

# JMU Graduate Community News

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March 13, 2016

**Welcome back!** We hope you had a relaxing spring break, and we wish you the best during the final quarter of the academic year!

## Second Annual Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities.

**Save the date!** This event will be held on Thursday, **April 14**, from 8 AM – 3 PM. The Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities is a day-long celebration of the diversity of graduate student work across 60 degree programs offered at James Madison University. The showcase provides the opportunity for students to present their work in a variety of formats in a professional conference setting, including panel presentations, exhibition of creative work, and poster presentations. Top presentations will receive awards.



**Deadline Extended!** Submission deadline for **Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities** extended to **Tuesday, March 15**. Help us to celebrate the diversity of graduate student work at JMU and submit your work for presentation at this spring's showcase event! Submission instructions can be found [here](#).

**Call for Award Nominations.** The Graduate School invites nominations of graduate students for inaugural awards for Excellence in Scholarship, Innovation and Engagement. 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 on **April 17, 2016** and at the May Graduate Commencement Ceremony. These awards will recognize students for the following distinctions:

- Outstanding Dissertation
- Outstanding Thesis
- Outstanding Innovation and Creativity
- Exemplary Community Engagement
- Exemplary Civic Engagement

**The Deadline for nominations is March 15, 2016.** [Additional information and nomination procedures.](#)

**Give Back to JMU!** Our university depends on the generous donations from faculty, staff, students, and alumni. JMU invites all members of the community to join in Giving Day on **March 15**. Donors may choose where their gift is designated. Consider making a donation in support of your graduate program, scholarships for graduate students, or in support of the overall Graduate School. Gifts may be submitted online. Donations of any size are *greatly* appreciated. [More Information](#)

**International Week 2016: Call for Proposals!** The Office of International Programs is seeking event proposals for International Week 2016. This year's theme is DocUmenting Our Journeys. If you would like to propose a panel or presentation or simply have suggestions, please contact OIP by **March 15**. [More Information](#)

**Leadership in Human Resources course starting this week.** All graduate students are invited to enroll in the following special course offered by Dr. Mary Gowan, Dean of the College of Business:

**LEAD 703 Special Topics in Leadership.** This course will provide students with an in-depth look at the theory and practice of human resources management. The course will address both macro and micro topics related to

managing human resources in an organization. Students will engage in a critical review of theory and research on human resource strategy and examine specific HR practices and functional areas. Research reviewed will focus on recruitment, selection, performance management, compensation, and training and development, with an emphasis on the integration of these functional areas with business strategy. The course also will focus on helping students develop an understanding of the context within which these functional areas must operate, context both internal and external to the firm. Students will identify a research topic of interest and develop the literature review and methodology for conducting the research study. Offered 2<sup>nd</sup> Block (March 14-May 7), Wednesdays from 6-9 pm in Lakeview 1191. Contact **Brooke Rhodes** for enrollment permission. ([rhodesbm@jmu.edu](mailto:rhodesbm@jmu.edu))

**Graduate Student Association Leadership Elections.** Voting for the executive council is open to all graduate students at JMU and will be held March 14 – 18. Participate in electing your GSA leadership

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversity Conference, “I Am Diversity,”** Wednesday, **March 16<sup>th</sup>** in the Festival Conference and Student Center. View the schedule [here](#).

**Graduate Assistantships available for next year.** There are currently 11 Graduate Assistantship positions posted on [JMU joblink](#), including one in the Office of the Graduate School. Additional positions will be posted during coming weeks.

**Need a Job?** There are currently 22 student positions and 11 wage positions listed on [JMU joblink](#). These positions include roles available immediately, this summer, and next fall. Don't miss out!

**Enjoy music festivals? Volunteer at Madipalooza!** Volunteers are needed for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Madipalooza, JMU's annual music festival held on the Festival Lawn. This year's event will be held on **April 9**, and volunteers can [sign up here](#). Whether you're a volunteer, or simply a music lover, you won't want to miss out on a day of games, food, and great music!

**Keep up with Graduate Student Association (GSA) Events.** The GSA is a student-led and student-run organization that provides professional and social opportunities to all JMU graduate students and alumni. [Like them on Facebook](#). [Find them on Twitter](#). ([gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu); 568-7088) [More information](#)

**Generate a buzz about your research and creative activities on Twitter!** Tweet interesting findings, conference presentations, publications, performances and exhibitions using either #JMUgradresearch or #JMUgradwork. The GSA and The Graduate School will retweet your stories!

