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Turning Point

The thick, unabridged dictionary in my office defines a generation as “the term of years, roughly 30 among human beings, accepted as the average period between the birth of parents and the birth of their offspring.” At this moment, as I look at the Appalachian studies community, I suspect we are at something of a turning point.

I don’t pretend to echo either the passing-of-a-torch theme in JFK’s inaugural or even the manifesto-like nature of the Port Huron Statement. Still, I do see a new generation of activists and artists and scholars coming into the field. We’ve just, for example, installed a new editor of the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, and she’s what most people would call a young scholar. We have seven young people on the Steering Committee. Even at 42, I still would put myself into this new generation. All of us are the products of those who have come before us, and we do stand on the shoulders of giants.

New generations arrive with opportunities and challenges. We’ll respond in ways that are, I hope, new and innovative, not to mention effective. At the same time, we lack the experience and sometimes even the wisdom of the sages. We must be mindful of the past (remember, I’m a historian), and see history as a way to clarify our options in the present and the future. We need to know how a generation of those before us has identified and responded to questions and issues.

In highlighting this turning point, however, we need not revert to an us-them mentality. There is no generation gap in our community. We need to reach out to those before us even as we make sure we do all we can to begin to build a new generation that one day will pick up where we will leave off.

As we begin this, the Appalachian Studies Association’s thirtieth year, I believe it’s important for us to spend some contemplative time—and some celebratory time—examining the last three decades of this organization, looking at the challenges, exploring our successes, and even some of our occasional failures. In the program at our 2007 Conference in Maryville, look for special sessions titled “Turning Points.”

Because countless numbers of people have spent so many years enhancing the strength of the ASA, the Steering Committee believes now is an opportune time to engage in long-term planning for the Association. The process I am planning builds on the past and looks to the future. I have appointed an ad hoc Long-Range Planning Committee, co-chaired by Roberta Herrin and Deanna Tribe, and staffed by Marie Cirillo, Ashley Cochrane, Steve Fisher, Wilburn Hayden, Sandra Hayslette, Phil Obermiller, and Erik Tuttle. I have striven to make the group diverse; included are three past presidents, along with a 2006 B.A. in Appalachian studies. Gender, race, and workplace are also representative, I hope, of our diverse community. ASA Vice President and President-Elect Shaunna Scott and I will serve as ex officio members, and the Steering Committee has approved facilitator Nina Gregg to lead us through a two-year planning process. Along the way, Association members will be invited and encouraged to participate in the planning process, with multiple opportunities offered through conference sessions, the ASA website, and our listserv.

Here’s to the next thirty years. See you in Maryville March 23-25, 2007.

Chad Berry, President



Inside ASA

Although the Appalachian Studies Conference and publication of the *Journal of Appalachian Studies* demand a great deal of energy within the ASA, the leadership of the organization is busy twelve months working to strengthen the ASA and be even more responsive to ASA members and the people of the Appalachian Region. Below is a brief update on our work.

29th Appalachian Studies Conference, Dayton, 2006

By the numbers: Total conference attendance of 553 included 102 scholarship recipients and 43 exhibitors. The 40 sponsors and co-sponsors included foundations, labor unions, colleges and universities, government agencies, non-profit groups, and individuals. Participants came from 12 Appalachian states, as well as 11 non-Appalachian states, the District of Columbia, and Canada. Ninety-three percent of those who submitted evaluation forms indicated the sessions they attended were either "Excellent" (40%) or "Good" (53%), although some complained that the 77 concurrent sessions didn't allow them to attend every one they wanted. Nobody complained about the food, the music, or the camaraderie.

Elements of the conference, including Bill Turner's keynote speech, have been captured in a professionally-produced documentary that will be available on DVD, and in over 500 photographs taken during the conference. Selected photos are already up on the ASA website, and video streaming of the keynote speech will soon be available at www.appalachianstudies.org.

30th Appalachian Studies Conference, Maryville, 2007

Plans are well underway for the 2007 conference, March 23-25, in Maryville, Tennessee. With help from Maryville College staff, the organizers have developed online submission forms for participation and for

Appalink

Appalink is published twice a year. We welcome submissions for announcements and news. Subjects may include upcoming conferences, lectures, meetings, fellowships, award nominations, or other events of interest to the membership of the ASA. Submissions should be sent by e-mail or regular mail to Mary Thomas at mthomas@marshall.edu. Space is limited, and all submissions are subject to editing. Paid advertisements will be considered for inclusion. Contact the managing editor for rates. Deadline for Spring 2007 is 12/8/06.

