

JMU Graduate Community News

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March 11, 2019



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR JMU'S SHOWCASE OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES.

All graduate students are encouraged to share their work with peers and faculty at the JMU Graduate Showcase, April 17. This conference is an opportunity for graduate students to practice their presentation skills, and for us all to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. The Graduate Showcase highlights research and creative projects through **presentations** and **poster sessions**. Judges will nominate one panel presentation and three poster presentations to receive top awards with cash prizes. The event concludes with a reception where these and other awards are presented. **Submission Deadline – Friday, March 15. Showcase Date – Wednesday, April 17.** [More Information](#)

NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSTANDING DISSERTATION, OUTSTANDING THESIS, INNOVATION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AWARDS,

will be accepted until **March 15**. These awards recognize exemplary contributions of graduate students and celebrate the diversity of their work across the university. Awardees will be recognized at The Graduate School's Award Reception **April 17, 2019, from 6-7 pm** in the Hall of Presidents, and at the May Graduate Commencement Ceremony, May 2, 2019. [More Information](#)

NOMINATE STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF FOR ALL TOGETHER ONE AWARDS!

Nominations can be submitted as a narrative e-mail (no form) giving examples of how your nominee contributed to JMU by engaging or building community; inspired others; demonstrated a caring attitude, dedication to learning, commitment to working together; or made some other unique contribution to the university community. Submit your nomination by **March 18 at NOON** to odk@jmu.edu . [More information](#)

"INTEGRITY, CIVILITY AND GRACE; YESTERDAY'S VIRTUES?" is the theme for the 2019 **Foreign Languages – Integrity Conference** to be held at James Madison University **April 11-12**. This conference brings together scholars/researchers and students from across the country representing a variety of

disciplines to look at virtues such as integrity, civility and grace, and their value throughout the history of humankind. Proposals for presentations will be accepted until **March 17**. [More information](#)



JMU GSA HOSTS STATE SUMMIT. JMU's Graduate student association hosted the first-ever, statewide, graduate student organization summit on March 2. Eighteen graduate student leaders representing eight Virginia universities attended this highly productive meeting. The students discussed a wide range of topics relevant to the graduate student experience. This event was such a success that the participants agreed to conduct this sort of meeting every year.



GSA TRIVIA NIGHT at Three Notch'd Brewing was a night to remember. The highly anticipated competition billed as "Are You Smarter than the JMU Faculty/Staff?" proved to be an affirming event for Graduate Students at JMU. Approximately 60 individuals participated including 3 faculty teams and 7 student teams. The student team "E-VALENTINE" from the Public Administration Program were the winners of this intense competition! Join next semester for a chance to prove your program's prowess!

THE DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP SERIES will introduce graduate students and faculty to the theories and practices of digital scholarship, promote a community of digital scholars and explore the relationship between digital scholarship, digital pedagogy, and scholarly communication. Sessions can be completed as a series, or individually, depending on your needs and interests. Sessions start **May 5**. [More Information](#). For questions, contact askthelibrary@jmu.edu.

COLLECTING FOR OPEN DOORS. The JMU Department of graduate psychology is collecting travel-size toiletries for donation to **Open Doors**, a local thermal shelter that provides services to homeless members of the Harrisonburg community. Welcome donations include: deodorant, toothpaste, shaving items, cold medicine, shampoos, soaps, etc. Collection boxes will be located on the 1st floors of Madison Union and SSC until **Sunday, March 17**. Please direct questions to Sarah Anolik Katz (anoliksx@jmu.edu).

LOOKING FOR A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP? There are 10 positions currently posted on [JMU Joblink](#).

NEED A JOB? There are currently 29 student positions and 9 wage positions posted on [JMU Joblink](#).

Upcoming Events

DIVERSITY INCLUSION AND LEADERSHIP IN STEM. The CSM Student Council invites everyone to attend a presentation on this topic by Kevin Powell, activist, writer, and public speaker. **Monday, March 11, 5:30 pm** in Bioscience 107.

