcum, a native of Wayne, W. Va., is president of Access Advertising & Public Relations in Roanoke, Va. He is a 1983 graduate of Marshall University. Marcum, co-founder of the company, contributes concepts and strategies to Access clients. In addition to Access clients, Marcum advises many local nonprofit groups in advertising and marketing. Marcum was inducted into the John Marshall Society for his dedication to the university. "Todd and Access Media have assisted the MU Foundation for the past five years in producing and designing the annual reports with fabulous results," said Kristi Arrowood, director of Foundation Development and Strategic Programs. The Foundation has won two CASE awards for the 2006-2007 and 2009-10 annual reports and many of the reports have won Addy awards in West Virginia and Virginia.

College of Science – Dr. Gary Ellis

1976 and master's degree in chemistry in 1977, both from Marshall University. His entire professional career has been spent in the pigments industry, beginning in 1987 with BASF-Wyandotte in Huntington and continuing there when ownership of the facility was transferred to Flint Group Pigments in 2006. Ellis rose to the facility's top technical position, its Site Technical and Quality Control manager. He currently collaborates with Marshall faculty on projects relating to the development and processing of pigments at Flint Group.

College of Business – Phyllis Arnold

Phyllis Arnold is retired state president of BB&T West Virginia and Regional President of BB&T West Virginia Central Region. A native of Parkersburg, she received an M.B.A. from Marshall University. She served four years as Commissioner of Banking in West Virginia, and in 1991 became president and CEO of One Valley Bank. She was elected to One Valley Bancorp's board of directors in 1993 and in 1994 she was elected executive vice president of One Valley Bancorp, later becoming chief operating officer. Arnold is a member of the Marshall University Business Hall of Fame and currently serves as vice chair on MU's board of governors.

College of Health Professions – Martha “Marty” Blenko

Marty Blenko is director of Rehabilitation Services at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She is a Huntington native, and graduated from Marshall with a master's in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1978. Her professional career began at the Geiger Easter Seals Speech and Hearing Clinic in Ashland, Ky. She eventually became a speech pathologist for Cabell County Schools and later began working in the medical field of speech pathology at Cabell Huntington Hospital. She is an active alumna of Marshall and maintains active membership in the West Virginia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WVSHA).

Young Alumni Award – Jacob G. Hill

Jacob G. Hill is a December 2011 graduate of Marshall University. He is district manager with City Ice and Fuel Company in Point Pleasant, where he has worked for nearly six years. He has been the district manager for five stores throughout West Virginia for the past five years. Committed to his community, he took over the Point Pleasant Sternwheel Regatta as chairman when he was just 20 years old. He has served on the executive committee of the Mason, Gallia and Meigs Big Green Scholarship Foundation chapter.

Dr. Carolyn B. Hunter Distinguished Faculty Service Award – Charles W. Clements, M.D.

Charles W. Clements, M.D., is a professor in the Department of Family and Community Health. He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served tours of duty in several locations around the world before retiring from the Army in 1993 to attend the Marshall University School of Medicine. Today, Clements' service to the community and to the university are significant. He reaches out to provide medical care and emotional comfort to the homeless each month. And, he founded and directs the nation's first Family Medicine Residency Track in Wilderness Medicine.

Cam Henderson Award – Zachary Hunter

Zachary Hunter excelled in the classroom while playing soccer for the Thundering Herd. While maintaining a 3.74 GPA, the senior earned numerous academic honors, including a spot on the

2012 Conference USA all-academic team, and the 2010-2011 commissioner's honor roll. He is a chemistry and applied mathematics double major in the College of Science. Hunter is a proud fourth-generation Marshall student. His great grandparents, grandparents, two aunts and father all attended Marshall.

Nancy Pelphrey Herd Village Scholarship – Ariel Meeks and Scott David Nibert

Ariel Meeks, a Hurricane, W.Va., native, is a member of the Marshall cheerleading squad, majoring in Communication Disorders. She has been active in the community, participating in Clean Putnam County (Hurricane City Park), helping to facilitate playground equipment, and visiting hospitals and assisted living homes. She also has been a lifeguard at Waves of Fun in Hurricane.

