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Message from the Chair

Welcome to **The Department of Sociology and Anthropology** at Marshall University. Let me take a minute to introduce you to our department and programs.

We are a combined department of the allied social sciences of anthropology and sociology that each and together provide a 21st Century education grounded in the liberal arts and sciences. Our programs tackle the big questions facing complex, modern social systems, while also supplying our students with an array of practical skills that can be applied to a wide-ranging set of workplaces.

Our accomplished faculty are well known for having a student-centered focus and our ability to work closely with students in achieving their academic goals. The

curriculum is designed to provide our students with a wide range of options in pursuit of their academic and professional goals and interests, while also providing solid training in core foundations of the two disciplines. Students learn both qualitative and quantitative research methods and are exposed to a variety of subfields and theoretical perspectives.

Faculty in the department are dedicated to providing the highest quality education to both our undergraduate and graduate students. Faculty core strengths include: social movements and social change, language, gender, race, inequality, stratification, deviance, cultural diversity, social interaction and group processes, migration, globalization, environmental health, social institutions (religion, family, work and

occupations, sports and leisure, health care, politics and the economy), criminology, gerontology, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and advanced statistical analysis.

Thank you for your interest in our programs, and I hope you enjoy exploring what our department and Marshall University have to offer. If you wish to learn more about the department, I encourage you to contact us and set up a visit.



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Spring 2022 Courses

Introductory Sociology Cultural Anthropology Archaeology
Language, Gender, and the Body Death and Dying
Linguistic Anthropology The Native Americans Social Statistics
Theory in Ethnology Senior Capstone Food and Society
Social Movements and Social Change Sociology of Religion
Holocaust and Genocide Social Stratification

Dr. Hoey Named Interim Honors Dean

Dr. Hoey joined the faculty of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in 2007. As a member of the department, Dr. Hoey helped to create a fully separate major in anthropology and has served as



director of undergraduate studies. Join us as we congratulate Dr. Hoey as he assumes this new role in the Honors College at Marshall.

"I am truly honored and excited to continue to work with outstanding students, staff and faculty as the college seeks to strengthen its role as a hub for innovative teaching and learning that serves the entire university and has meaningful impact in the communities of which we are a part," Hoey said.

The Wars Within, The Wars Without Connecting Veteran Students at Marshall with Veterans throughout the State

Please join us for a virtual Herd in Town on **Wednesday, November 3, at 6 pm**. This semester's Herd in Town will feature our own **Dr. Robin Riner** as she discusses *The Wars Within, The Wars Without*, "a program designed to help connect veteran students at Marshall University with veterans from throughout the state of West Virginia through a series of public discussion groups [focused on] classic texts about war."



Marshall faculty, staff, and students may participate through the Zoom webinar or view the event on November 3 through COLA's Facebook livestream, which is also open to the public.

Update on Dr. Laubach's Fall Sabbatical Research

Dr. Marty Laubach is currently on sabbatical building a database from an archive of journals and newsletters produced by the American Neopagan movement from the 1970s through the 1990s, at which time most members moved their critical communications online. Marty compares these to the Epistles of early Christianity which helped the religious community develop its core ideas and practices.

Once completed, the database will be posted online and the archive will be donated to the Research Collections at Marshall University to be available to scholars and to members of the Neopagan community who research the development of religions and the transmission of ideas.

The database consists of items (the newsletters and journals), issues (of the periodicals), and articles within the issues.

So far during the sabbatical, Marty has more than doubled the listings of periodicals (from 177 to 378) and issues (688 to 1429), with easily as many more yet to be entered.

Any student who has work-study funding and is interested in working on a serious research project is encouraged to contact Dr. Laubach at laubach@marshall.edu.



Earn Your Master's Degree Faster with our Accelerated Master's Program

Undergraduates accepted into our Accelerated Master's Degree program in Sociology can begin taking graduate coursework, at undergraduate tuition rates, in their senior year!

