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Message from the Chair

Welcome to **The Department of Sociology and Anthropology** at Marshall University.

Wow, what a time to be a social scientist?!? Think about it...with all of the challenges and changes we are faced with today as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, there simply is no better time to study social interaction (or distancing as the case may be), family, the workplace, race relations, politics, aging, public health, or the role that religion or sports, leisure, and recreation have in society. Social scientists are well positioned to explore these topics and more!

As we come to the end of the semester, allow me to take a minute to thank our department faculty, staff, and students for all of their hard work, dedication, and resili-

ency over the two years. I can't thank our faculty, staff, and students enough for their willingness to adapt to these changes in learning, instruction, meetings, and club events. In hindsight, the spring semester was almost "normal." Classes were offered in face-to-face, virtual, and online formats. Campus was alive again with invited guests, speakers, and events. Masks requirements were even lifted. Hopefully the Fall 2022 semester will see us return back to the classroom with minor adjustments as the number of people vaccinated and boosted continues to climb.

To our majors, minors, and graduating seniors, we offer our most sincere congratulations! Many of you were juggling additional family and work responsibilities while trying

to complete your class requirements. You did well! For those moving on, we wish you all the best. For those returning, we look forward to seeing you back in the classroom this Fall.

For all of us, the end of the spring semester is a time for remembrance. We take stock of where we came from, and have a moment to think about where we are going, as we pursue the future with hope. May your future be all that you hope for, and may it be sprinkled with love and friendship.



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Fall 2022 Courses

Introductory Sociology Classical Sociological Theory
Fads, Crowds, and Social Action Individual and Society
National Identity Physical Anthropology
Testament: The Wars Within Social Issues and Problems
Cultural Anthropology Ethnographic Research Senior Seminar



Anthropology Club Fieldtrip to Ohio

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, Dr. Nick Freidin, Dr. Kim Dingess, and students in the anthropology club visited a few sites in Ohio including the Great Serpent Mound, the Siep Mound, and Mound City. As you can see, it was a beautiful spring day for the outing. A good time was had by all!



Thank You Dr. Freidin - Enjoy Your Retirement

Dr. Nicholas Freidin is retiring this year after 39 years at Marshall University. He received his D.Phil. in Archaeology from the University of Oxford (Keble College), a Diploma in European Archaeology from the University of Oxford (Keble College), and his A.B. from Georgetown University. His academic research career began in Britain and France, and later he pursued additional studies in Israel and Cyprus. After



he was hired by Marshall in 1983, his focus changed to the Late Prehistoric Period in the Eastern Woodlands, a period between approximately AD 1000 and the time of contact between Native Americans and the European – African societies of Colonial America.

While at Marshall Dr. Freidin served as Director of the

Archaeological Field School, spending many summers with students at field sites as they learned how to survey, excavate, and record their findings of West Virginia's first inhabitants.

When he's not spending his time in the field, the lab, or the classroom, Nick can be found enjoying time by the pool, yelling at the squirrels in French, or sharing his thoughts with colleagues on the COLA listserv or with the community in The Herald Dispatch. We wish our friend well on his retirement. Pool party in the fall?

Congrats to our Spring 2022 Graduates



Cristal Angulo
Chloe Perdue
Ivy Scoville
Lanae Watland

Student Award Winners

Teddy Fuller

Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (academic)

Ivy Scoville

Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology (academic)

Lanae Watland

Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology (service)

Sydney Adkins

Outstanding Undergraduate in Anthropology (service)

Amber Stone

Steve Winn Scholarship (graduate)

Christina Adkins, Sophia Cassidy, Amber Stone
 Ann Louise Page Scholarship

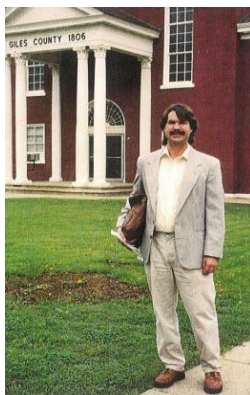
MU Scholarship Brunch, April 9, 2022



Pictured left to right: Representatives for Ann Page, Amber Stone (graduate student), Kristi Fondren (department chair), Allen Ross (graduate student)

Donor Highlights: Steve Winn and Ann Louise Page

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is honored to work with the Winn family to carry on the legacy of **Dr. Steve Winn**. Dr. Winn studied the relationship between class and voting behavior in the U.S. and abroad. The Winn Memorial Scholarship was established after Steve's untimely death while on sabbatical in French Guiana in 1995. The scholarship supports undergraduate and graduate students doing work in



sociological theory and or social stratification. His passion for studying the practice of democracy inspired his students and colleagues alike.

