

JMU Graduate Community News

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March 30, 2015

This is the week! Please plan to attend the

SHOWCASE OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Celebrating 60 years of graduate education at JMU, this event will include presentations, posters and performances by JMU Graduate Students. Please support your fellow students by participating in the public events that will include:

9:00-9:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks by Dr. Yvonne Harris, Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship
9:30-10:45	Panel Presentation: Ethical Dilemmas in Our Response to Real World Problems Megan Good, Assessment & Measurement Jennifer Oskin, Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication Alaina Esposito, Biology Lisa Carnago, Nursing
11:00-12:15	Panel Presentation: Factors that Influence Engagement Sevinj Iskandarova, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Alex Davenport, Communication & Advocacy Samantha Noble, Public Administration Christine Leaman, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Gabrielle Evans, Adult Education/Human Resources Development
12:30-2:00	Luncheon for presenters and invited guests
2:00-3:00	Poster and Creative Projects Session Margaret Schmelzinger, Political Science—European Union Policy Studies Cathryn Richmond, Psychological Sciences Madison Holzman, College Student Personnel & Administration Carolann Baldrige, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Dennis Dulaney, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Erica Filep, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Jennifer Toth, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Kara Martinez, Adult Education/Human Resources Development Sarah McClements, Doctor of Audiology Joyce Vivian, Nursing AJ Good, Public Administration

	<p>Alyssa Welch, Psychological Sciences</p> <p>Verena Bethke, Psychological Sciences</p> <p>Angela Bernazani, Psychological Sciences</p> <p>Kristi Fletcher, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)</p> <p>Brooke Covington, Writing, Rhetoric, and Technical Communication</p> <p>Kathryn Gong, Art Education</p> <p>Jon Henry, Fine Arts in Studio Art</p>
3:30-5:00	<p>Workshop for Graduate & Undergraduate Students: Presenting Scholarship and Building Your Professional Identity (Space still available but registration required)</p>
<p>More Information about the Graduate Symposium</p>	

Graduate Student Leadership Opportunities: Consider applying for the 2015-2016 GSA Executive Council. Positions for President and Vice-Presidents are currently open. Develop professionally, foster the graduate student community, and leave your mark at JMU! Graduate students from all graduate programs are encouraged to apply. Applications due March 29. For more information, and to apply, [click here](#).

2015 Graduate Community Impact Awards: Do you know a graduate student or faculty member who has positively impacted JMU and The Graduate School community? Have their efforts stood out for dedication, compassion, selfless efforts, and/or civic mindedness? Nominate them today for the 2015 GSA Impact Awards! Award recipients will be announced at the Graduate Community Picnic on April 30th. [More information](#).

Summer Online Course Available. The Department of Nursing welcomes all students to consider the following summer online course that may be relevant to graduate students in many disciplines:

NSG 681. Special Topic in Advanced Practice Nursing. 3 credits. In this online course, students explore quality concepts relevant to healthcare leaders. The United States Institute of Medicine lists the following characteristics of quality care: safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable. These characteristics are used in this course to contextualize/apply quality principles. Students will practice the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to lead innovative quality change; such as cultivate a growth mindset, learn to facilitate difficult conversations, and use a creative process to identify solutions. For more information, contact Dr. Erica Lewis (lewisej@jmu.edu).

GA Positions Available. Fourteen graduate assistantships are currently posted on Joblink for the 2015-16 academic year. Positions are available with the Graduate School Office, JMU Technology and Innovation Office, Health Sciences Department, Athletics, Institutional Research, Off-Campus Life, The Health Center (Health Communications; Wellness, & Motivational Interviewing positions), University Recreation, the Adult Degree Program and Libraries and Educational Technologies. Additional positions are likely to be posted soon. See "Graduate Assistant Positions" on JMU Joblink. [More information](#)

Student Assistant Positions Available for 2015-16. Apply now for student assistant positions available during the 2015-16 academic year. Currently 22 positions are posted on JMU Joblink and additional positions are likely to be recruited before the end of the Spring semester. "See Student Positions" on JMU Joblink. [More information](#)

