

19th Annual
**General Education
Student Conference**

September 29, 2023
2:30 - 5:05 pm



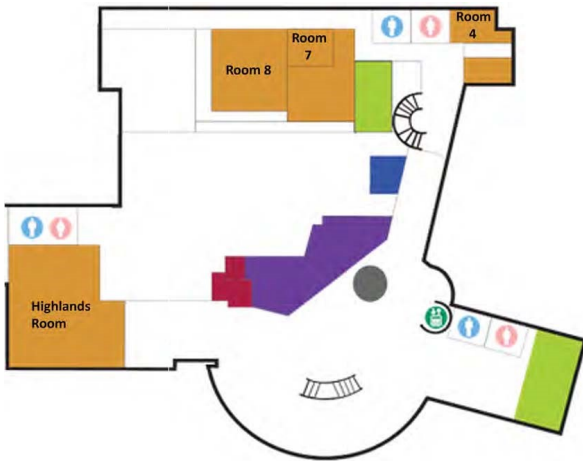
**James Madison University
Festival Conference & Student Center**

Schedule of Events

1:45-5:00.....Registration, Lobby, Festival (Upper Level)
2:30-3:15.....Presentations – Session 1
3:25-4:10.....Presentations – Session 2
4:20-5:05.....Presentations – Session 3



Festival Upper Level



Festival Lower Level

Presentations – Session 1 (2:30-3:15pm)

Study Abroad with Gen Ed in Scotland and Salamanca

Moderators: Zachary Dorsey & Tomás Regalado-Lopez / **Board of Visitors Dining Room**

Would you like to Study Abroad in Scotland? Come to this panel for information, stories, and pictures from past student experiences.

Sydney Miller: *Study Abroad Scotland*

Nico McMiller: *Study Abroad Salamanca*

The Deep Past Speaks: Primary Sources in World History

Moderator: Timothy Fitzgerald / **Alleghany Room**

These HIST 101 students wrote historical analyses of primary sources that they selected.

Lily Putnam: *Sarashina Nikki*

Matthew Orlick: *Futuh al-Sham*

Alex Tuszyński: *Ibn Fadlan's Journey to Russia*

Innovative Entrepreneurial Ventures

Moderator: Fadi Majdoub / **Room 4**

These BUS 160 students have submitted a business plan for an innovative entrepreneurial venture.

Maria Farmakides: *BASKETBOT – The Smart Basketball*

Ananshia Ananth Seenivasan: *SOTERIA – The Defense on Your Wrist*

Alec McGowan: *DECAL DOORS – Foil Wrap Your Doors*

College Student Health and Wellness

Moderator: Debra Sutton / **Highlands Room**

Students from two sections of HTH 100, and based on their high academic achievement, will present information on a self-selected issue affecting the health and wellness of college students.

Ashlee Brooke: *How to Deal with Stress in College*

Sarah Bell: *Impact of Covid-19 on College Student Health*

Chubiyoyo Abu: *The Benefits of Physical Activity on Overall Wellness*

Gabi Aleese Wallace: *Examining the Influence: Linking Environmental Factors to Student Academic Performance*

Presentations – Session 2 (3:25-4:10pm)

Communicating Climate Science

Moderator: *Kristen St. John* / **Board of Visitors Dining Room**

Students in GEOL 115 explored topics in Earth systems and climate change. As an outreach assignment, students created original pieces of work to communicate key takeaways from the course to a broader audience.

Reggie Johnson: *untitled video*

Devon Lee: *Climate Change*

Grace Keast: *untitled poem*

Elliot Beach: *System of Earth*

On the Mat and Beyond: Benefits of Yoga in a College-Level Wellness Course

Moderator: *Jana Walters* / **Alleghany Room**

Students who have completed KIN 100: Lifetime Fitness and Wellness discuss the benefits of participating in yoga two times each week during a semester long course. We will explore the impact of a regular yoga practice on the student's emotional and physical wellness.

Anna Robinson

Catheryn Stumpf

Olivia Smith

History: Now and Then

Moderator: *Emily Westkaemper* / **Room 7**

The History of the U.S. Since 2000: Students in HIST 225 U.S. History selected and analyzed a variety of sources from the time period to understand the significance of twenty-first-century events.

Baily Rutherford: *AI, Technology, and Society*

Atticus Widener: *The Patriot Act*

Revolution: HIST 150 students were assigned a 20th century revolution that they had to explain and analyze, including women's participation.

Alex Quinn: *Revolution and Dictatorship in Chile*

Partnering with Students to Build a Student-Ready General Education Program

Moderator: *Claire Lyons* / **Room 4**

Gen Ed Student Council members presenting on Gen Ed and Equity Tag.

Moriah McDonald

Kayla O'Prandy

Presentations – Session 3 (4:20-5:05pm)

Topics in HUM 252

Moderators: Yongguang Hu & Israa Alhassani / **Board of Visitors Dining Room**

Chinese Culture in Global Context: This HUM 252 class wrote papers on Chinese culture and society from a global perspective.

Campbell Ella: *Orientalism in Global Theatre*

Mitch Dyer: *Chinese Contemporary Art*

Arab Streets: This HUM 252 class's second paper is a reflective one. Inspired by a set of readings about different cultural topics, students choose one of the readings as a starting point to conduct research and to reflect on how their own culture deals with the topic in hand. The topics vary from self-censorship to food practices, celebrations, women issues and sports and games.

Kristina Jenkins: *Honoring the Dead Across Cultures*

The Politics of Memory

Moderator: Sarah Brooks / **Alleghany Room**

Students of Dr. David Ehrepreis present their work on stories of the nation (ARTH 204E) and national memory (UNST 300).

Katherine L. Sumner: *Yes, We Did: Obama's Victory Poster*

Nihal Koyash: *The AIDS Quilt: Life, Loss, and Remembrance*

Dancing Diversity: Exploring the Role of Dance in Community and Cultural Identities

Moderator: Dennis Beck / **Room 3**

Students in DANC 215 developed research projects that explored the role of movement systems in historical, social, and cultural identity.

Sharon Sanchez: *The Folkloric Dances of the Yucantán Peninsula*

Jasmine Thompson: *The Global Integration of African Cultures in Hip Hop*

Original Works on the Human Experience

Moderator: Michael Trocchia / **Room 4**

Students in ENG 221, PHIL 101, and SOCI 110 present original compositions and perspectives on human questions, experience, and social change.

Bella Bledski: *Lost*

Nina Ravel: *Overpopulation and Its Effect on the Environment and Any Misconceptions*

Kayla Walters: *Texts of Resistance*



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