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## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **March 14:** Classes resume after Spring Break.
- **Moscow Festival Ballet – Swan Lake.** Experience Tchaikovsky's breathtaking classic performed by the incredibly talented Moscow Festival Ballet company at JMU's Forbes Center for the Performing Arts. Showings on **March 14 and March 15**. Tickets and more information available [here](#)
- **Diversity Conference: “I Am Diversity,”** Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend JMU's all-day conference exploring the importance and implications of diversity in the sphere of higher education and the work-place. The workshop will be held on **March 16**. [Schedule of presentations](#)
- **“Toward a Just and Diverse Democracy: Challenges in Opportunities in College.”** As the final speaker for the Madison Vision Series, Dr. Sylvia Hurtado from UCLA will give a presentation on preparing students for participation in a diverse democracy and the pathways of underrepresented students in scientific research and professional career. **March 17**. [More Information](#)
- **St. Patrick's Day Highland Strains.** Pack your lawn chair and a nonalcoholic picnic dinner and head to the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum on March 17 for an evening of live Celtic music. [More Information](#)
- **GSA Happy Hour.** Enjoy a night out with friends and colleagues across disciplines on Saturday, **March 19** starting at 5 pm, location TBD.

- **March 21:** Last day to add a class for 2<sup>nd</sup> block of spring 2016 semester without permission
- **GSA Meeting.** Stop by The Cohen Center (Wilson 107) for this month's meeting on Sunday, **March 20** at 5 pm. At this meeting the GSA will announce our new executive board for the upcoming school year and take a group photo!
- **“Migration: A Phenomenon of Human History from Its Ancient Origins to the Present Global Situation, April 14-15.** This conference will bring together scholars/researchers from a variety of disciplines to investigate ways in which global migration affects and affected countries all over the world. Graduate students and faculty are invited to submit presentation proposals by **March 20**. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. [More Information](#)
- **GSA Bowling Night.** Catch up with GSA members at Valley Lanes for a night of bowling and fun on Monday, **March 21** at 9pm. \$2 games and \$2 shoes.
- **Introducing the National Institute on Aging.** Research Programs, Research Priorities, and Research Support. Interested in biomedical and behavioral research related to the natural processes of aging and improving the health of older individuals? Join Dr. Chyren Hunter on **March 22**, as she presents the National Institute of Aging’s latest findings on the aging population’s health matters. [More information and registration](#)
- **Sing Out! An A Cappella Celebration.** On **March 23 and 24**, head to the JMU Forbes Center for the Performing Arts for an exciting, upbeat celebration of a cappella music! Performers include JMU a cappella groups, as well as groups from Harrisonburg High School and Rockingham County Public Schools. [Tickets and show times](#)
- **Meet the Deans.** Meet and greet with The Graduate School Dean and Associate Deans. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet your Deans and share your graduate experience at JMU with them. Thursday, **March 24**, 1:30-3:30 in Madison Union 405.
- **Disability Awareness Week, March 28 - April 1.** The Office of Disability Services will be holding a series of programs dedicated to raising awareness about the issues facing individuals with disabilities. This year’s lineup includes a powerful photoshoot project, a humorous keynote speech by Josh Sundquist, an adapted sports showcase, and several other opportunities for learning and growth. [More information and event schedule.](#)
- **The Human Sciences in a Biological Age: From Biology as Destiny to Biology as Opportunity?** will be presented by Nikolas Rose is Professor of Sociology and Head of the Department of Social Science, Health and Medicine at King’s College London on Thursday, **March 31**, 11 am in Grafton Stovall Theatre. Presented by the Cohen Center for Technological Humanism. [More Information](#)
- **Governing (Through) The Brain: How Neuroscience Moved from the Lab to the World** will be presented by Nikolas Rose is Professor of Sociology and Head of the Department of Social Science, Health and Medicine at King’s College London on Thursday, **March 31**, 3:30 pm in Grafton Stovall Theatre. Presented by the Cohen Center for Technological Humanism. [More Information](#)
- **Starry Nights.** Familiar with the concept of light pollution? Know the effects it has on both the environment and your health? Whether you are an expert on the matter or a novice, join the JMU Astronomy Department for a week of exciting astronomical learning, **March 30 – April 2**. [Click here](#) for a list of events including a documentary screening and celestial viewing parties.
- **April 14:** Last day for students to submit work to faculty to remove “incomplete” grade for fall semester 2015.
- **April 20:** Deadline for submission of thesis and dissertation documents to The Graduate School for spring 2016.

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

### 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 project 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:

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to [grad@jmu.edu](mailto:grad@jmu.edu) .

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