Looking to get involved in a student organization or want more information? Wait no more! Contact an officer below. All are welcome!

Anthropology Club

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The SOciety (Sociology Club)

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Advantages of an Accelerated Degree:

- ◆ complete the Bachelor's degree with up to 12 fewer credit hours;
- ◆ begin work on the Master's degree during your senior year;
- ◆ complete up to 12 graduate credits at undergraduate tuition rates; and
- ◆ earn a Bachelor's and Master's degree in less time.

Steve Winn Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Steve Winn was a much sought after and inspiring teacher. He earned his B.A. in 1969 and M.A. in 1971, both from the University of Chico. His doctorate in Sociology was granted by Washington State University in 1976.

Dr. Winn was particularly interested in the relationship between class status and voting behavior. Steve was a strong advocate of proportional



representation (PR) in elections, having studied the voting behavior in some American cities where PR had once been used.

The Steve Winn Memorial Scholarship is intended to support outstanding students while honoring the life and work of Dr. Winn.

Recipients of this award must be full time, returning undergraduate or graduate students majoring in Sociology who have done outstanding work in the areas of sociological theory and or social stratification.

To be considered for this scholarship, students must submit via email (fondren@marshall.edu) the following materials to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology no later than **November 12, 2021**:

- A paper on sociological theory and or social stratification
- An explanation to why and how the paper meets the scholarship criteria (approximately half a page)
- A CV or resume'
- A letter of support from at least one faculty member

Student and Alumni Highlight: Baleigh Epperly and Abi Taylor

Mural Protests the Petrochemical Industry in West Virginia

The sustainability mural was created by **sociology major Baleigh Epperly**, eight current members, and **Marshall alumnae and anthropology major Abi Taylor**.



Epperly said the club decided to design the mural as a visual book—making the viewer read from the left side to the right. The left side represents the positive aspects of the state, the middle shows the struggles, and the right is the negative effects caused by the industry.

The left side starts with the sun shining over the mountains, which merges into a honeycomb of different aspects of West Virginia.

To represent the state’s wildlife, inside the honeycomb is a black bear, monarch butterfly and rhododendron. The club also included the “shop local” movement and wind turbines to represent the growing renewable energy sector.

A river that flows out of the sun represents the state’s tourism with a kayak and a raft going towards toxic pollution in the water.

The mural also illustrates a tanker on the bridge to show the emissions of chemicals, a pipeline that carries fracked gas and a facility that hosts a smoke-stack emitting pollution—with added dollar signs flowing out to represent money generated from these facilities.

“Protest art, when it’s good, does its work in a way that draws the viewer in and holds them long enough to communicate its message. It is difficult to do well.”
- Jamie Platt, gallery director

“For decades, extraction industries have plundered our land and left our people sick and impoverished in the name of economic prosperity,” Epperly said. “We, as West Virginia youth, demand a better future where we do not feel like we have to leave our homes to create a meaningful life and do not fear for our families’ safety and health.”

The bottom of the mural is a protest at the state capital building to stop fracking and to save the streams.

The mural was located on the first floor of the Visual Arts Center earlier this semester.

Like Baleigh and Abi, if you are a current or former student and have good news to share, visit this link and let us know!

[\(https://www.marshall.edu/cola/student-news/\)](https://www.marshall.edu/cola/student-news/)

Spring 2022 Registration Schedule

SENIORS	JUNIORS	SOPHOMORES	FRESHMAN
90+ hours completed as of 8/23/21	60-89 hours completed as of 8/23/21	30-59 hours completed as of 8/23/21	0-29 hours completed as of 8/23/21
Monday, Nov. 8	Tuesday, Nov. 9 Wednesday, Nov. 10	Thursday, Nov. 11 Friday, Nov. 12 Monday, Nov. 15	Tuesday, Nov. 16 Wednesday, Nov. 17 Thursday, Nov. 18 Friday, Nov. 19