

# FACULTY EMERITI ASSOCIATION



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

**Dear Faculty Emeriti Association Members,**

I hope you are doing well as we head toward the spring and summer months.

We have had a busy year with social gatherings, special trips, a grand collection of lectures, and just enjoying the engaging company of our colleagues. Our Executive Board for the Faculty Emeriti Association has been planning more events for you to participate in and enjoy. Dates and details for these activities can be found in this newsletter and on our website at [www.jmu.edu/emeriti](http://www.jmu.edu/emeriti). At its January meeting our Board welcomed three Members-At-Large, Steve Rollman, LeDhu Tynes, and Steve Smith. These folks are a fine addition to the Board and they will help us to be more responsive to our members.

I am pleased to report that the Faculty Emeriti Association has gone international! Alessandro Gentili, the Director of the Florence Program, retired last Fall and the Board voted to award him Honorary Membership to the Emeriti Association. Here is part of the letter we sent him...

*You have made significant contributions to faculty in your capacity as Director of the Florence Program by offering guidance and collegiality to faculty who served in the program, by developing the program in remarkable ways, and by exemplifying the highest of academic standards. Your diligence and vision were*

*instrumental in establishing the splendid facility that houses the JMU programs in Florence.*

Dr. Gentili is richly deserving of this recognition of his exceptional work in the Florence Program.

Last January over forty members of the Staff Emeriti and Faculty Emeriti Associations attended a session to enroll in the DUO Program at JMU, a two-factor authentication system implemented by JMU to ensure security and to safeguard personal information and other critical information for anyone using JMU accounts. Under the expertise of Darlene Quackenbush and two of her colleagues from Information Technology the participants were successfully guided through the enrollment process.

This will be my final "From the President's Desk" as a new leadership team for the Faculty Emeriti Association will be voted in this spring. It has been my great honor and my distinct pleasure to serve as your President.

Fondly....  
Violet

**Violet Allain**  
President  
Faculty Emeriti  
Association



Steve Rollman, LeDhu Tynes, Steve Smith

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**"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."**

**- Benjamin Franklin**



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Coordinator Needed

## INTEREST GROUP REPORT *by Mary Lou Wylie*

For several years, the FEA has had a number of active interest groups with robust membership, and we are always interested in starting new groups that reflect the interests of our members. These groups provide an informal atmosphere for emeriti faculty to gather and socialize. If you are interested in any of these groups, you can get additional information from the organizer, listed in the left column of this page, or either of the Emeriti Interest Group Coordinators—Mary Lou Wylie (wylieuml@jmu.edu) or Bill Voige (voigewh@jmu.edu).

**The Breakfast Group** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 9 am at Doubletree at the Hilton.

**The Lunch Group** meets monthly (except in August and December) at 11:30 at a local restaurant. We rotate through the weekdays to accommodate members who have obligations on particular days. We generally have around 20 members in attendance, and one member recently commented, “It’s the great company that keeps me coming.” Spouses and guests are always welcome.

**The Dinner Group** meets monthly with the usual exception of August and December. Group members host the lively potluck dinners.

**The Beer and Hard Cider Group** meets every other month at various locations—breweries, beer shops, bars, and members’ homes—to taste a variety of beers and hard ciders.

**The Wine Social Group** gathers once a month to enjoy wine, food, and conversation.

**The Emeriti Book Club** meets monthly (except in July, August and December), generally on the third Monday afternoon. Our choice of books is eclectic and includes a balance of fiction and nonfiction.

**The Film Group** is a loosely structured group of movie buffs who enjoy getting together with friends to go to the movies and perhaps dinner afterwards.

**The Bridge Group** meets the first Wednesday morning of each month for contract bridge.

**The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group** meets regularly to discuss and enjoy various whiskeys (Scotch, bourbon, etc.).

**The Emeriti Friends Group** is available to provide assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. If you would like some kind of assistance or if you would like to be on the list to help provide assistance, please contact Mary Lou Wylie.

**We have several new groups that have been suggested:**

**The Travel Group** will suggest travel options, both day trips and weekend trips, for the larger emeriti group, as well as take trips themselves. This group needs someone to coordinate an organizing meeting.

**The Music Experience Group** would gather regularly to listen to music, watch video performances, and watch or participate in live performances. Group members would provide light refreshments. (You do not have to play an instrument or sing to be in this group.) This group needs a few more members. Informal Music Playing would meet regularly to play music, most likely folk and blues.

**The Writing Group** would provide support and critique for emerita who are involved in any kind of writing.

**The Bowling Group** would provide exercise and entertainment for emerita with any level of bowling experience.

**The Vegetarian Meals Group** would meet regularly for potluck vegetarian meals.

**The Play Reading Group** would meet regularly to read short plays.

We are always looking for new and exciting interest groups for our members. If you are interested in these or you have ideas for other possible groups, contact Mary Lou Wylie or Bill Voige.

# UPCOMING FEA EVENTS



**MAY 8, 2018**

## **Trip to The Newseum, Washington, D. C. (Rescheduled from March 20)**

The trip to the Newseum in Washington, D.C., has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 8. (Our March date was cancelled due to inclement weather.) If you signed up and paid for the March date (\$25 which included both transportation and admission) and are planning to go on the May 8 trip, you do not have to do anything else. If you didn't sign up but would like to go on May 8, invitations will be arriving in the mail the week of April 9. The bus still has seats available.

The Newseum is opening a new exhibit in April, "Pictures of the Year: 75 Years of the World's Best Photography," so that exhibit will be among the ones available.