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scholarship support. A special website, available off the www.appalachianstudies.org website, is located at www.maryvillecollege.edu/asa and contains a wealth of information for attendees, presenters, and exhibitors. It is designed to be a one-stop source of information for the 2007 conference. The Program and Local Arrangements committees are working on special commemorative activities for this milestone year in the life of the ASA. Plan on attending—Maryville is easily reached by interstates 75 and 40 and is just 15 minutes south of Knoxville.

Ad hoc Committee on Commemoration

To help us celebrate the 30th anniversary of the ASA, Chad Berry has convened a group to advise the Program Committee. Members of this Commemoration Committee include Jack Wright (jwright@ohio.edu), Shannon Wilson (shannon_wilson@bera.edu), Rebecca Bailey (rjbailey412@yahoo.com), and Pat Beaver (beaverpd@appstate.edu). Should you have ideas for the celebration, please email one of the committee members.

31st Appalachian Studies Conference, Huntington, 2008

Vice President and President-Elect Shaunna Scott and Program Chair-Elect Chris Green are planning a conference with the theme of "The Road Ahead: The Next Thirty Years of ASA." They will be making a special effort to involve the "next generation" of Appalachian scholars, educators, and activists into the program and planning. Fittingly, the final report of the long-range planning committee will be presented at this conference. Huntington, West Virginia, is conveniently located off I-64. Please make plans to join us in a conversation about the future of our region and organization.

Mary Thomas Appointed Executive Director

Many people who have had the opportunity to work with Mary Thomas in the ASA office at Marshall University know how valuable she is to the organization. The Finance Committee and Steering Committee believed that her title of Office Manager grossly understated the level of service she provides to the Association. Both committees authorized President Chad Berry and MU Liaison Edwina Pendarvis to negotiate with the Marshall administration a change in title for Mary that better reflects her responsibility. In June 2006, she was named Executive Director of the Appalachian Studies Association.

Website Committee

Emily Satterwhite assumed the chair of the Website Committee from Roy Silver in May. Roy has given the Committee several years of valuable support, and our thanks go out to him. Emily has inaugurated some changes to the ASA website at www.appalachianstudies.org. Please take a look at the website and let Emily know your ideas and suggestions: esatter@vt.edu.

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Journal of Appalachian Studies

The *Journal of Appalachian Studies* will release Vol. 11: 1 & 2, a special double issue featuring scholarship on the environment, in September 2006. This volume features some of the most original thinking in the exploding field of regional environmental scholarship and invites readers to consider the trends, methodologies, and major questions guiding the field. In other news, the *Journal* has hired former intern Kris Clifford as an additional copyeditor, and with his assistance has achieved an unprecedented level of efficiency in production work this summer. We are also pleased to welcome to our editorial staff Dr. Katherine Ledford as book review editor. Katherine holds a Ph.D. in American literature from the University of Kentucky. She brings to the position expertise in the history of regional images in literature and other media, with major research projects focusing on early Appalachian travel writing. She has authored and edited a number of publications on regional identities and representations.

Finance Committee

Formally approved in September 2005, the Finance Committee will develop projected budgets for the annual capital conferences and the overall Association and assist in fundraising and development efforts. In March 2006, the Finance Committee met to prioritize items needing funds. From this discussion, the Finance Committee recommended to the Steering Committee that 1) funds be granted to the *ASA Journal* for the hiring of a copyeditor, 2) some action be taken toward conference presenters not paying conference registration fees, 3) a title promotion and pay increase be awarded to Mary Kay Thomas in the ASA office, and 4) compensation be provided for a professional facilitator working with the Long-Range Planning Committee. The Finance Committee will be working toward visioning a solid three-year plan for future development and subsequent finance.



**In memory of
Professor Robert C. Welch
(1941-2006)**

His energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the Appalachian Region never ceased. He was a scholar, organizer, and good friend who will be truly missed by students and faculty at Eastern Kentucky University's Center for Appalachian Studies.

Long-Range Planning Committee Contacts

Established to develop a five-year plan for the ASA, the Long-Range Planning Committee members had their first meeting in September. They will work during the next two years to formulate a vision for the ASA, and they expect the process to be broadly participatory; look for special opportunities to share in this visioning process at the 2007 Conference. The final plan will be presented at the 2008 Conference. Feel free to contact any of the members:

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PIECING THE
APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE

MARCH 23-25, 2007

Maryville, Tennessee



Howard Dorgan Silent Auction

It is that time of the year again to make the initial call for the Howard Dorgan Silent Auction bid items—\$3,500 was raised at the 2006 Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Dayton, Ohio. Adding the 2006 amount to the previous total, the Howard Dorgan Silent Auction has raised approximately \$24,500 for scholarships since 1998. And remember—one in five attendees at the Conference each year receives scholarship support.

