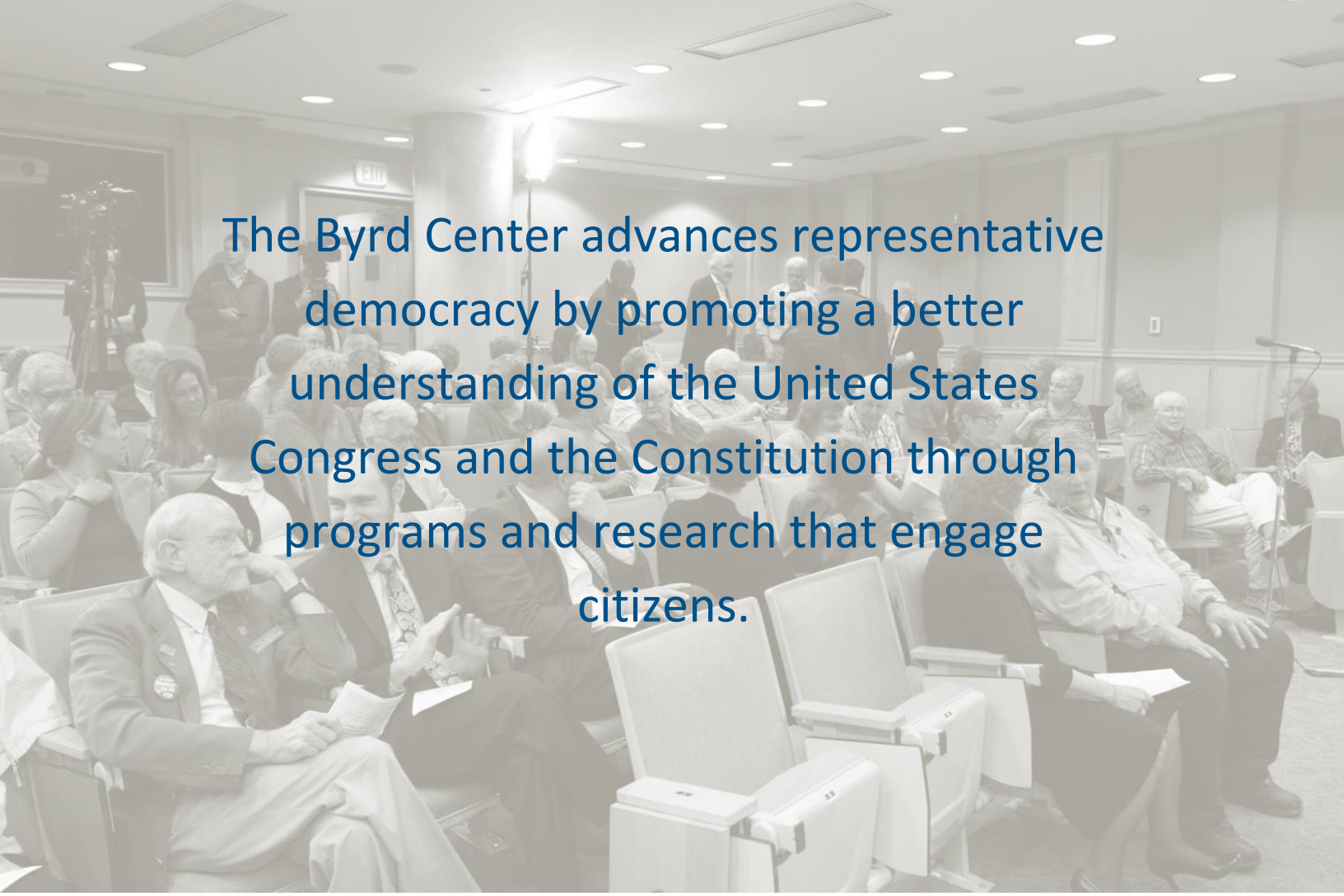




Robert C. Byrd Center

for CONGRESSIONAL HISTORY AND EDUCATION

Annual Report
2018



The Byrd Center advances representative democracy by promoting a better understanding of the United States Congress and the Constitution through programs and research that engage citizens.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2018 has been a year of substantial change and growth at the Byrd Center. We began the year with an ending of sorts. In January, the “Robert C. Byrd: Senator, Statesman, West Virginian,” traveling exhibit tour concluded after twenty-two stops in West Virginia, two stops in Washington, DC, and thousands of miles logged over almost two years on the road. The exhibit tour was supported by a generous grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council, and it was through another WVHC grant that the Byrd Center expanded its civic education offerings this year. Over the summer, we continued our fruitful collaboration with the National Archives’ Center for Legislative Archives, conducting professional development teacher institutes titled “Teaching about Congress, the U.S. Constitution, and Representative Government” in Charleston, Morgantown, Lewisburg, WV and at the Byrd Center for near one hundred West Virginia educators. The institutes trained teachers in new hands-on lessons and methods for engaging students in learning about the Constitution and how Congress works, and they represented a successful continuation of our efforts to make the Byrd Center’s programs and resources available to all West Virginians.

In its second year, the Friends of the Byrd Center (FOB) group continued providing instrumental support for our initiatives. In July, FOB organized “An Evening with Congressional Historians,” a successful program to raise funds in support of the Byrd Center’s long-standing and extremely successful internship program. Byrd Center interns have played a vital role in our successful efforts to process Senator Byrd’s papers, conduct our oral history project, and develop new projects for a decade. Thanks to the generous efforts of the members of FOB and the support of those who attended “An Evening with Congressional Historians,” the Byrd Center will again welcome two student interns from Shepherd University’s History Department in 2019.

This summer also marked a changing of the guard at the Byrd Center. Ray Smock, the Byrd Center’s founding Director retired after sixteen years at the Center and many more as a distinguished historian of Congress and American politics. In recognition of his dedicated work in guiding the Byrd Center from its infancy, the members of our board of directors named Ray Director Emeritus and welcomed him as a voting member of the board in June.

