



Peckham named W.Va. Professor of the Year

CHARLESTON — The Faculty Merit Foundation has announced that Professor Rachael Peckham, Ph.D., of Marshall University, is the winner of the foundation's 2024 Professor of the Year award.

The foundation presented the award on Thursday during a banquet in the Great Hall of the Culture Center in Charleston. Four Professor of the Year finalists also were recognized: Lloyd Bone, DMA, associate professor of music at Glenville State University; John Hird, Jr., Ph.D., professor of mathematics at West Virginia University Institute of Technology; Matthew Kushin, Ph.D., professor of contemporary art, communication, and theatre at Shepherd University; and Christopher Ramezan, Ph.D., assistant professor of management information systems at West Virginia University.

Peckham is a professor of English at Marshall University. In 2002, she earned a bachelor's degree in English (Creative Writing) from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Peckham received her master's degree in Creative Writing (Creative Nonfiction) from Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia, in 2004 and her Ph.D. in creative writing (creative nonfiction) from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, in 2009.

Peckham began her career at Marshall as an assistant professor of English (2009 – 2013) and Associate Professor of English (2013-2020). In 2017, she served as a guest faculty member for West Virginia Wesleyan College's Low-Residency M.F.A. program. At Marshall, her teaching load covers the full spectrum of English courses, from composition and creative writing to literature, theory and specialty topics.