2007 Auction Request -- Nothing has been donated to date; therefore, we need all types of items—handmade items from regional craft persons and artisans, autographed books from Appalachian writers, videos, music, original paintings, small antiques, and novelty items. In addition, please consider donating (or acquiring from your local businesses or organizations) items such as handmade quilts, sculpture, antique furniture, etc. for the raffle.

In order to ensure that the Silent Auction earns adequate scholarship dollars, this year minimum bids will be placed on most items.

Getting a Bid Item to the Auction

You can bring the objects directly to the conference. It helps to have the bid items on Thursday evening or early Friday morning. You can send the items to Carol Baugh, Appalachian Outreach and Studies, Sinclair Community College, 444 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402.

Hours for the 2007 ASA Silent Auction

The auction opens on Friday, March 23, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. Final bids must be made ½ hour after the last session of the day ends on Saturday, March 24, 2007. This is when the auction officially closes.

The 2007 ASA Silent Auction Committee—Philis Alvic, Carol Baugh, Donna Sue Groves and Deanna Tribe—urges all members to consider donating a bid item to the auction. And, thanks to all of you for your help!

Scholarships Increase Participation

Scholarships enable those with marginal incomes to have a voice in the annual ASA conference through their participation. Approximately one in five participants was awarded a scholarship in past years. This program is possible through donations. One source of donations is the Howard Dorgan Silent Auction (see the request for donations to the left).

The Scholarship Committee awarded a total of 102 scholarships for the 2006 Dayton conference. Forty-four of the applicants were students, including 31 undergraduates and 19 graduates. Thirteen recipients were affiliated with colleges and universities, and 49 applicants represented community groups or participated in community-related advocacy. Applicants received a total of \$9,575 toward registration costs and \$6,375 toward travel.

For more information on scholarships, contact Cassie Robinson, ASA scholarship Committee Chair, at crobinson@mhc.edu. An online application for scholarship assistance is available at www.maryvillecollege.edu/asa.

A Special Thank You to...

**Phil Obermiller
Tom Wagner
Carol Baugh**

for their hard work and dedication in leading the very successful 2006 ASA conference in Dayton, Ohio. And for all those who helped, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Faces of Appalachia

Faces of Appalachia continues to work toward the goals of a 2002 NEH Challenge Grant by soliciting funding from individuals, foundations, and organizations. Reaching the goals has been very difficult, and continued contributions are most welcome. Rather than waiting for the program to be fully endowed, combined with the great need for education on diversity in the region, the Board moved ahead by sponsoring three presentations on diversity at Marshall University in the 2005-06 school year.

This year a symposium focusing on diversity among Appalachian youth is being cosponsored with the Harmony Institute. The symposium will include presentations, performances, workshops, and other events at Marshall University that will bring together students, faculty, and community members to further public understanding of gender and ethnicity issues in Appalachia and to affirm the contributions of women and ethnic and racial minorities to the culture and history of Appalachia. The symposium is scheduled for November. Further details are available on the insert within this Appalink.

Call for 2007 ASA Officer Nominations

Your nominations are needed for ASA Officers and Steering Committee members. The ASA bylaws call for the annual nomination and election of officers. Any member of the association may nominate a fellow member to serve. The Association is seeking nominations for the following elected positions:

The Vice President/President Elect (2007-2008) chairs the nominating committee and negotiates for conference support at future sites. The vice president also becomes president the following year (08-09). The president of ASA presides at all meetings, directs fund raising, serves as spokesperson, and serves on the Steering Committee for one year after his or her term. The president usually resides in the sub-region in which the upcoming conference will be held (2009).

The Program Vice Chairperson/Chairperson Elect (2007-2008) assists the chairperson, helps organize the next conference, and becomes chairperson the following year (08-09). The program chairperson and his or her committee oversee the operation of the annual conference in cooperation with the Local Arrangements Chair and Committee. Following his or her term, the program chairperson serves one year on the Program Committee.

Three At-Large Members of the Steering Committee (2007-2009) are elected by the membership for two-year terms. There are six at-large members on the Steering Committee, with three being elected each year. The Steering

Committee members transact any necessary business, form standing committees, and approve the annual budget. The Steering Committee meets at least twice a year.

