

## Notes from the Provost

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Hello colleagues,

Again this week, I'm pleased to pass on recent achievements from your colleagues that were recently shared with me.

- School of Art, Design and Art History Director MiKyoung Lee's artwork was recently featured in an exhibit in China. She has seven selected artworks in the [Story of Memory exhibition](#), which is currently on view at the Jupiter Museum of Art in Shenzhen, China, and will travel throughout the country.
- Congratulations to the [Carrier Renovation & Expansion website](#), which recently won an award! The Blue Ridge Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America gave JMU Libraries a [Summit Award](#), which recognizes outstanding public relations efforts. JMU Libraries was selected as the gold winner in the 2022 website category.
- If you are interested in March Madness, be sure to read [this feature](#) on Associate Professor of [Business Analytics](#) Baback "Bobby" Vaziri, an expert on systems of rating and ranking.

This week, I popped into Carrier Library and had a great conversation with faculty and staff there. I'm looking forward to continuing those visits after Spring Break.

- Last week's "Ask the Provost" question was about teaching supports, such as those offered by [CFI](#) and [JMU Libraries](#). In response, I heard from the College of Arts and Letters with an opportunity that may be interesting to instructional faculty. CAL offered a competitive Curriculum Development Grant opportunity to support development of curriculum specifically addressing one or more of the [three AA Strategic Goals](#).

Six grants were funded, and four of the eight awardees will share their decisions, discoveries and tips at a *Pedagogy Panel and Discussion* March 23, 9:30-10.30 a.m. [via Zoom](#):

- Keith Grant and Kristin Wylie (Political Science): "Redesigning 295: International Affairs/Political Science Research Methods" (Political Science)
- Marianne Mason (Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures): "Forensic Linguistics: Language and the Law"
- Rachel Torres (Political Science): "Latina/o/x Politics"

The panel will address the experience of developing and implementing specific courses as well as more broadly applicable issues such as:

- Redesigning a department-wide course
- Exploring pedagogical benefits of online or hybrid modality
- Incorporating work-based learning experiences into a course
- Teaching in teams
- Preparing a successful grant application

All faculty are [welcome](#)!

Congratulations to the other grant awardees:

- Laura Henigman (English): ENG 221. Native American Literature.

- Becca Howes-Mischel and Megan Tracy (Sociology & Anthropology): ANTH 195. Cultural Anthropology.
- Holly Yanecek (Foreign Literatures, Languages, and Cultures): HUM 200. Narratives of Belonging and Identity

I'd love to hear more from faculty and staff with questions or comments. You can email [provost@jmu.edu](mailto:provost@jmu.edu) or submit a question anonymously through the [Ask the Provost](#) option online. Have a marvelous Spring Break.

Sincerely,  
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