

# JMU Graduate Community News

*From here, everything is possible!*

January 18, 2022



**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK TO JMU!** We hope you had a refreshing holiday and are ready for a wonderful spring semester.

**GRADUATE STUDENT VOICE STRENGTHENED.** The Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices (OSARP) has added the GSA President as a standing member of their Accountability Control Board, strengthening the graduate student voice in the development of the [Student Handbook](#) and the implementation of policies governing the behavior of all JMU students.

**PARTICIPATE IN MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY ACTIVITIES.** The 2022 MLK Keynote Address will feature Dr. Nikki Giovanni who will address this year's theme, **The Story of U.S.: Reclaiming our Past, Righting our Present, Creating our Future**. This event will take place on **Monday, January 17 at 6 pm**, livestreamed on YouTube [here](#). Sponsored by the Center for Multicultural Student Services and the Madison Vision Series. Additional events throughout **MLK Week** can be found on the [CMSS website](#).

**ATTEND THE THREE-MINUTE THESIS (3-MT) COMPETITION.** Graduate students will present their research during 3-minute presentations designed for a general audience on **Friday, January 21 at 6 pm** in Madison Hall, first floor. Everyone is welcome to attend this competition. Top presenters will win cash prizes and the first-place winner will present at the regional competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools. Attend to learn about the important work our students are doing and support our graduate students through your participation. [More information](#)

**HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE.** With rising antisemitism, increased disinformation and hate speech, Holocaust education and remembrance are more urgent than ever. An accurate accounting of what happened before, during and after the Holocaust is integral to the process of healing and reconstituting individuals, community and systems of justice. Holocaust Remembrance Week events at JMU will take place in January 2022. Join the social-media conversation using #JMUHolocaustRemembrance. Learn more during a presentation by Dr. Oren Stier entitled “The Stakes of the Holocaust Commemoration: Some Lessons for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” **Monday, January 31, 5:00 pm in Wilson Auditorium.** [More information](#)

**JMU GRADUATE SCHOOL WELCOMES TWO FACULTY FELLOWS.** OUR TGS Faculty Fellow will lead the creation, coordination and implementation of JMU’s campus-wide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion portfolio for graduate education.

**Dr. Deborwah Faulk**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology will serve as the inaugural Junior Faculty Fellow for DEI for The Graduate School. Dr. Faulk will help with DEI strategic planning with a focus on TGS’s THRIVE program. She will also be available to mentor graduate students.

**Dr. Hak-Seon Lee**, Professor of Political Science will serve as the inaugural Senior Faculty Fellow for DEI for the Graduate School. Dr. Lee will lead the TGS DEI strategic planning process and will conduct equity audits. He will also be available to mentor graduate students.

**PARTICIPATE IN THRIVE.** THRIVE is a TGS-supported student organization that serves graduate students as they work towards their higher-level degrees. THRIVE seeks to build an inclusive graduate student community, define and support affinity groups and create networking among our graduate students. Current affinity groups include: African American/Black, Hispanic American, Asian American, International Students, and LGBTQ+). Participate or become a leader for one of THRIVE’s affinity groups. Contact THRIVE at [thrive@jmu.edu](mailto:thrive@jmu.edu). [More information](#)

**ROSÉ AND RESUMÉS EVENT.** Prepare to enter the workforce. Polish your resume so it is employer ready. Build your network and have your resume reviewed by the JMU University Career Center. Enjoy some refreshing beverages as you connect with JMU [Alumni Association Board of Director members](#) from various industries, **February 4, 3:30-4:30** in the **Hall of Presidents**. Be sure to bring a few copies of your resume to share. [Register](#) by **January 28**.

**THE UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER’S GRADUATE SCHOOL LIASON** **Alyssa Hawley** is a great resource to assist you with resume review and career preparation. Check out [University Career Services for Graduate Students](#) or contact [Alyssa](#) for more information.

**GIVING DAY IS FEBRUARY 22.** Let’s join together as stewards of our university by spreading the word and supporting our students. On **February 22**, Dukes around the world come 2GETHER for 24 hours to support students and programs all across JMU. Why? It takes all of us, 2GETHER, to see our talents, skills and passions for Being the Change fully unleashed. [Become a Giving Day Ambassador](#).

**JOIN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA).** Find information about the GSA on [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#). For questions email [gsa@jmu.edu](mailto:gsa@jmu.edu).

**COVID-19.** On January 10th, President Alger announced [current operating plans for Spring 2022](#). Read more about [our current plan and expectations for students](#).

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

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# Campus Events and Deadlines

## GRADUATE SCHOOL DATES & DEADLINES

Deadline to add/drop Spring Semester classes	Semester and first seven-week classes	January 28, 2022
Deadline to add/drop classes with instructor and academic unit head permission	Semester and first seven-week classes	February 7, 2022
Course adjustment deadlines (to withdraw with a "W" grad or change credit options)	Semester classes	February 14, 2022
	First seven-week classes	March 25, 2022

A comprehensive list of dates and deadlines can be found [here](#).

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION WEEK.** Events from January 17 through January 21 will reflect on the legacy and contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. [View the schedule](#)

**LEARN THE BASICS OF 3D MODELING AND PRINTING.** [Sign up](#) for **January 18, 2-3 pm** on Zoom or [view more dates](#). Offered by JMU Libraries.

**ELECTRONICS 101.** Learn how to create a simple circuit and control it with an open-source microcontroller kit. All supplies provided! [Sign up for January 27, 4-5 pm](#) in the Rose Makery or [view more dates](#). Offered by JMU Libraries.

**CLASSES ARE CANCELED ON ASSESSMENT DAY, FEBRUARY 8.** This includes graduate-level classes and labs, **until 4:00 pm** to allow students time to complete their assessments.

### JMU MFA STUDENT EVENTS:

- **Sarah Phillips**, MFA 2021, is featured in Homeward Bound 2021: Juried Triennial at Taubman Museum of Art. [The Exhibition](#) runs from **Now thru March 6, 2022** at The Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA.
- **Laure Stevens-Lubin**, MFA 2009 – Exhibition entitled "[Delisted: December 29, 2021](#)", can be viewed at CoArt Gallery in Staunton, VA thru the months of **January and February**.

**MADISON VISION SERIES** presents black female mayors from around the country. **Wednesday, February 16.** [More details](#) will be shared soon.

**CHECK OUT THE MASTER JMU EVENT CALENDAR.** [More Campus Events](#)

**HARRISONBURG DOWNTOWN.** Find out what's happening in downtown Harrisonburg [here](#) and [here](#).

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## 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](#).

**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 ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Assistantships/Scholarships	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown ( <a href="mailto:wendelkt@jmu.edu">wendelkt@jmu.edu</a> )
Continuous Enrollment (Current Students)	Laura Ryman ( <a href="mailto:rymanle@jmu.edu">rymanle@jmu.edu</a> )
Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will ( <a href="mailto:willsa@jmu.edu">willsa@jmu.edu</a> )
General Questions	Pamela Bell ( <a href="mailto:grad@jmu.edu">grad@jmu.edu</a> )

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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to [grad@jmu.edu](mailto:grad@jmu.edu).

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