

JMU Graduate Community News

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April 9, 2018



ATTEND THE GRADUATE SHOWCASE OF SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES! Don't miss this great opportunity to learn about the outstanding work of JMU's graduate students. Support your fellow graduate students as they present their work. **Thursday, April 19, Madison Union. Presentations: 9:30-10:45 and 11:00-12:15, room 306. Posters: 1:30-3:30, room 256. [More Information](#)**

GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS. All graduate students and faculty are invited and encouraged to join President Alger, Provost Coltman and Dean Chen at the **Graduate Student Award Ceremony on Thursday, April 9, at 5:00 pm, Madison Union, room 256.** Support colleagues who will receive awards. Refreshments will be served.

The following graduate students will be presented with awards:

- **Jon Stapleton, Music Education**—Innovation Award
- **Laura Mack, Communication and Advocacy**--Community Engagement Award
- **Austin Shifflett, English**--Civic Engagement Award
- **Grant Ostrander, Psychological Sciences**—Outstanding Thesis Award
- **Taylor Johnson, Communication and Advocacy**--Outstanding Thesis Award
- **To Be Announced**--Outstanding Symposium Awards

THE COHEN CENTER is looking for a new logo. The logo should reflect the center's mission to foster intellectual engagement, interdisciplinary collaboration and a strong sense of community for all graduate students. The winning submission will be featured in Cohen Center materials. **The student designing the new logo will receive a cash prize.** Please submit all entries as .TIFF format files of an image resolution of at least 300 dpi to Michael Klein (kleinmj@jmu.edu) by **April 30.** All graduate students are eligible to submit a design and may submit up to three entries each.

SUMMER COURSES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST FOR ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS:

WRTC 608. INTERCULTURAL LITERACIES. An examination of critical approaches to intercultural communication beyond ethnic and racial lines. We'll also investigate key theories of identity and difference, and intercultural communication practices. Topics may include definitions of culture, cross-cultural communication challenges and issues of globalization, localization and translation. May 7 to June 15. For more information contact Dr. Cathryn Molloy (molloycs@jmu.edu).

INTS 575. VIRGINIA FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. Explore sustainable food systems from a multidisciplinary perspective. The Virginia Food Systems Leadership Institute (VFSLI) seeks to prepare rising leaders in this domain by combining knowledge of food systems with competency development in leadership. This is a 4-credit interdisciplinary, multi-university course that starts June 4. [More information](#) or contact Dr. Michael Broderick (broderml@jmu.edu) or Dr. Wayne Teel (teelws@jmu.edu)

WRTC 628. GENRE IN ACTION. Explore how established genres circulate and mutate within ecologies of humans, objects, technologies and spaces. Students will explore theories related to genre in order to analyze and compose within a medical, scientific, nonprofit, academic, or corporate discourse community of their choice. First summer session, online. For more information contact Dr. Scott Lunsford (lunsfoss@jmu.edu).

THE NEW GSA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

- President – **Jack Nichting**
- Vice President – **Jackson Chambers**
- Secretary – **Amanda Bomfim**
- Treasurer – **Will Arney**

All four officers are enrolled in our Master's in Public Administration program.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION SPRING GRANT WINNERS

Professional Development Awards:

- **Margaret Dassira, School Psychology**
- **Cristina Kossak, Sport and Recreation Leadership**
- **Danika Pfeiffer, Ph.D. Communication Sciences and Disorders**
- **Anna Showalter, Doctor of Musical Arts Program in Piano**
- **Bailee Hubert, Occupational Therapy**
- **Emily Harnish, Physician Assistant Studies**
- **Jessica Fornieri, Nutrition and Physical Activity**
- **Alexandra Minori, Sport and Recreation Leadership**

Travel/Research Awards:

- **Jonathan Studio, Biology**
- **Tyler Kovacs, Biology**
- **Jennifer Morgan, Public Administration**

FULL DAY CHILD CARE is available for 3 and 4 year olds at The Young Children's Program (YCP) located in Anthony Seeger. The YCP is state licensed and NAEYC accredited utilizing a project based, learner-driven curriculum. The YCP encourages learners to explore, investigate and discover. Now enrolling for the 2018 – 2019 school year. [More Information](#)

NEED A JOB? Currently, there are 11 graduate assistantships, 44 student positions, as well as 10 wage positions, for which graduate students might qualify, posted on JMU's [Joblink](#).

Upcoming Events

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY IN CONTENTIOUS TIMES. Is talking about the global climate even working? Dr. Robert Cox, Former National Sierra Club President and Author of environmental Communication and the Public Sphere will explore resilient communication strategies required to address our global crises. **Monday, April 9, 7 pm** in HBS GO40. For more information contact Everett Brubaker (brubaken@dukes.jmu.edu)

THE FINAL GSA MEETING OF THE YEAR will be **Wednesday, April 11, 6-7 pm** in 4000 Madison Hall. This meeting will be an Open Forum. Come tell us your thoughts about the GSA and what you would like to see from our organization moving forward. Come for some great discussion and FREE PIZZA! For more information contact the GSA (gsa@jmu.edu).

