

JMU Graduate Community News

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November 5, 2018



THE GRADUATE SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE SECOND ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION AT JMU! *Consider entering this competition!* All participants will gain valuable experience. Some will win a cash prizes. The winner will represent JMU at the regional competition. If you are a currently enrolled master's, Ed.S., or doctoral student who has completed or nearly completed your thesis, dissertation, or culminating research project, you should participate in JMU's Three Minute Thesis competition on **Friday, January 25, 2019. Submission Deadline - January 11.** [More Information](#)

COHEN CENTER SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE. The Cohen Center for the Humanities will be awarding up to five scholarships to JMU graduate students to participate in the [Leading Change Conference](#), February 21-11 2019 at Hotel Madison. The scholarship will cover your \$100 registration fee. **Deadline – noon, November 14.** To be considered for this scholarship, please send the following information to cohencenter@jmu.edu:

- Your name
- Email address
- Graduate program
- A 250-word statement explaining why you want to attend the conference, how it will benefit your professional goals, and what you can bring back from the conference to share with your peers.

Direct questions to Michael Klein (kleinmj@jmu.edu).

CALL FOR CASES! Submit YOUR idea for the next [It's Complicated](#) case scenario to introduce incoming undergraduate students to ethical reasoning. Your case will be used to encourage students to discuss JMU's [Eight Key Questions](#) as they consider the ethical dilemma described in your scenario. A \$500 honorarium will be provided to the author(s) of the selected case. After reviewing the [submission guidelines](#) and developing your scenario, share your idea using [this form](#), by **December 3, 2018, 5:00 pm**. For more information contact ethicalreasoning@jmu.edu.

GRAD 550E: DATA MANAGEMENT SKILLS Are your files named "Finalpaper.docx," "Finalpaper2.docx," and "FINALFinalpaper2.docx?" Are you drowning in data? Buried in spreadsheets? This 8-week course introduces data management skills and will help you explore data management from idea conception to post-project completion. Students will explore the skills they have developed as data consumers to become effective data producers. Students will examine data used in scholarly communications and will help them prepare for advanced scholarship, such as developing journal articles, technical reports, theses, dissertations, and other scholarly works. The course is open to graduate students enrolled in any program. The class will meet **Jan 22 - March 19, Tuesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**, in Festival Telepresence room 6. For more information, contact [Yasmeen Shorish](#).

DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP. The Jennings Randolph Peace Dissertation Fellowship sponsored by The U.S. Institute of Peace, awards a \$20,000 stipend to pre-doctoral students completing dissertations that focus on peace and conflict studies. The two step application process requires you to register for an account by **November 18** and complete an application by **November 28**. [Register and apply here.](#)

BOREN FELLOWSHIPS, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, in areas of the world less-frequently visited by US Citizens. Boren Fellows are highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Fellows commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation. The fellowship pays \$24,000. **Deadline - January 30.** [More information](#)

Upcoming Events

THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION will announce Grant Winners on **Monday, November 5** thru email, and on Facebook. **Wednesday, November 14, 6:00-7:00 pm** will be the next meeting in the Cohen Center.

ENGAGEMENT FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD CONFERENCE **November 7-9** [More Information](#)

FALL STUDENT DANCE CONCERT at the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, **November 7-10, 8:00 pm.** [More Information and Ticket Purchase](#)

POETRY READING BY VIEVEE FRANCIS the author of Blue-Tail Fly (Wayne State University Press, 2006), Horse in the Dark (Northwestern University Press, 2012), and Forest Primeval (Northwestern University Press, 2016), winner of the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award and the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award for Poetry. More about [Vievee Francis](#). **November 8, 4:00 pm** in Festival - Highlands Room.

BARE: A POP OPERA, DEAD MAN WALKING & REDUCED SHAKESPEARE CO. at the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, **November 8-14, 8:00 pm.**, some weekend shows are also available. [More Information and Ticket Purchase](#)

VISITING ARTIST LECTURE FROM NYC: [Azikiwe Mohammed](#) Duke Hall Room 2036, **November 13,**
5:00-6:00 pm

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Registration for Spring 2019 semester begins	11/05/18
May 2019 Graduation Application due to TGS	11/15/18
Thesis, Research Project, Dissertation due for December 2018 graduation	11/15/18
Complete coursework required for removal of Spring & Summer “Incomplete” grades	11/26/18
Graduate School Commencement Ceremony, 7:00 pm	12/14/18

Downtown Calendar

WEEKLY TRIVIA NIGHTS Mondays – [Brother’s Craft Brewery](#) 4:00-11:00 pm, Tuesdays – [Clementine](#) 9:00-11:00, Wednesdays – [Pale Fire Brewery](#) 8:00-10:00 pm.

FREE BINGO NIGHT at [Restless Moons Brewery](#), **November 7, 8:00-9:00 pm.**

VETERANS PARADE **November 11, 2:00-3:00 pm,** Downtown Harrisonburg

HOW TO MAKE ITALIAN MACARONS at [Heritage Bakery](#), **November 13, 6:30-8:30 pm.**

DOWNTOWN HARRISONBURG lists more events on the [Events Calendar](#).

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

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 Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)

- [Financial Aid Policies](#)

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

Assistantships/Scholarships/Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
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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