



# The Road Ahead

## The Next Thirty Years of Appalachian Studies

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**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA MARCH 28-30, 2008**

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**Greetings!** Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference will be held at Marshall University in Huntington, WV on March 28-30, 2008. Yes indeed, during the last weekend in March, “WE ARE MARSHALL!”

Our theme, “The Road Ahead: The Next Thirty Years of Appalachian Studies,” challenges us to become a more forward-looking organization, one that lives up to its principles of democratic engagement, environmental and organizational sustainability, and welcoming inclusion.

We hope that you all will attend the conference and bring a new member along with you. While at the conference, please seek out students and newcomers to welcome them.

If this is your first time at the conference, you have arrived at an exciting time in ASA history. Let us be the first to welcome you into this organizational caravan. Bring your GPS device because we need your help in plotting our course on “down the road.”

This conference promises to be an engaging and participatory event. The conference weaves together concurrent sessions with times for all of ASA to meet as a whole (during three meals, two town meetings, three receptions, a book signing, and two evenings of amazing mountain music). We hope these shifts will help people mix and network as well as to share and learn about each other’s visions, understandings, and plans for the road ahead.

We look forward to the infusion of energy and ideas that this conference promises to bring ASA and Appalachia!

Shaunna Scott, ASA President

Chris Green, Program Chair

Dan Holbrook, Local Arrangements

### CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote address by **Silas House**
- A Town Meeting **Planning ASA’s Future**
- **Taking the High Road:** Plenary Session & Dialogue about MTR & Sustainable Development
- Fiddle, Banjo, & Dulcimer playing by some of the best **traditional mountain musicians**
- Tunes by an Eastern Kentucky **db punk band**
- **Youth Speak:** The future of the mountains via the media and voices of the youth
- **115** topical and interdisciplinary sessions plumbing the very boundaries of Appalachia

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## ASA 2008 CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

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### Friday

- 9:00 Registration opens in the exhibit space in the basement of the Memorial Student Center; exhibit & book room opens; Green Bottom Tour leaves from MSC; silent auction opens
- 11:00 Concurrent Session I
- 12:30 Concurrent Session II
- 2:00 Concurrent Session III
- 3:30 Town Hall Meeting on the Future of ASA & 2008 Business Meeting
- 5:00 *Reception of Welcome*, Sponsored by the West Virginia Humanities Foundation
- 6:00 Banquet: Keynote Speaker, Silas House
- 7:30 *Reception of Inter-Generational Mixing* sponsored by U of Kentucky's Appalachian Studies Program
- 8:00 *Fighting for Tradition*: Music by Dave Haas & Katie Stricker, Killer Panther, & Public Outrage
- 10:00 Jamming at the Java Joint

### Saturday

- 8:00 Registration, Exhibits, and Silent Auction open in Basement of the Memorial Student Center
- 8:00 Concurrent Session IV
- 9:30 Concurrent Session V
- 11:00 *Taking the High Road* Plenary Session: Sustainable Development & MTR
- 12:30 Lunch and Awards
- 1:30 Book Signings with U of Tennessee Press, *Appalachian Journal*, & U of Illinois Press
- 2:30 Concurrent Session VI
- 4:00 Concurrent Session VII
- 5:15 Reception & Music Jam sponsored by Berea College's Appalachian Center & East Tennessee State U's Graduate Curriculum in Appalachian Studies
- 8:00 *Mountain Roots in the Big Sandy*: Music by Bernard Cyrus and Tim & Dave Bing
- 10:00 Jamming at the Java Joint

### Sunday

- 8:30 Exhibit & Book Room Opens
- 8:30 Concurrent Session VIII
- 9:45 Concurrent Session IX
- 11:00 *Youth Speak about the Future of the Mountains*. Farewell brunch with prizes!