THE INSTITUTE FOR VISUAL STUDIES will host artist, activist, teacher, **Wendy Ewald**. Among her many honors, Ms. Ewald is the recipient of both a MacArthur Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship. Her projects have included communities across the world in which she studies identity and cultural differences. She will discuss her work at the intersection of Art and Activism. **Monday, March 11, 6-7:30 pm**, Harrison 1261. [More Information](#). [Other Institute of Visual Studies events](#)

MEDICAL ILLUSTRATORS WRITING GRAPHIC NARRATIVES is the subject of this lecture given by Dr. Lisa DeTora. The presentation seeks to reconcile how the health humanities constitutes itself as both medical education and humanistic inquiry. **Monday, March 11, 5-6:00 pm**, Madison Union 302. A [Cohen Center](#) Event

THE SPEAKER SERIES "DEMOCRACY IN PERIL?" will present "**Donald Trump and the Modern Presidency**" by Dr. Robert Dallek, Professor Emeritus, UCLA, and Dr. Matthew Dallek, Associate Professor, George Washington University. **Thursday, March 18, 5-6:30 pm**, Madison Hall Conference Room (Room 1001). [More Information](#)

ENVISIONING FUTURES ACROSS DISCIPLINES. Drs. Emily York and Shannon Conley (ISAT) will discuss how diverse experts can collaboratively imagine plausible future scenarios. This work deploys design fiction—a blend of science, science fiction, and design prototyping. **Wednesday, March 20, 12-1:00 pm**, in Roop Hall, room 208. An Institute for Visual Studies presentation. [More information](#)

MUSIC EDUCATORS Drs. Graham Welch and Adam Ockelford will lead an informal chat and tea about research and music education in England at 3:30 pm, followed by a lecture at 4:30 pm pertaining to working with students with Autism. **Tuesday, March 26, 3:30-5:30 pm**, Music Building 204. A [Cohen Center](#) Event.

DECEPTION SCHOLAR AND DEVELOPER OF THE DECEPTION DETECTION VIDEO GAMES MACBETH AND VERITAS, Dr. Norah Dumbar will host an open discussion about her research and scholarship. Lunch provided by the [Cohen Center](#). Open to the JMU community. **Monday, April 8, noon-1:00 pm**, Madison Hall 4000.

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Registration for Summer 2019 Summer Semester Begins	3/18/19
Registration for Fall 2019 Semester Begins	4/1/19
Deadline for students to submit coursework to faculty for removal of Incomplete Grades from Fall 2018	4/11/19
Comprehensive Assessment Results & Thesis/Research Projects/Dissertations Due for May 2019 Graduation Candidates	4/15/19
August 2019 and December 2019 Graduation Applications Due	4/15/19

Downtown Calendar

ARTIST KRIS KEANE will demonstrate how to make intricate flowers from paper to celebrate Spring! This free event is open to people of all backgrounds and all ages. Minors must be supervised throughout the event by an adult. **Thursday, March 14, 5-8:00 pm**, at Lucy F. Simms, 620 Simms Ave, Harrisonburg. For questions, contact; info.themakingspace@gmail.com.

NASARUNI EMPTY BOWLS (Soup Supper) raises poverty and hunger awareness and benefits Nasaruni Academy, a nonprofit school that empowers Maasai girls in Narok, Kenya, through a values-based education. Tickets are \$35 each and include a bowl handmade from clay, wood, and similar food-safe materials by a local artisan, as well as a delicious soup meal donated by area restaurants. Tickets (\$10) are also available for a soup meal only. A Silent Auction and Maasai Market will be onsite that night. All proceeds go directly to benefit the children at Nasaruni. **Friday, March 15, 5:30-8:30 pm** at Harrisonburg High School Cafeteria, 1001 Garbers Church Rd, Harrisonburg. [More Information](#)

SHAMROCK 5K TRAIL RUN will take place at Hillendale Park, **Saturday, March 16, 9:30-11:30 am**. Introductions and race announcements will begin at 9:00 am, the run will begin at 9:30 am rain or shine. For questions, contact; Erik Dart at 540-433-2474 or Erik.Dart@harrisonburgva.gov.

YOGA IN HARRISONBURG. Harrisonburg is becoming a mecca of yoga opportunities. Check out classes available at [UREC](#), and out all the opportunities available [downtown](#).

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](#). Regularly check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account.

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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