Scott David Nibert is a music education major at Marshall, where he plays in the marching band and the pep band, is in the Marshall University Chorus and the Marshall University Orchestra, and is a member of Fairness West Virginia and the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. He is from Point Pleasant.

Nate Ruffin Scholarship – Taylor Davis

Taylor Davis, a native of Pittsburgh, is a junior studying Communication Disorders with a minor in psychology. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and is the current chapter president of the Eta Zeta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Davis takes pride in serving her sorority and the community. A member of the dean's list, she plans to attend graduate school after completing her undergraduate studies.

Club of the Year – Atlanta, Ga.

This is the third time the Atlanta, Ga., club has been named Club of the Year since it was founded in 1995. The club's president is John Gilmore and he will be accepting the award on the club's behalf. Matt Hayes, executive director of Marshall's Alumni Association, said clubs located around the country help alumni stay connected to MU.

Civil Rights Movement topic for Woodson Foundation speaker



Joan C. Browning, a freelance writer and lecturer living in Lewisburg, W.Va., will speak on the Civil Rights Movement and then discuss “the most fascinating person to call Greenbrier County home” at the 21st annual Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation Inc., fundraising banquet Saturday, April 27.

The banquet begins at 6 p.m. in Room BE5 on the lower level of the Memorial Student Center. Proceeds will help fund a scholarship endowment to support outstanding Marshall University students, as well as the purchase of materials on black culture and history.

Browning participated in the Paine College Steering Committee demonstrations in Augusta, Ga., in April 1961, and with the Atlanta Student Movement sit-ins in Atlanta in 1961-63, and was one of nine Albany Freedom Riders on the last freedom ride.

She writes about her experiences in the 1960s freedom movement, and about African American history. She has been a guest lecturer at more than 75 colleges and universities, presented scholarly papers at a dozen historical conferences, and team-taught, with Dr. David Trowbridge, two classes in civil rights movement history at Marshall.

Browning is special assistant to the Honorable Andrea J. Pendleton, the first woman elected mayor of the town of Rainelle.

The person Browning calls the most fascinating in Greenbrier County is Ada Beatrice Queen Victoria Louise Virginia Smith-Duconge. Known as “Bricktop,” Smith-Duconge entertained royalty and literary greats in Paris in the jazz era and then in Mexico City and Rome. She is being inducted into the West Virginia Music Hall of Fame this year.

Music for the banquet will be provided by Charles Johnson. Tickets for the event are available for a donation of \$30. Corporate tables also are available. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Newatha Myers, foundation president, at 740-894-5772; Loretta Hagler, banquet chairwoman, at 304-525-5651; or Rebecca Glass, banquet chairwoman, at 304-633-0996.

The Carter G. Woodson Memorial Foundation is named in honor of Carter G. Woodson, who was a graduate of Douglass High School in Huntington and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. Woodson, who is widely known as the “father of African American history,” founded the Association for the study of Negro Life and History in 1915. He also started the influential “Journal of Negro History” in 1916.

Researchers receive second patent for railroad track inspection system



Two Marshall professors have received a second patent for an invention they say will make inspection of railroad tracks safer, more accurate and less expensive than current methods.

Engineering professors Dr. Richard Begley and Dr. Tony Szwilski recently were notified that their Canadian patent application has been approved. It is the first Canadian patent awarded for an invention developed at Marshall. They were awarded a U.S. patent last year.

Their system, which uses a combination of GPS devices, cameras and ground penetrating radar to measure track wear and other problems, has taken more than 10 years to develop.

Currently, they say, track inspectors have to rely largely on a limited number of multi-million dollar inspection machines that are only available to inspect the tracks a few times a year. These inspections are used in combination with bi-weekly visual observations, which must be obtained by foot in some cases.

Begley said, “Track inspection the way it’s done today is a highly specialized skill. It is labor intensive and very physically demanding. It can also be quite dangerous.”

The researchers say the invention is intended to complement the visual inspections and should help inspectors identify problems faster.

Their device uses basic “off-the-shelf” components wired together and mounted on a mobile platform that fits snugly on the rail. The platform is attached to a sports utility vehicle or rail bike adapted to run on the tracks.

Although the components are readily available, the inventors are quick to point out that the GPS system in their device is a specialized type, not the typical navigation system found on mobile phones or in passenger vehicles.