The Newseum, which opened in 2008, offers new insight into the news media and effects of the digital revolution. Its mission is to "promote, explain and defend free expression and the five freedoms of the First Amendment: religion, speech, press, assembly and petition." In 2016 the Newseum was voted one of the top 25 museums in the U.S by Trip Advisor users. For more information, see [newseum.org](http://newseum.org).

**MAY 30, 2018 | 4 - 5:30 PM**

## **Faculty Emeriti Scholar's Lecture: Dr. C. David Pruett, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics (The Ice House, Room 117)**

*Reason and Wonder: The Book a JMU Honors Course Launched*  
"I think I have a book in me and that teaching this course will help me write it." Thus began Honors 200D in January 1999. Thirteen long years later, *Reason and Wonder: A Copernican Revolution in Science and Spirit* was published by Praeger (2012). The course initially floated under the unwieldy title "From Black Elk to Black Holes: Shaping a Myth for a New Millennium," and has been offered seven times in various incarnations through spring 2017. In 2002 it received a Templeton Foundation science-religion course award, but it is better understood as a 'science-mythology' dialogue. The late eco-theologian Thomas Berry observed, "We are in trouble just now because we do not have a good story... We are between stories." *Reason and Wonder* is an attempt at collective mythmaking: at weaving together a compelling new story that is faithful both to the revelations of modern science and to the wisdom of time-honored spiritual traditions. Refreshments will be served.

**AUGUST 23, 2018**

**FEA Picnic  
Bridgeforth Stadium Club Level**  
Save the date! More details to come.

**OCTOBER 25, 2018 | 11:30 AM**

**Fall Luncheon  
Festival Ballroom**  
Our speaker will be Charles King, Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance.

**DEC. 12, 2018 | 5:30 - 9 PM**

**The Holiday Gala Reception and Dinner  
Festival Ballroom**  
Save the date! More details to come.

## **Forbes Center Shows**

**JMU Jazz Band**  
April 16 | Concert Hall

**Madison Singers & Chorale**  
April 18 | Concert Hall

**JMU Concert Band**  
April 20 | Concert Hall

**JMU Percussion Ensemble**  
April 28 | Concert Hall

**See more events at:  
[jmu.edu/forbescenter](http://jmu.edu/forbescenter)**

# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Members of the Faculty Emeriti Association are faculty and administrative personnel (AP) who have retired and have been awarded Emeritus/Emerita status. Associate members are spouses/partners of deceased members in good standing, and adjunct faculty with at least ten semesters service.

FEA Membership dues are renewable annually on June 30th. Members may pay \$10 on an annual basis, or \$100 Lifetime for dues. In May, 2018 the annual membership drive will kick off with a mailing

providing a form to complete and return by July 1st. Paid membership is necessary to participate in Interest Groups, Special Events and to receive Newsletters.

All newly approved Faculty Emeriti during 2018 will be given membership with complimentary dues through the following June 30th. We encourage current members to extend a warm welcome, especially to new members from your JMU department.

## NEWS & NOTES

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**Rebecca Humphrey** exhibited her Mixed Media artwork at the Appalachian Physical Therapy Gallery in Skyline Village in November, 2017. This venue will have a regular schedule of art shows in the future. To visit Rebecca's website, see [rebeccahumphrey.com/](http://rebeccahumphrey.com/)

**Kay Arthur** published a book on a Renaissance writer, artist-nun and saint, "Women, Art and Observant Franciscan Piety: Caterina Vigri and the Poor Clares in early Modern Ferrara" (Amsterdam University Press, 2018). See [press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/W/bo28623556.html](http://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/distributed/W/bo28623556.html)

**Esther Minskoff** has published a number of novels electronically on the website Smashwords, including most recently "Be Careful What You Wish For." See [smashwords.com/profile/view/novelistprofee](http://smashwords.com/profile/view/novelistprofee)

**Jerry Coulter and Ken Szmagaj** will have a joint exhibition in the Duke Hall Fine Arts Gallery May 3- June 23, 2018. The opening reception is May 7, 5-7 pm. See [jmu.edu/dukehallgallery/exhibitions-future.shtml](http://jmu.edu/dukehallgallery/exhibitions-future.shtml). Both Ken and Jerry had work in the 2017 Annual Virginia Artist Exhibition at The Charles Taylor Art Center, Hampton, Va.

**Anne Henriksen** published an article, "Transgenerational Effects of Biphonal A on Gene Expression and DNA Methylation of Imprinted Genes in the Brain," in the journal Endocrinology, November 2017.

## Welcome New Members!

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- Ms. Melanie Brimhall
- Dr. T. Dary Erwin
- Ms. Pamela Brown Hamilton
- Mr. David Lombardo
- Dr. Donna Trimm

## Election for FEA Officers

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At our Spring Luncheon meeting, we will have an election for people to serve two-year terms as FEA officers.

The Nominations Committee has developed the following slate of candidates:

**President:**  
Shelia Moorman

**Vice-President:**  
Kay Knickrehm

**Secretary:**  
Lance Kearns

**Co-Treasurers:**  
Bob Atkins and Bill Ingham

Before the voting, we will also entertain nominations from the floor.

Thanks to the candidates who have agreed to run for office.

# FEA EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



*FEA Holiday Gala | December 2017*



*Trip to the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture in Washington, D.C. | October 2017*

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## In Memoriam

- **John Klippert**,  
Emeritus Faculty in  
Mathematics

In order to keep this information as accurate as possible, please email to [kingsf@jmu.edu](mailto:kingsf@jmu.edu) those names of faculty who pass away.

## Share your news!

What have you written, painted, composed or created? What have you been doing? Take a moment to send your good news to the editor, Heather Davis, Assistant Director of Parent Relations, at [davis2hr@jmu.edu](mailto:davis2hr@jmu.edu) for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter.

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