Four Program Committee Members (2008 Conference) help prepare the call for participation, review submitted abstracts, and compile the 2008 conference program. The Program committee includes four at-large members who serve for one year (07-08) and are elected by the ASA membership.

HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION

- 1) Make sure the nominee is willing to serve and understands the commitment involved.
- 2) Write a one-paragraph biography (please limit to 100 words) of the nominee that includes his or her involvement in Appalachian studies and our association. This paragraph will be included with the spring ballot sent to members.
- 3) Send your nomination/s to ASA Vice President, Shaunna Scott, 1557 POT, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0027 or soc247@email.uky.edu. Please note "ASA Nomination" in the subject line or on the envelope.
- 4) The deadline for accepting nominations is November 17, 2006

AWARD WINNERS

- 2006 Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award:
Gordon McKinney
- 2005 Helen M. Lewis Community Service Award:
Our Common Heritage, Dayton, OH and Pam and Jerry Williamson
- 2006 Carl A. Ross Student Paper Award:
John R. Burch; Fighting the War on Poverty in the Second Poorest County in the United States
- 2005 The Jack Spadaro Award:
Robert Salyer; Sludge
- 2005 e-Appalachia Award for Outstanding Website:
Just Connections; www.JustConnections.org
- 2005 Weatherford Award:
Non-Fiction
Sharon Hatfield; Never Seen the Moon: The Trials of Edith Maxwell
Fiction and Poetry
Darnell Arnault; What Travels with Us: Poems



Call for 2007 Award Nominations

CARL A. ROSS STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The Carl A. Ross Appalachian Student Paper Competition is open to students in two categories: middle/high school and undergraduate/graduate students. The authors of the winning papers will receive \$100 each. Costs of attending the conference are the winners' responsibility. All papers must adhere to guidelines for scholarly research. To submit a paper for consideration for the 2007 competition, e-mail a Microsoft Word copy of the paper by December 8, 2006, to William Schumann at: wschumann@ehc.edu. Middle/high school papers should be 12-15 pages in length; undergraduate/graduate papers should be 20-30 pages in length. Students submitting papers must be enrolled in courses at the time of the conference. To verify their student status, students can submit one of the following to the mailing address below by December 15, 2006: a copy of a schedule of classes or transcripts indicating enrollment for the spring 2007 term; a letter from a faculty advisor verifying the student's status for the spring 2007 term, which should include the faculty member's email address, phone number, and mailing address. Students who wish to present their papers at the conference must also submit a Proposal for Participation following the guidelines above, available at www.maryvillecollege.edu/asa. Questions should be addressed to William Schumann, Emory & Henry College, Post Office Box 947, Emory, VA 24327, FAX 276.944.6170

CRATIS D. WILLIAMS/JAMES S. BROWN SERVICE AWARD

The Cratis D. Williams/James S. Brown Service Award is given to an individual who has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia and/or the ASA. There is a two-step nomination process: Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual's specific contributions to the region or the individual's c.v./résumé. Following a review the Committee will request additional information about one or more finalists before selecting the award recipient. Send nomination materials to Emily Satterwhite, Assistant Professor of Humanities, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (0227), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24601-0227 or by e-mail to esatter@vt.edu before January 9, 2007.

HELEN M. LEWIS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Helen M. Lewis Community Service award is given to an individual or an organization that has made exemplary contributions to Appalachia through involvement with and service to its people and communities. Nominations should include a statement regarding the individual or organization's specific contributions to the region or its people, accompanied by at least two letters of support. Send nomination materials to Patricia Beaver, Director, Center for Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University, University Hall, Boone, NC 28608 or to beaverpd@appstate.edu before February 1, 2007.

THANK YOU!

The College of Education and Human Services and Marshall University support the work of ASA through contributions of space, personnel, and resources. The Steering Committee and members of ASA express their gratitude for this support.

JACK SPADARO DOCUMENTARY AWARD

The award's name honors the activist and whistleblower, Jack Spadaro, who has spent his entire professional career working within the coalmining industry for the betterment of the Appalachian community. One award is given annually to recognize the best film, video, radio, television, or other media presentation on Appalachia or its people. Nominations should be made to Jack Wright at jwright@ohio.edu before February 1, 2007. Technical and submission requirements are detailed at <http://www.appalachianstudies.org/association/awards/>.