RACIAL TERROR: LYNCHING IN VIRGINIA, 1877-1927 will be this year's final presentation of the Institute for Visual Studies, **Wednesday, April 11, 12:00-1:00** in Roop Hall 208. Dr. Gianluca De Fazio (Justice Studies) will introduce and discuss his digital research project, a website where lynching stories are told and can be disseminated to students, researchers, and to the general public. Bring your lunch; dessert and coffee will be served. All are welcome. [More information](#)

JMU LIBRARIES MAKER SPRINT. The 3-hour Sprint begins with an announcement of a challenge or problem to solve. You then have the rest of the time to envision and create your solution. You will be provided with equipment, supplies, advice, and some great snacks! At the end of the sprint, you'll present your project to a group of judges, who will select winners and present prizes based on creative use of materials, presentation, and, of course, how well you solved the problem! Pre-register by April 9th and you'll get a free t-shirt. Open to everyone at JMU. **Wednesday, April 11, 6 pm** in Room 208. [More information](#)

INCOMPLETE COURSE DEADLINE. All coursework from the Fall 2017 semester must be submitted to faculty members by **April 12** to remove an incomplete grade. **Thursday, April 26** is the last day for the faculty to remove "Incomplete" grades from fall 2017 semester. Incomplete grades will automatically be changed to "F" after this date.

APPLICATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2018 GRADUATION must be submitted no later than **Friday, April 13**.

MADIPALOOZA, the "Festival at Festival", is a music festival hosted right on JMU's east campus. This event offers inflatables, food eating contests, drawings for prizes, and much more! **Saturday, April 14**. [More information](#)

INTERDISCIPLINARY SYMPOSIUM ON NARRATIVE MEDICINE: RESILIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM, & SELF-CARE. **Saturday, April 14**, at Wake Forest University [More Information](#)

"IT'S OK TO DIE...WHEN YOU'RE PREPARED." Join the JMU-SRMH Collaborative for an informational talk about advanced directives, tools for making challenging medical decisions, and numerous other action steps to take when "your time" comes. **Tuesday, April 17, 6:30**, Festival Highlands Room. Open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members. [More Information](#)

STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY: If required by your program, you must submit your thesis, dissertation, or scholarly document to Scholarly Commons and the Graduate School by **Wednesday, April 18**.

HONORS COLLEGE SYMPOSIUM **Wednesday, April 18**, Madison Union 256. Presentation Segment 1; 10:30 – 12:00 pm, Pinning Ceremony; 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm. Presentation Segment 2; 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm. For more information contact the Honors College (honors@jmu.edu)

GRADUATE SHOWCASE OF SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES. Don't miss this great opportunity to see your fellow graduate students present papers, posters and receive awards for excellence in; Innovation, Community Engagement, Civic Engagement & Outstanding Theses. Paper Presentations; **Thursday, April 19, Madison Union 9:30-10:45 and 11:00-12:15**, room 306. **Poster**

Session; 1:30-3:30, room 256. The EXPO will conclude with an **Award Ceremony at 5:00 pm**, with remarks by the President and Provost, Madison Union, room 256. Light refreshments will be served.

[More Information](#)

STUDENTS GRADUATING IN MAY MUST COMPLETE ALL COURSEWORK by **Thursday, May 3**.

COMMENCEMENT. The May commencement ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 3rd, at 7 p.m.** in the Convocation Center. [More information](#)

For additional events of possible interest, regularly check <http://www.jmu.edu/events>

Downtown Calendar

NATIONAL SIBLINGS DAY AT BROTHERS CRAFT BREWING April is home to National Siblings Day! Celebrate with [Brothers Craft Brewing](#) on **April 10** by buying your brother or sister beer! Look for their tasty brews at your favorite restaurant, bottle shop or grocery store downtown. [More information](#)

ROCKTOWN BEER AND MUSIC FESTIVAL - With over 67 beers to sample, even savvy beer fans will find something new to get excited about and you can expect some of the best performances from local and nationally touring bands every year. **April 21, 3pm - 8:30pm**, [More information](#)

DOWNTOWN DINNER PARTY - Celebrate Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance's 15th Anniversary with a festive and food-filled night in the heart of downtown Harrisonburg! HDR is teaming up with Sub Rosa Supper Club event team for this brand new event so prepare to be wowed. **May 19, 7-11 pm**. [More information](#)

VALLEY FOURTH - Red, white and blue plus you! It's Harrisonburg's 17th annual Independence Day celebration. Great food, music and entertainment attract thousands of people to downtown Harrisonburg for a fun day with family, friends and neighbors. **July 4, 8 am – 9:45 pm**. [More information](#)

FRIENDLY CITY FORTUNE - The Shenandoah Valley's largest raffle is back for a second year! HDR is giving away a total of \$250,000 in cash and prizes on **July 4, 1-5 pm** – one prize is drawn every five minutes for four hours! [More Information](#)

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

Graduate Policies. You are responsible to read and follow the graduate policies set forth in the [Graduate Catalog](#). Important information regarding degree progress, including rules for successful progression and continuous enrollment are also on the [Graduate School website](#)

Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee. Students who are completing these sorts of projects must submit a signed approval form to The Graduate School by the second week of the semester in which the student first registers for thesis or dissertation credits. [Approval form](#)

Monitor your Dukes E-Mail account! Official information is sent to each student's official [Dukes e-mail account](#). Check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account on a regular basis.

Monitor MyMadison! The *Student Center* in [MyMadison](#) is where you will find advising information, register for classes, and where you can view "To Do Items" that will keep you on track towards graduation. Use the Student Center to update your mailing address and cell phone number. It is **your responsibility** to maintain accurate contact information. Check your account regularly. Don't miss important information!

Essential Links:

- [Graduate School Website](#)

- [Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid Policies](#)

Have Questions? Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

Assistantships/Scholarships/Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown (wendelkt@jmu.edu)
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will (willsa@jmu.edu)
General Questions	Pamela Bell (grad@jmu.edu)

We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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