
From: Office of the Provost
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Hello colleagues,

Happy fall semester! It's exciting to see our campus full of activity again, and I'm delighted to update you on some of your colleagues' recent achievements.

- Congratulations to JMU Libraries, whose [Carrier Renovation and Expansion website](#) was selected as the [winner of a public relations award](#) from the American Library Association! The award “recognizes the very best public relations materials produced by libraries in the past year.” [Kristen Shuyler](#), faculty member in Libraries, wrote the award application and led the Libraries team that created the website.
- Research done by faculty and alumni in the [Center for Assessment and Research Studies](#) (CARS) resulted in [the addition of two new standards](#) in the professional standards set by [Council for the Advancement of Standards in Higher Education \(CAS\)](#). Dr. [Sara Finney](#) (Associate Director of the Center for Assessment and Research Studies; Professor in Graduate Psychology) provided invited feedback to the CAS governing board, drawing from collaborations with colleagues and graduate student co-investigators, and closed the loop between research and professional praxis.
- Over the summer, Associate Professor of History [Andrew Witmer](#) won two awards for his book, [Here and Everywhere Else: Small-Town Maine and the World](#) (University of Massachusetts Press, 2022). He was awarded the 2023 New England Society Book Award in the Historical Nonfiction category as well as the 2023 American Association for State and Local History Award of Excellence for Publications (large press category).
- Nocturne” the [2023 National Juried Exhibition](#) at the First Street Gallery (New York City), included new original work by Professor of Art [Lisa Tubach](#). The selected painting can be seen on [Instagram](#). Curated by artist Susannah Coffey, the pieces included in the exhibition celebrate the dreamy, transitional qualities of nocturnal life.
- School of Integrated Sciences Assistant Professor [Xiaojing Tang](#) was recently the lead author on the timely article “[Near Real-Time Monitoring of Tropical Forest Disturbance by Fusion of Landsat, Sentinel-2 and Sentinel-1 Data](#).” You can view his work in the Aug. 15 edition of [Remote Sensing of Environment](#).

I want to celebrate your recognitions and honors – and answer your questions – so please keep submitting comments and inquiries! You can email provost@jmu.edu or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online.

Sincerely,
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