THE e-APPALACHIA AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WEBSITE

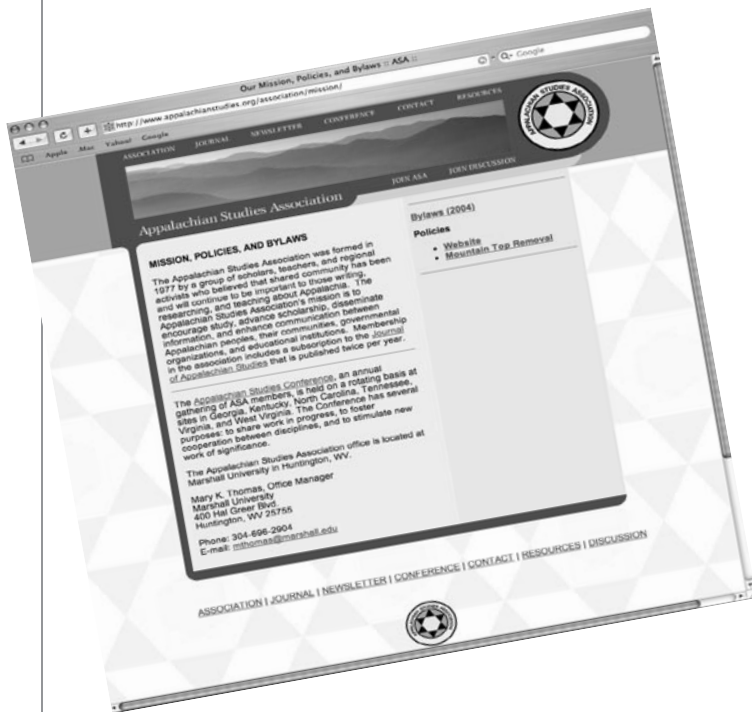
The e-Appalachia Award, is given annually in recognition of an outstanding website that provides insight on Appalachia and its people, or provides a vital community service to Appalachians. Nominations should be made to Emily Satterwhite, Website Committee Chair, at esatter@vt.edu before February 1, 2007.

WEATHERFORD AWARDS

The ASA and Berea College annually present the Weatherford Awards to honor published works that "best illuminate the challenges, personalities, and unique qualities of the Appalachian South." Two awards are given, one in nonfiction and a second in fiction & poetry. The award honors Willis D. Weatherford Jr. and Sr. for their contributions to the region. The late Alfred Perrin began the award in 1970. The only requirement is that the subject matter of the books be Appalachian or that they be set in Appalachia. All nominations for the Weatherford Awards must be made by December 31, 2006, and all entries must be originally published in 2006. The nomination and seven copies of each book should be sent to Chad Berry, Director, Appalachian Center, CPO 2166, 205 North Main Street, Berea College, Berea, KY 40404.

For more details on any of these awards, please visit our website at www.appalachianstudies.org.

The Appalachian Studies website has a lot to offer!



WEBSITE Help Wanted

The website committee is looking for one or two new members interested in maintaining and updating a section of their interest. Possible areas include the syllabus archive; academic programs; centers & libraries; bibliographies; research grants; jobs; advocacy and activism; and overall copyediting/link checking. The time commitment will be approximately 5-10 hours twice per year for a total of no more than 10-20 hours/year. Previous website construction experience is welcome but not necessary; if you use the web, then you can help us make the site more user-friendly.

Please help us keep the website chock-full of new and current materials that encourage people to visit year-round! If you have questions or would like to express interest in joining the website committee, please send an email to website chair Emily Satterwhite at esatter@vt.edu. And as always, if you have a syllabus you are willing to share with your colleagues, please go to <http://www.appalachianstudies.org/syllabi/> to submit it using our online form. In particular, the anthropology and women's studies sections are looking pretty skimpy. Thanks for your support. Current website committee members Roy Silver, Gene Hyde, and Emily Satterwhite would like to thank our fabulous web manager, Boyd Shearer, for continuing to share his talent and expertise with us.

www.appalachianstudies.org

Thirty Years Ago They Gathered in Berea

Academics, Artists, and Advocates—they came together and envisioned a special organization, dedicated to documenting, promoting, and helping the people and culture of the Appalachian region. Help us tell their story and the story of the founding of the Appalachian Studies Association.

Please share what you know about these extraordinary people and that special time.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Thirtieth Annual Conference

PIECING THE APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE **Celebrating an Organization and Region:** **The 30th Anniversary of the Appalachian Studies Association** **March 23-25, 2007**

Like a quilt, which uses fabric pieces to represent strong ties to geography, history, family, and culture, this conference will join together a variety of experiences, presentations, and research to commemorate the ASA and the Appalachian region. Piecing together work from individuals and groups, including special retrospective sessions, we will explore over three decades of Appalachian inquiry, activism, and service.