As 2019 rapidly approaches, we at the Byrd Center are poised to build on our many recent successes. We will continue expanding our civic education initiatives by again offering several new teacher training institutes around the state over the summer and by welcoming groups of high school students and faculty to the Byrd Center for workshops about government, deliberation, and the legislative process. We’ll continue building out our robust array of public programs by hosting more film screenings, more book talks, and more civic education events. And we’ll certainly continue our ongoing efforts to locate new funding sources to ensure the Byrd Center’s long-term economic health and sustainability.

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DIRECTOR

Jay was appointed Director of the Byrd Center in 2018 after serving as Director of Programs and Research for five years. He leads the Center's community outreach and programming initiatives at the local, state, and national levels, develops and oversees its research projects, and coordinates its oral history program. Under Jay's leadership, the Byrd Center continues to be a respected hub for bi-partisan programs and research that engages and informs audiences about the U.S. Congress, the Constitution, and American representative democracy in both historical and contemporary contexts.

Jay is the current president of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress, a national alliance of organizations and institutions that promote the study of the United States Congress. He also teaches courses on American History and public history for Shepherd University's History Department.



JODY M. BRUMAGE

ARCHIVIST AND OFFICE MANAGER

Jody interned at the Byrd Center for a year and a half before joining the staff in June 2013. Managing the preservation of the Byrd Center's congressional collections, Jody facilitates access to our archival resources by working with researchers and assisting in the development of educational and outreach tools. Jody is active in the Society of American Archivists where he serves on the steering committee for the Congressional Papers Section. He is also a member of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress. Jody received a BA in Public History from Shepherd University in 2013 and a MARA from San Jose State University in 2017.



