

JMU Graduate Community News

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March 1, 2021

HELP JMU SELECT A NEW DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL by participating in candidate meetings and providing your input to the Search Committee. You must register for each of the events that you will attend by following the appropriate link.

Dr. Linda Thomas, Director, JMU School of Integrated Sciences

Meeting with Graduate Students: Monday, March 1, 3:30-4:30 [Register here](#)

Public Talk followed by Q & A: Tuesday, March 2, 10:30-12 [Register here](#)

Dr. Shannon Campbell, Founding Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Meeting with Graduate Students: Friday, March 5, 3:00-4:00 [Register here](#)

Public Talk followed by Q & A: Friday, March 5, 12-1:30 [Register here](#)

Dr. Yuma Tomes, Chair, Department of Psychology and Philosophy, Sam Houston State University

Meeting with Graduate Students: Thursday, March 11, 1:30-2:30 [Register here](#)

Public Talk followed by Q & A: Thursday, March 11, 11:00-12:30 [Register here](#)

2021 GRADUATE SHOWCASE OF SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES is currently accepting proposals. **Deadline: March 22, 2021.** This year's event will be virtual, held asynchronously and available on JMU's website on **April 19, 2021.** Refer to our [webpage](#) for updates. The Graduate Showcase is a celebration of graduate student creativity and scholarship at JMU. It provides the opportunity for graduate students to present their work in a professional conference style, create interdisciplinary connections for future collaboration, and learn more about exciting projects happening all across campus. [Submission instructions](#) [Visit last year's virtual showcase](#)

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DIVERSIFYING SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE held at the University of Virginia is accepting abstracts through **March 5.** The conference will be hosted **online on April 9, 2021,** registration is free. [More Information](#)

NOMINATE A MEMBER OF THE JMU COMMUNITY for the Spring 2021 "ALL TOGETHER ONE" awards! These awards are given to those individuals who exemplify a spirit of community, inspiring others, a caring attitude, dedication to learning, etc. Submit your nomination to odk@jmu.edu by **March 8 at noon.** [More Information](#)

THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE. JMU Libraries announces new options for streaming videos. Visit the JMU Libraries website to learn more about [streaming video resources](#)

INFORMATION ABOUT LIBRARY SERVICES FOR NEW STUDENTS is available on the library website. [New Student Information](#)

FOOD PANTRY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. The [Pantry](#) offers shelf-stable foods, basic hygiene products, and limited school supplies, plus assistance with printing costs, on-campus laundry costs, and access to campus dining options. Email pantry@jmu.edu with questions.

THRIVE EVENTS. Inquire about **THRIVE** meetings and events at thrive@jmu.edu.

PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION:

- **JOIN THE GSA!** The GSA meets each second **Wednesday** of the month from **7:15-8:00 pm**. For questions email gsa@jmu.edu.
- **CONNECT TO GSA.** You may find information for events and participation on our social media pages: [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. There are currently five Graduate Assistantship positions being advertised on [JobLink](#). Graduate students may also qualify for student and “wage” staff positions posted on [JobLink](#).

HONE YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS. The University Career Center is offering opportunities to practice and improve your interview skills. Among the options are practice sessions with **University Career Advisors**, **InterviewStream**, an online tool for practicing alone with a webcam, and **SAP Brilliant Hire**. [More Information](#)

UPDATES TO STUDENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND STANDARDS. The Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP) has updated the 2020-2021 JMU Student Accountability Process and Standards of Conduct [Handbook](#). All students are responsible for knowing the standards of conduct.

GRADUATE SCHOOL DATES AND DEADLINES. For upcoming dates and deadlines please refer to this [link](#)

Upcoming Events

THE FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS is excited to announce **FORBES CENTER @ HOME**, sharing artistic experiences with you online. **FORBES @ HOME** programming will feature streamed concerts from JMU School of Music faculty, student performances, shows for young audiences, and talks with leading opera, music and theatre guest artists and faculty. Events are free or offered for a low ticket price. [More Information](#)

NEW SHOW AT DUKE GALLERY. The Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art welcomes multidisciplinary artist Skeena Reece for her exhibition **Honey and Sweetgrass**, which will run from **Jan. 25 – March 7**. Based in British Columbia, Reece is of Tsimshian/Gitksan and Cree descent. Her performances combine indigenous culture, myth and humor to address racial stereotypes and the effects of colonization. In **Honey and Sweetgrass**, Reece will exhibit a range of performance art, videos, photography and installation works. Next Exhibition: “Hey 2021, We Need to Talk”, **March 15-April 10**. [More Information](#)

UNDERSTANDING ADDICTION: STOPPING STIGMA AND BUSTING MYTHS. The Department of Kinesiology will host Linda Hancock on **March 10 at 1:00 pm** for a dynamic and engaging SUDE talk. The presentation will be tailored to students and faculty to gain a basic understanding of addiction science, stigmas, myths and recovery support. Please contact Dr. McKay at mckayca@jmu.edu to reserve a spot.

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY THROUGH SOCIAL JUSTICE, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

Register now for the annual JMU Diversity Conference, to be held **March 15-18**. This popular annual conference celebrates diversity by providing learning opportunities for our faculty, staff and local community through a multitude of sessions, engaging keynote speakers, and award recognitions. Sponsored by the Office of the President. [More Information](#)

[More on-campus events](#)

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

The Student Handbook. It is the responsibility of every student to know and follow the policies outlined in the JMU Student Handbook along with federal, state, and local laws. [Student Handbook](#)

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](#). Some temporary policies are currently in force due to COVID-19. [Temporary Policies](#)

Approval of a Thesis or Dissertation Committee. Students who are completing these sorts of projects 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 Catalog with Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

Have Questions? Please contact the following person if you have questions regarding:

Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
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Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown (wendelkt@jmu.edu)
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will (willsa@jmu.edu)
General Questions	Pamela Bell (grad@jmu.edu)

We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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