Maryville College in Maryville, Tennessee; www.maryvillecollege.edu/asa

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A Different World

Symposium on Diversity, Change, and Appalachian Youth

Marshall University and Appalachian Studies Association

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November 2-3. Poet Marilyn Nelson will read from her books, including *Mama's Promises* (1985); and the multi-generational family collage, *The Homeplace* (1990), which won the 1992 Annisfield-Wolf Award and was a finalist for the 1991 National Book Award; her *New and Selected Poems* (1997), which won the 1998 Poets' Prize and was a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award; and from *Carver: A Life in Poems* (2001), named a Newbery Honor Book, a Coretta Scott King Honor Book, and a finalist for the 2001 National Book Award.

Nov. 6 – 10. Author and Researcher Anella Bickley, one of the Rockefeller Scholars funded through CSEGA in 1999, Dr. Bickley retired as Vice President, Academic Affairs, West Virginia State University, and currently lives in Florida, where she continues to write and do research. With Dr. Lynda Ann Ewen, she co-edited *Memphis Tennessee Garrison: The Remarkable Story of a Black Appalachian Woman*, published by Ohio University Press. Dr. Bickley has authored several stories and articles for such magazines as the West Virginia history magazine, *Golden Seal*. During the week, she will visit classes and give presentations.

Nov. 10. Researcher and Professor Wilburn Hayden, author of studies of African Americans in Appalachia, coordinates the Master's of Social Work graduate degree program at the California University of Pennsylvania. He will conduct workshops on campus and do a presentation on how to change communities to make them healthier places for children and youth from diverse minority groups. A long-time active member of the Appalachian Studies Association, Dr. Hayden is an expert on rural social work practice. Among his many scholarly publications are articles on Black Appalachian families and on barriers to equality.

Nov. 10. Researcher Caitlin Howley will give the results of her research on students' perspectives on racism in Appalachian schools. Dr. Howley is research and education specialist at Edvantia (previously the Appalachia Education Laboratory) in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Howley won the 2006 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the American Education Research Association for her study entitled "Remote Possibilities: Rural Children's Out of School Activities and Educational Aspirations." Dr. Howley will speak about children's perspectives on racism in school.

Nov. 28. Book Illustrator Jerry Pinkney will give a presentation on how the arts can bring about change. The day of his presentation, a local artist will (1) work with a group of African American and white high school students, eliciting their feelings and opinions—by having them discuss and then express their ideas through art about their school and recreational activities; and (2) work with a group of African American and white college students, eliciting their feelings and opinions about college life, first through discussion, then through art. Among the books Mr. Pinkney illustrated are *Back Home*; *Black Cowboy*, *Wild Horses*; *Drylongso*; *Journeys with Elijah: Eight Tales of the Prophet*; and *The Talking Eggs*.

A Different World

Symposium on Diversity, Change, and Appalachian Youth

Marshall University and Appalachian Studies Association

November 2006

Nov. 28 – 30. Presentations of Research Papers on Effecting Change toward Social Justice and Diversity. Papers selected from those submitted to a call for papers by Marshall University's Office of Multicultural Affairs Harmony Institute. Readers and reading schedules will be publicized in early November.

Nov. 29. Poet Frank X. Walker—author of *Buffalo Dance* (which won the Lillian Smith award) and *Black Box*, among other poetry books, and recent recipient of a Lannan Fellowship Award—grew up in Danville, Kentucky, and will help participants become more aware and appreciative of the lived experiences of African Americans in Central Appalachia. His poetry reading and writing workshop for college and high school students and their teachers will help both African American and white and Asian participants express their own ideas about race relations and their experience of them at school and in the community, whether a rural community or an urban one in Appalachia.

Nov. 30. Educator and Advocate Pedro Noguera, an urban sociologist and professor in the Steinhardt School of Education, New York University, will do a presentation on conditions that promote student achievement and reduce youth violence. Drawing on his experience, which includes several years as a K-12 classroom teacher, and membership on the U.S. Public Health Service Centers for Disease Control Task Force on Youth Violence, Noguera will, after his presentation, participate in a panel which will consider practical methods for implementing the recommendations and ideas represented by his talk and other presentations and workshop discussions during the month.

For times and locations of presentations
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Symposium sponsored by *Faces of Appalachia and the Harmony Institute

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