2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

JANUARY 2018

- After nearly two years and over twenty-two stops, the **traveling exhibit Robert C. Byrd: Senator, Statesman, West Virginian** concluded its tour after being on display for two months at the West Virginia Culture Center and Capitol in Charleston.
- The center published its first issue of *The Byrd Call* in January featuring an article on Senator Byrd's **vital role in the ratification of the Panama Canal Treaties**. 2018 was the fortieth anniversary of the treaties which the Senate consented to the ratification of in April 1978.

FEBRUARY 2018

- We kicked off our **annual semester film series** with a screening of *Joshua: Teenager v. Superpower*. The other films screened in the successive months at the center include *Nobody Speak: Trials of the Free Press* and *Water & Power: A California Heist*. The film series was presented in collaboration with Shepherd University's Lifelong Learning Program.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Byrd Center and Lifelong Learning Program's film series is now in its fifth year! We started the series in the fall of 2014.

MARCH 2018

- The **Society for History in the Federal Government** held their annual meeting at the Byrd Center on March 23-24, welcoming nearly a hundred historians from across the Federal Government. Jody Brumage (Byrd Center Office Manager and Archivist) presented a paper on the value of constituent correspondence in congressional collections during the annual meeting.
- The History Department welcomed Ohio State University Emeritus Professor of Women's Studies and History **Dr. Claire Robertson** who gave a talk to history majors in the Byrd Center's auditorium.

APRIL 2018

- The Byrd Center partnered with the Department of Social Work to hold a commemoration of the **50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** Over 100 people attended the discussion and viewed the short documentary film *The Witness: from the Balcony of Room 306* featuring interviews with several of Dr. King's colleagues.

DID YOU KNOW?

Each semester, many Shepherd University students present their senior capstone research projects in the Byrd Center. Students from the History, Political Science, English, and Communication Departments, the Honors Program, and the College Student Development and Administration Masters Program have all presented in the center.



- We hosted the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society's foreign affairs series, featuring **Madame Ambassador Professor Hassana Alidou**, the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States.

MAY 2018

- Byrd Center Director Jay Wyatt traveled to Las Vegas in May as presenter at the Annual Meeting of the **National Council for Public History**. Wyatt was part of a panel discussing how to facilitate digital access to primary sources in which he highlighted the collaborative exhibit *The Great Society Congress*, which was developed by the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress and features records from the Byrd Center's collections.

JUNE 2018

- The Byrd Center's staff traveled to Morgantown, Charleston, and Lewisburg to conduct workshops as part of our **third annual Teacher Institute**. The staff was accompanied by Dr. Charles Flanagan of the Center for Legislative Archives (National Archives and Records Administration) who facilitated several of the workshop sessions.
- In collaboration with the Shepherdstown Book and Author Group, the Byrd Center welcomed scholars Jules Witcover and John R. Bohrer who spoke about their books on Robert F. Kennedy in conversation with Don Ritchie. The program was covered by C-Span.

- On June 29, 2018, colleagues and friends of the center gathered for a reception in honor of our **Director Emeritus Ray Smock's retirement**.



JULY 2018

- The Byrd Center hosted to Shepherd University's annual **Appalachian Studies NEH Summer Seminar**. Educators from around the country attended daily sessions and special events over the course of three weeks at the center.
- On July 23, 2018, the Friends of the Byrd Center held their inaugural fundraiser, ***An Evening with Congressional Historians***, which successfully raised money to provide stipends for two student interns in 2019. The fundraiser was attended by over 100 people who enjoyed a panel discussion featuring former Senate Historians (and Byrd Center board members) Richard Baker and Don Ritchie, former House of Representatives Historian (and Byrd Center Director Emeritus) Ray Smock, and Brian Lamb, Executive Chairman of C-SPAN.

AUGUST 2018

- The fourth workshop in our **third annual Teacher Institute** was held at the Byrd Center in August, welcoming over thirty educators from around the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.

