

JMU Graduate Community News

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH. Join the African, African American and Diaspora Studies Center and their partners for the annual observance of Black History Month. Events honor, recognize and celebrate black people's, histories, cultures, languages, economies, technologies, philosophies, ideas, politics, etc. [More Information](#) Follow us on: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#).

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – INCLUSION INNOVATION STORY SERIES 2021. Become a storyteller at: Black Innovation Matters! The Inclusive Innovation Story Series is an annual event that seeks to celebrate barrier-breaking, cutting edge, and visionary stories from under-represented groups of JMU students, faculty, staff and alumni through [Tedx](#) Style presentations and events. **Applications due Feb. 7, by midnight, Final stories due March 1. Event Date March 16.** [More Information](#)

NOMINATE A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION. Do you know a woman who inspires you with her dedication and innovation; her exemplary leadership and mentoring; and her commitment to enhancing gender equity and inclusion? There are four nomination categories: Instructional Faculty, A&P Faculty, Classified Staff/Wage, and Undergraduate/Graduate Student. For questions and nomination forms, email Kim Moubray at dellinkl@jmu.edu. **Deadline: February 22 at 9 am.**

COMPASS AWARD NOMINATIONS FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION are currently being accepted. This award recognizes those individuals or groups who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion at JMU and/or within our community. There are four categories for this award: Visionary, Leader, Advocate and Catalyst. **Deadline: February 22 at 5:00 pm.** [More Information](#) For questions, call 544-568-6991.

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](#)

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](#).

VA SEA GRANT FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. Sea Grant is now accepting applications for the 2022 Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. The fellowship provides a one-year, paid experience for highly-qualified early career professionals to work on issues related to coastal, marine, and Great Lakes science and policy in offices within the executive or legislative branch of government in the Washington, D.C. area. **Deadline: February 19, 2021.** [More Information](#). An additional fellowship opportunity is the [Commonwealth Coastal & Marine Policy Fellowship](#). **Deadline: April 23 at 5:00 pm.**

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

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

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

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. [More Information](#)

MADISON VISION SERIES presents **Sharing Stories of Success and Triumph: Black Alumni through the Decades**. Alumni Charles May, Dr. Darian Parker, Melvin Petty, Angela Reddix and Faye Tate, will discuss their own journeys to success after their time at JMU. **February 24 at 7:00 pm**. Live stream on JMU’s Facebook and YouTube Pages. [More information](#)

RECOGNIZING IMPLICIT BIAS AND RESPONDING TO MICROAGGRESSIONS. This live panel will discuss how many of our existing problems regarding diversity, equity, justice, and inclusion stem from our implicit biases. Recognition of implicit biases towards others, who are not like us, is a first step but not the end of one’s journey towards equitable inclusion of others. **February 25, 6:30-8:00 pm.** [More information](#)

ANNUAL AAAD CONFERENCE JMU’s African, African American, and Diaspora Studies program hosts its annual interdisciplinary conference, to be held as a virtual webinar **Wednesday, February 17** through **Saturday, February 20, 2021**. This year’s theme is **“Movement, Collectives, and Collectivity.”** Ranging

across topics from archival practices to Black Lives Matter, the conference will bring together a group of scholars and archivists from a wide variety of fields. The conference will feature a keynote presentation by poet and scholar-activist [Claudia Rankine](#) (*Citizen, Don't Let Me Be Lonely*, co-founder of [The Racial Imaginary Institute](#)). [More Information](#)

JMU DIVERSITY CONFERENCE. Mark your calendars now for the week of **March 15, 2021**. This year, we are offering an exciting new format, featuring a week of mostly online programming. More information forthcoming.

[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:

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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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