Students in the department will also benefit for many years to come, thanks to a significant gift from the estate of **Dr. Ann Louise Page**. A Huntington native, Dr. Page earned a her B.A. and M.A. in Sociology from Marshall University, and a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee. She then began a 30 year career as a professor at Appalachian State University, retiring in 2009.



Prior to her passing in March 2020, she was loved and cared for at an assisted living facility where she loved playing three cards of bingo and talking about her cats.

Dr. Page's career is an inspiration to our students, and her gift will make education more affordable for generations of students to come. We are excited to announce renovations to a space on the 5th floor of Smith Hall for the Ann Louise Page Research Suite. We anticipate renovations to be completed by the start of the Fall 2022 semester.

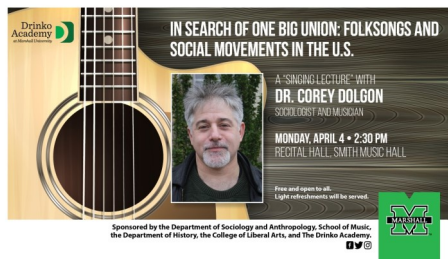
Revival of On-Campus Events!

On Friday evening, March 4, Marshall University held its annual pop culture convention, **Herd-Con**. Our own **Jami Hughes Smith** aka “Ursula” performed with her arch nemesis “Ariel” from *The Little Mermaid*. The event featured a variety of pop culture events including more than 50 vendor and artist tables and a cosplay contest hosted by featured guest and Herd-Con *Cosplayer-in-Residence*, Alicia Lewis of Kiss a Frog Cosplay.



Other events and activities include table-top and collectible card gaming, guest speaker panels, live music, local food trucks, a guest appearance by Wonder Woman of Slay that Cosplay, virtual Quick Draw with local artist JR Earles, and a featured guest appearance by Batman and the Batmobile of Heroes-4-Hire.

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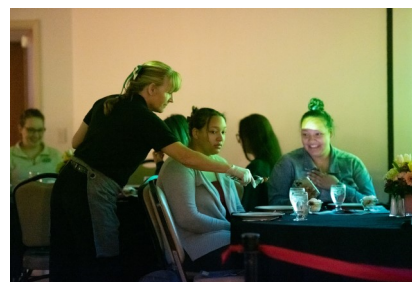
The Department of Sociology and Anthropology, in collaboration with the Drinko Academy, College of Liberal Arts, Department of History, and the School of Music, was honored to host a singing lecture with **Dr. Corey Dolgon**. Dr. Dolgon, a Ph.D. in American Culture and Sociology Professor has performed “singing lectures” for over 25 years. Corey is a long-time labor activist and community organizer who's used folk songs to build solidarity on the line and engage students in the classroom. His singing lectures cover movement history from a multicultural perspective and examines the function of folk songs in workers' and activists' work and organizing. Corey's words and music bring both history and theory to life. You can catch a video of the performance here:

<https://www.marshall.edu/livestream/livestream/am/a-singing-lecture-with-dr-corey-dolgon-sociologist-and-musician/>

For their community-based learning project, **students in Dr. Kristi Fondren's Social Stratification class** hosted an **Oxfam Hunger Banquet** for students on campus. The class partnered with The Office of Student Affairs for the event.



The event was a metaphor for how food and other resources are unequally distributed in the world. As students walked in the door, they drew their lots at random.



Participants were provided with a meal that corresponded with their location, followed by a discussion of what took place. Representatives from the Facing Hunger Food Bank, the Huntington City Mission, Empty Bowls, and Marshall's Food Pantry spoke briefly end.

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

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- ◆ 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.