SEPTEMBER 2018

- In partnership with the West Virginia Humanities Council, the Byrd Center hosted ***Path to the Pulitzer***, a panel discussion with *Charleston Gazette* reporter and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Eric Eyre, NPR's Giles Snyder, and Shepherd University's Cecelia Mason, former Eastern Panhandle bureau chief for West Virginia Public Broadcasting.
- The fourteenth annual Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution was given by **Iowa Senator Tom Harkin (Ret.)** to a full house on Constitution Day. A reception for the Friends of the Byrd Center and Senator Harkin was hosted by Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix after the lecture.



OCTOBER 2018

- Our fifth and final workshop in the **Teacher Institute** for this year was held on October 13, 2018 at the Martinsburg Center of Shepherd University.
- On October 29, the Byrd Center welcomed **100 students from Musselman, Spring Mills, Hedgesville, and Martinsburg High Schools** in Berkeley County for a day of workshops on the legislative process, what Congress does (and why it matters), and a special visit from West Virginia State Senator John Unger. These students are a part of Berkeley County Schools' leadership program.



NOVEMBER 2018

- **Norman Houston**, Director of Northern Ireland Executive North America, delivered an informative and timely lecture on the United Kingdom's "Brexit" plan and how it would impact Northern Ireland on the twentieth anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. The lecture was given to a full house and received well by community members and many students.
- Working with West Virginia State Senator John Unger, the Byrd Center hosted a screening of the NOVA documentary "**Addiction**," followed with a group discussion led by Dr. Rahul Gupta, former Chief Officer of the West Virginia Commission of Public Health.



DECEMBER 2018

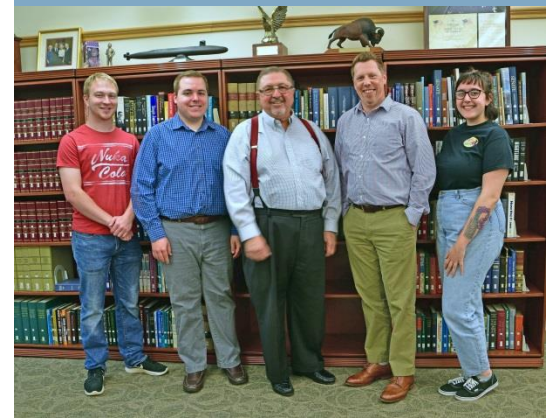
- The Byrd Center was one of the host sites for the **History Department Open House** and welcomed prospective students and their families for presentations from University Admissions and an alumni panel, including Jody Brumage (Shepherd University Class of 2013), who reflected on their experiences in the program.
- Over fifty people gathered at the Byrd Center on December 5 for a **Friends of the Byrd Center Holiday Reception**. Remarks were delivered by Jay Wyatt and CEF Board Member Lisa Welch to the group which included several new members. Those in attendance also toured the archives and learned about the center's collections.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 2018, the Byrd Center took meaningful strides in all phases of our operations. Indeed, it has been a busy, fruitful, challenging, and rewarding year. It has been a year of significant change and evolution, highlighted by the conclusion of the Robert C. Byrd traveling exhibit tour, the retirement of the Byrd Center's founding director, Ray Smock, and his appointment to the Center's board of directors. It has also been a year of progress. In 2018, we incorporated valuable new materials into our collections, made strong headway in the ongoing processing of Senator Byrd's papers and our other collections, and made those resources available to researchers. We significantly expanded the Center's civic education initiatives and sponsored, co-sponsored, or hosted more than five hundred events so far this year, with a few months to go. We hosted two fantastic interns from the Shepherd U. Public History program, Jacob Vanorsdale and Delaney Conner, each of whom assisted in all phases of our operations and created new content for the Byrd Center website over the summer. And it was over the summer that the Friends of the Byrd Center successfully organized its inaugural fundraising event to raise money in support of our internship program. The detailed reports in the pages that follow provide a comprehensive overview of the progress made in these areas.