“Otherwise, we used readily available equipment to build the system,” Begley added. “That makes it a relatively affordable option, so we’re pretty excited about the possibilities.”

Although the system was designed specifically to monitor railroad tracks from the vehicle to which it is attached, the inventors say there may also be applications for the technology to be mounted directly onto railcars and other platforms.

Szwilski said, “We’re encouraged because this technological innovation has been industry ‘pulled’ by three major railroad companies keenly interested in applying this technology to address their specific needs. We think there’s a market.”

He and Begley are now working with the Technology Transfer Office to identify companies that might be interested in commercializing the technology.

The researchers say the entire invention process—from the concept to receiving the patent—was enlightening in many ways, especially after legal expertise was consulted with the assistance of the Technology Transfer Office and the Marshall University Research Corporation. The attorneys provided advice throughout the patent process.

Szwilski said, “We have been very grateful for the guidance and technical support Marshall has provided us. That was a vital element in our being able to successfully patent our device.”

Begley agreed, saying, “It’s been fulfilling to me because we’ve been able to expand Marshall’s intellectual property global footprint through the Canadian patent,” he said. “The Marshall University Research Corporation is a critical piece of the university’s research infrastructure and, with the new Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex, we’ll have our research corporation and our engineering faculty researchers under one roof, helping to produce more success stories like this. The new facility will also help us recruit full-time graduate engineering students to work with our faculty from institutions here and from other countries, as well.”

Dr. Wael Zatar, dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering, said, “The real beauty of this system lies in its ability to detect track deficiencies and direct the maintenance crews to the best use of their time and limited budgets. This work by Dr. Begley and Dr. Szwilski speaks well for the kind of faculty talent and expertise we possess here in our college and at Marshall overall.”

Photo: Researchers Richard Begley, left, and Tony Szwilski have developed a device they say will make inspection of railroad tracks safer, more accurate and less expensive than current methods.

Marshall senior to exhibit poster at Posters on the Hill event in D.C.

Senior Courtney Hatten of Wayne is being recognized this spring for her physical chemistry research at the annual Posters on the Hill event today (Wednesday, April 24) in Washington, D.C. She was the only student chosen from West Virginia.

Hatten, a chemistry major whose faculty advisor is Dr. Laura McCunn, will exhibit a poster on *The Thermal Decomposition of Butyraldehyde*, which examines how the molecule butyraldehyde breaks down at high temperatures through a process called matrix-isolation

Fourier Transform-Infrared (MI-FTIR). Her research is one of 60 projects chosen from more than 700 applications.

The Council on Undergraduate Research sponsors the April event, which spotlights undergraduate research in an effort to encourage more students to pursue research opportunities.

“Courtney has worked countless hours in the laboratory, and mastered an instrument that would typically be operated by Ph.D. students. I am thrilled that she has been given the opportunity to participate in Posters on the Hill and I look forward to seeing her future achievements,” McCunn said.

‘Empty Bowls’ organizers express thanks

Dear Marshall community,



Thank you for supporting the 10th annual Empty Bowls event last Friday. Together, we raised more than \$15,000 for the Huntington Area Food Bank. If \$1 allows them to provide about 10 meals, imagine how many people we were able to help.



All of us at the College of Fine Arts, the food bank, and the many volunteers who help Empty Bowls happen, are grateful for your support.

If you weren't able to make it to the event, there are still bowls and t-shirts available for purchase – \$12/bowl, \$20/t-shirt – in Smith Hall 160.

Each person who buys a bowl/t-shirt will be entered to win a pair of tickets to a Huntington Symphony Orchestra Picnic with the Pops!

Once again, thank you!

Jaye Ike
Special Projects Coordinator
College of Fine Arts

Service Awards Brunch set for May 15

This year's Service Awards event to honor employees who have completed 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service to the university will be a brunch beginning at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 15, in the Don Morris Room of the Memorial Student Center.

Staff members will be receiving additional information and reservation forms in the next few days.

Ice Cream Social set for Tuesday, April 30



Members of the Marshall University community will be treated to ice cream on the Memorial Student Center plaza on the Huntington campus from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, courtesy of the Office of Student Affairs and the School of Music and Theatre. Marshall's Wind Symphony will perform.

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