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **Dear White People**, March 31, 7 PM in Grafton Stovall Theater. Join the Center for Multicultural Student Services for a free showing of this film and a discussion that will follow. "Dear White People" is a sly, provocative satire of race relations in the 21st century. The movie follows a group of African American students as they navigate campus life and racial politics at a fictional, predominantly white college. [Sponsored by CMSS](#)

- **Natural-Born Cyborgs? Reflections on Bodies, Minds, and Human Enhancement** will be the subject of the next Cohen Center Lecture by Dr. Andy Clark, Friday, April 3, 11 AM, Madison Union Ballroom. We are entering an age of widespread human enhancement. The technologies range from wearable, implantable, and pervasive computing, to new forms of onboard sensing, thought-controlled equipment, prosthetic legs able to win track races, and on to the humble but transformative smartphone. But what really matters is the way we are, as a result of this tidal wave of self-re-engineering opportunity, just starting to know ourselves: not as firmly bounded biological organisms but as delightfully reconfigurable nodes in a flux of information, communication, and action. This gives us a new opportunity to look at ourselves, and to ask the fundamental question: Where does the mind stop, and the rest of the world begin? [More information](#)
- **Post-Conflict Recovery Week** is April 6-9. The JMU Center for International Stabilization and Recovery will be sponsoring a series of events to raise awareness about the long-lasting effects of armed conflict and survivors' resilience. Key events include:
 - **Landmines in our Backyards**, April 6, 7-8:30, Miller Hall, Room 1101.
 - **Resettlement in Harrisonburg**, April 7, 7-8:30, ISAT, Room 159
 - **Clearing Landmines after the Conflict**, April 8, 7-8:30, Miller Hall, Room 1101
 - **An Iraqi Refugee's Experience in Harrisonburg**, April 9, 12-2 PM, Roop Hall, Room 208
 Students, faculty and the local community are encouraged to attend. All events are free and open to the public. [More information](#)
- **The Big Event**, Saturday April 11. Join the GSA in making a difference around JMU and the community! The Big Event is the largest campus-wide community service event. Join the Graduate Student Association and serve the local community. Everyone is welcome! [More information](#)
- **Thesis and Dissertation Projects** are due in the Graduate School office on April 22 for students graduating in May. Formatting and submission workshops have been scheduled on the following dates and times in the Graduate School Office Conference Room (Grace Street House):
 - Monday, March 30, 1:30-3:00
 - Wednesday, April 15, 10:00-11:30
 - Tuesday, April 21, 1:30-3:00
 - Wednesday, April 22, 9:00-10:30
 These workshops may not take the full time allotted, however, 1-1/2 hour blocks are scheduled to allow Laura Ryman to work individually with you. These sessions are not required, but are intended to help those who need assistance. Advance review of a draft document is not required, but it is encouraged. Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu) would be happy to review your document for format concerns. Remember that your final document must conform to university guidelines before it can be approved. [More information](#)
- **Graduate Community Picnic**. Thursday, April 30 on the Grace Street House Lawn. All members and family of the graduate school community will be invited to attend.
- **May Graduate Commencement** will be held on Thursday, May 7, at 7 PM in the Convocation Center. [More information](#)

For additional events of possible interest, regularly check <http://www.jmu.edu/events>

Did You Know? For the first time, graduate students serving on the Graduate Student Association will be recognized at the spring commencement ceremony. All graduating GSA members will be donning a "white" cord to recognize their efforts in supporting the graduate school community at JMU.

Keep up with Graduate Student Association (GSA) Events. The GSA is a student-led and student-run organization that provides professional and social opportunities to all JMU graduate students and alumni. [Like them on Facebook.](#) [Find them on Twitter.](#) (gsa@jmu.edu; 568-7088) [More information](#)

Need a Job? The JMU [Office of Student Employment](#) has links to positions now available on and off campus.

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 project 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:

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

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