The Byrd Center also continued to support and conduct new research into the history of Congress in 2018. Damien Arthur, Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Policy at Marshall University returned to the Byrd Center in June to conduct additional research for his forthcoming biography of Senator Byrd, which is currently under contract with Oxford University Press. Additionally, I co-authored a biographical essay with Katherine Scott, Associate Historian at the United States Senate Historical Office titled "Robert C. Byrd: Tactician and Technician." The essay was published in *Leadership in the U.S. Senate: Herding Cats in the Modern Era* by Routledge in August. The volume was edited by Colton C. Campbell, Chair of the Department of Security Studies at the National War College. I have also committed upon request to authoring an essay on the importance of studying Congress and preserving the records of Congress for *The Public Historian* in 2019, and the long-delayed Byrd commemorative edition of *West Virginia History* is scheduled to be published in 2020 in honor of the tenth anniversary of Senator Byrd's passing. This volume will feature essays by myself, Don Ritchie, Damien Arthur, and Katherine Scott.

Jody and I remain active in professional organizations focusing on the history of Congress as well. I will continue to serve as president of the Association of Centers for the Study of Congress (ACSC) through spring 2019, and following that, I will serve on its executive board as the immediate past president. Jody is also an active member of ACSC, and he is on the steering committee of the Congressional Papers Section of the Society for American Archivists. In



Byrd Center Staff and Interns (L to R):

Jacob Vanorsdale, Jody Brumage, Ray Smock, Jay Wyatt, and Delaney Conner



(L to R) Ray Smock, Dr. Jerome Gilbert (President of Marshall University), Jay Wyatt, and Damien Arthur at the reception for the Senator Byrd traveling exhibit at Marshall University in April 2017.

spring 2018, Jody presented a paper at the Society for History in the Federal Government annual meeting at the Byrd Center, and I chaired and served on panels at the National Council for Public History annual conference in Las Vegas and the ACSC annual meeting at the Robert J. Dole Institute for Politics at the University of Kansas.

We also made significant progress updating and expanding the Robert C. Byrd Legacy Project in 2018. Byrd Center interns successfully completed the primary editing of several backlogged oral histories. Jody and I are in the process of distributing the edited transcripts to interviewees for review and final approval. Don Ritchie conducted a fine oral history with former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, and I conducted a successful oral history with former Iowa Senator Tom Harkin. We are currently in the final stages of planning oral histories with former West Virginia Congressmen Nick Joe Rahall and Alan Mollohan. Incorporating these oral histories will significantly bolster the Byrd Legacy Project and, we expect, provide a stronger foundation for securing interviews with some of Senator Byrd's former Senate colleagues.

En toto, the across the board gains made by the Byrd Center in 2018 have continued to elevate our profile and standing at the local, regional, state, and national level. It is imperative that we continue this upward trajectory in 2019 and seek opportunities to collaborate and leverage our initiatives in pursuit of grants, the cultivation of prospective donors, and any additional funding opportunities that may be available. We have dramatically reduced the Byrd Center's annual budget over the past two years through the elimination of salaries and benefits, by reducing the amount allocated for student labor, and by cutting our operating expenses wherever possible. We have also significantly increased our revenues through grants, the annual CEF board dues, the Friends of the Byrd Center annual membership dues, and the proceeds from the Friends' fundraiser. However, we must do more to secure the Byrd Center's financial stability beyond 2020. Attaining this goal will be our central focus in 2019.

Jay Wyatt, Ph.D.

Director

Robert C. Byrd Center for Congressional History and Education



FROM THE ARCHIVES

2018 has been a productive year in the Byrd Center's archives. Our progress was made possible by our exceptional student interns, Delaney Conner and Jacob Vanorsdale, who worked with us from May until August. We continue to strive to make more sections of our congressional collections available to the public for research and to utilize them in innovative ways to engage the public and serve our programming initiatives.

Last year, the Byrd Center received a generous donation of campaign ephemera, including buttons, posters, and other mementos from political campaigns dating back to the 1940s, from Scott Faulkner, first Chief Administrative Office of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Byrd Center already holds Faulkner's personal papers associated with his service in Congress and his career. With the help of our interns, the collection was inventoried and arranged. Minimal conservation work was carried out to clean the items and the entire collection was re-housed in archival-quality boxes. Our next step in completing this project will be describing the collection in our database and creating a finding aid.

The center also received a donation this year from James Watkins, a former member of the staff of Congressman Harley O. Staggers, Jr., whose papers are housed at the center. The collection includes records detailing Congressman Staggers, Jr.'s efforts to respond to the disastrous 1985 floods in West Virginia which impacted almost his entire district. The Watkins Papers were processed and entered into our database. We intend to have the finding aid prepared and the collection opened for research in the coming months.

Over the summer, the archives mounted an exhibit in the Byrd Center Rotunda entitled *Redeveloping Appalachia*. The exhibit uses records from the Robert C. Byrd and Harley O. Staggers, Sr., Congressional Papers Collections to examine how members of the West Virginia delegation, beginning in the 1950s, strove to chart a new future for Appalachia through massive redevelopment legislation. A focus of the exhibit is the Area Redevelopment Act, passed and signed into law in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. This bill became the precursor to the larger Appalachian Redevelopment Act, championed by Senators Byrd and Jennings Randolph and passed in 1965.

While the physical exhibition will conclude at the end of the fall semester, we plan to open a digital version of the exhibit, hosted on the Byrd Center's website, in spring 2019. This project will expand the online presence for the center's collections which already includes several digital galleries, the *Byrd's-Eye View* digital archive, and our exhibit *Path to the Chairman's Seat*, which was opened in 2016.

We also have entered a new foray in the use of our collections in a digital format with the publication of our first podcast this summer. Byrd Center intern Delaney Conner produced the podcast entitled *Appalachian Aspects*, the first episode of which explores Senator Byrd's role in creating the National Conservation Training Center, located near Shepherdstown. The podcast is available on the Byrd Center's [website](#).

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Byrd Center further solidified its position as a social, cultural, and intellectual hub for the Shepherd University and Shepherdstown area communities in 2018. Our robust array of public programming and expanding civic education initiatives constitute the core of these endeavors and are in keeping with our organizational mission to promote a better understanding of the United States Congress, the Constitution, and our representative democracy through programs and research that engage citizens.

We sponsored or co-sponsored events including film screenings, book talks, panel discussions, and our signature annual event, the Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture on the U.S. Constitution, which commemorates Constitution Day each September. We were privileged to host Iowa Senator Tom Harkin (retired) as this year's Moses memorial lecturer. Senator Harkin's landmark piece of legislation was the Americans with Disabilities Act, and he is recognized as an outspoken advocate for handicapped persons in America and beyond. His talk, titled "The Constitution and Persons with Disabilities," was delivered to a standing-room-only crowd at the Byrd Center and captured by C-Span for broadcast.

Developing programs for the public affords us many opportunities to collaborate and partner with a variety of organizations at the local, regional, and state levels. These collaborations have helped us reach new and ever-growing audiences in recent years. The Moses Memorial Lecture is supported through a fund established by Mr. Moses' daughters, and this year we partnered with Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix to host a special dinner in honor of Senator Harkin that was attended by Friends of the Byrd Center members. Our popular documentary film series continued to draw audiences in 2018 with a wide-ranging slate of films focusing on grassroots political activism (*Joshua: Teenager vs. Superpower*), the state of America's free press (*Nobody Speak: Trials of the Free Press*), America's broken healthcare system (*Fix It*), and the Opioid Crisis (*Recovery Boys*), among others. The film series is now in its fifth year and is co-

sponsored with Shepherd University's Lifelong Learning Program.



We partnered with organizations including the local chapters of the League of Women Voters, NAACP, and the Republican and Democratic parties to sponsor an ongoing series of non-partisan civic education programs throughout West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. As part of this collaboration, the Byrd Center hosted two events focusing on electoral redistricting at the state and national level, including a panel session featuring local members of the WV state legislature.

At the state level, we partnered with West Virginia Public Broadcasting (WVPB) and the West Virginia Humanities Council (WVHC) for two outstanding programs this fall. The Byrd Center co-sponsored "Path to the Pulitzer," a special panel discussion featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Eric Eyre and National Public Radio correspondent Giles Snyder, with WVHC. The program was the third event in a special series titled "Journalism and the Informed Citizen." Previous events in the series were held in Morgantown and Huntington, WV. We also joined with WVPB and Shepherd University's Department of Sociology and Geography to host a screening of *Recovery Boys* and a post-film community discussion about opioid addiction and recovery. The event was attended by more than 150 students and community members.

The Byrd Center's public programming successes have enabled us to expand our audiences and continue to grow our other outreach initiatives, specifically our teacher institutes and student-focused civic education programs. In fall 2017, we welcomed 100 leadership students and faculty from Berkeley County, WV's four public high schools for a day of workshops focusing on the Constitution, the legislative process, and the importance of bipartisan deliberation. In succeeding months, the students built on those lessons and crafted their own bills, which they presented and debated at the Byrd Center in spring 2018. This fruitful collaboration with Berkeley County Schools will continue in the 2018-2019 academic year, as we again host students from the leadership program. We intend to recruit additional local schools to the Byrd Center for similar programs this year as well.





Building on the success of the Robert C. Byrd Traveling exhibit, the expansion of our teacher training programs across the state represents one of our most significant achievements in 2018. In conducting one-day “Teaching about Congress, the U.S. Constitution, and Representative Government,” workshops in Charleston, Morgantown, Lewisburg, Martinsburg, and the Byrd Center, we provided near 100 educators with innovative and engaging hands-on lesson plans and primary source materials. Workshop sessions focused on the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the powers of Congress, how a bill becomes law, the Great Society legislation of the 1960s, and the state and federal responses to the 1985 Election Day floods in West Virginia. Attending teachers were tasked with creating five new lessons derived from the workshops that they will use in class this year. Those who completed the course and accompanying assignment received 3 educational development credits through Shepherd University’s Department of Continuing Education. The teacher institute was supported and made possible by a generous grant from the WVHC, which enabled the Byrd Center to cover course costs for most teachers. Taking the teacher institutes on the road enabled us to make our program and resources accessible to teachers in all parts of the state. We look forward to continuing this very worthwhile program in summer 2019.

The Byrd Center is a premier venue on the campus of Shepherd University for hundreds of events each year. In 2018, the center hosted 504 individual events, 69 of which took place after normal business hours or on weekends, including conferences, organizational meetings, and classes. Each of these events requires logistical planning, setup, and in many cases, technical assistance. While the Byrd Center’s staff provides all these services, we also work in conjunction with Shepherd University’s Information Technology Department and the Catering Service to ensure that all events held in the center run smoothly and provide an exceptional experience for everyone involved.

Over the course of the year, we have worked with the following organizations and groups who have held meetings or events in the center:

Academic Departments and Divisions

Appalachian Studies
Athletics
Biology
College Student Development and Administration
Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering
Education
History
Honors Program
Lifelong Learning Program
George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War
Nursing
Political Science
Sociology and Geography

University Administration

Admissions
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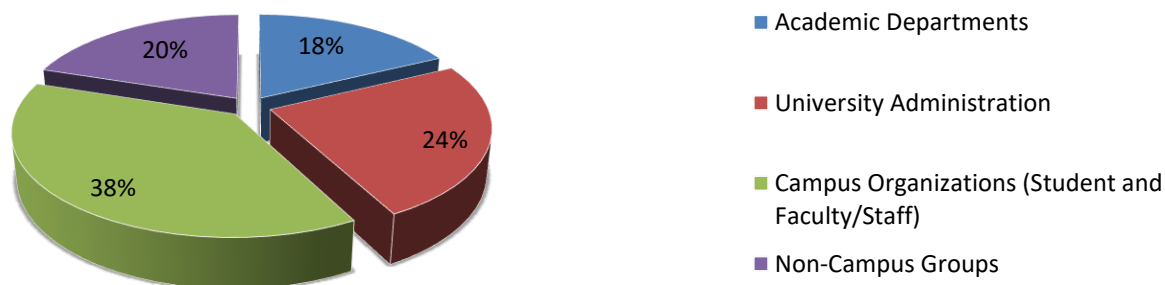
Campus Organizations (Students and Faculty/Staff)

Appalachian Heritage Writer-In-Residence
Café Society
Chesapeake Watershed Cooperative
Common Reading Program
Education Preparation Program Advisory Council
Faculty Research Forum
Federal Jobs Application Workshop
Focus on Student Learning
International Culture Week
Multicultural Student Affairs
New Faculty Learning Community
NEH Appalachian Studies Seminar
Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society
Shepherd University Alumni Association
Study Abroad
Teaching English as a Second or Other Language

Community (Non-Campus) Organizations

Air Force Junior ROTC
Army War College
Eastern Panhandle Pride
Generation Eastern Panhandle
Historic Shepherdstown Commission
Jefferson County League of Women Voters
Jefferson County Landmarks Association
Society for History in the Federal Government
University of Maryland Libraries Book Club
WEPM (Martinsburg)
West Virginia Rivers Coalition

ORGANIZATIONS UTILIZING BYRD CENTER ROOMS (2018)



FUNDRAISING

Since the establishment of the Friends of the Byrd Center in 2017, we have gained a growing group of supporters and contributors of ideas, resources, and man-hours. Contributions made through the Friends help to support the center in a number of ways, including the continuation and expansion of our programs, the preservation of our congressional collections in the archives, and providing the invaluable experience of internships to Shepherd University students. We are proud of our Friends and the contributions they make to improve the Byrd Center.

In 2018, Friends of the Byrd Center memberships raised over \$6,000.00 for programming at the center. An additional \$8,000.00 was raised in July when the Friends held their first fundraiser, *An Evening with Congressional Historians*. More than a hundred friends, colleagues, and supporters filled the Byrd Center auditorium to watch C-Span's Brian Lamb moderate a conversation about the history of Congress featuring U.S. Senate Historians Emeritus Don Ritchie and Dick Baker and Ray Smock, the Byrd Center's Director Emeritus. The event was a tremendous success, raising sufficient funds to cover two internships at the center for 2019. While many contributions were made to ensure that the fundraiser's goals were achieved, we owe a debt of gratitude to Lisa Welch, Phyllis Smock, Karen Rice, and Jack and Martha Young for serving as our fundraiser planning committee.

Members of the Friends gain exclusive access to the center and our programs. This month, Friends were invited to a special reception, hosted by Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix, which followed our Constitution Day program, given this year by Iowa Senator Tom Harkin (ret.). The dinner not only provided an opportunity to meet and converse with Senator Harkin, but also to get to know the incredible team who manage the Harkin Institute for Public Policy and Citizen Engagement at Drake University in Des Moines, IA. Senator Harkin founded the Institute, which facilitates non-partisan research, conducts numerous programs, and preserves the senator's papers.

With the foundation laid over the past two years, the Byrd Center is excited to turn our focus towards growing the Friends of the Byrd Center in the coming year, inviting new members to support and take part in the vital programs and contributions the center makes available to Shepherd University, the Shepherdstown community, and beyond.



THANK YOU

Members of the Friends of the Byrd Center and donors to our fundraisers make the work of the Byrd Center possible. With gratitude we recognize those who have contributed to the center in 2018:

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