

JMU Graduate Community News

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February 4, 2019



WINNERS OF THE THREE MINUTE THESIS (3MT) COMPETITION

On January 25th, participating graduate students shared their research during a 3-minute presentation and competed for cash prizes and a chance to participate in the regional competition. The first place winner will attend the regional competition at the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in Knoxville, Tennessee, February 14-16. [More information about JMU's 3MT](#)

First Place Award Winner:

Hannah Eisemann *"Assessing Brook Trout Populations Above and Below Waterfalls"*

Program: Biology Advisor: Christina May

Second Place:

Hannah Crain *"Comparing Effectiveness of Colonoscopy versus Fecal Immunochemical Testing in Screening for Colorectal Cancer"*

Program: Physician Assistant Advisor: Abby Massey

Third Place:

Bailie Lavan *"Eastern Oyster: An Approach to Oyster Reef Restoration Utilizing Interstitial Space"*

Program: Biology Advisor: Patrice Ludwig

People's Choice Co-Award Winners:

Lisa Hajdasz “*Examining the Relationship between Technostress and the Effectiveness of Organizational Communication*”

Program: Adult Human Resource Development Advisor: Noorie Brantmeier

Jacob Peters “*Quantification of Intelligible Influences on the Growth and Distribution of American Ginseng: Habitat Modeling and Field Studies*”

Program: Biology Advisor: Heather Griscom

People's Choice Award sponsored by the Graduate Student Association.

GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION invites graduate students to help themselves to “Campus Kitchen” food deliveries **Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-4:00 pm**, in the Graduate Lounge (Madison Hall, room 4000). Please watch for weekly updates via email and social media. The February GSA meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 28, 6:00-7:00 pm**.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR JMU GRADUATE SHOWCASE All graduate students are encouraged to share their work with peers and faculty at the JMU Graduate Showcase, April 17. This professional conference is an opportunity for graduate students to practice their professional presentation skills and for JMU to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. The Graduate Showcase highlights research and creative projects through presentations and poster sessions. Judges will nominate one panel presentation and three poster presentations to receive top awards with cash prizes. The event concludes with a reception where these and other awards are presented. **Submission Deadline – Friday, March 15. Showcase Date – Wednesday, April 17.** [More Information](#)

COMPASS AWARD FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION. The Compass Award recognizes individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion at JMU. Students, Faculty, Staff, or groups may be nominated for an award in any of the 4 focus areas: Visionary, Leader, Advocate, or Catalyst. Nominations are being accepted until **5:00 pm, February 8.** [More Information](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS. “*Integrity, Civility and Grace; Yesterday’s Virtues?*” is the theme for the 2019 conference sponsored by the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The conference will be held at James Madison University **April 11-12**. The Deadline to submit proposals is **March 17.** [More information](#)

THE CENTENNIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS SEEKING TWO GRADUATE ASSISTANTS for the 2019-20 Academic Year. You will help with one of JMU’s programs that removes the financial barrier of higher education and enables deserving students from diverse backgrounds to succeed in college. For more information select Graduate Assistants at joblink.jmu.edu .

NEED A JOB? There are currently 30 student positions and 7 wage positions posted on [JMU Joblink](#).

YOGA IN HARRISONBURG. Harrisonburg is becoming a mecca of yoga opportunities. Check out classes available at [UREC](#), and out all the opportunities available [downtown](#).

Upcoming Events

MADISON VISION SERIES “HOPE THAT INSPIRES US” -Justice John Charles Thomas will discuss the past, present and future of Virginia's democracy within the context of his own experience as an attorney and as the first African American Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. **Thursday, February 7 at 3:30** in Memorial Hall Auditorium. [More information](#)

SENIOR DANCE CONCERT JMU's senior dance majors are on the verge of graduation. Come see the accomplishments these students have achieved at The Forbes Theater. **Thurs, February 7 – Sat 9, 8:00 pm.** [More information](#)

SPRING CAMPUS-WIDE CAREER FAIR. Learn about jobs and internships available, talk with employers representing different organizations, and network! **Tuesday, February 12-13, 11:00-3:00,** Festival Grand Ballroom. [More information](#)

9TH ANNUAL AFRICAN, AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND DIASPORA STUDIES INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE will be held at James Madison University on **February 21-22, 2019, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.** This year's theme is "Bodies in Motion." Ranging across topics from the politics of migration to the aesthetics of black embodiment, from action films to political activism, the conference will bring scholars together from a wide variety of overlapping and intersecting fields. [More information](#)

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Spring Break – No Classes Meet	3/4-3/8/19
Withdraw with “W” Grade or Change a Course Credit Option	3/15/19
Travel Grant Application Deadline	3/15/19
Registration for Summer 2019 Begins	3/18/19

Downtown Calendar

ICE BOWL DISC GOLF FUNDRAISER The 16th Annual Disc Golf Fundraiser for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank. All donations stay to benefit local people in need. **Saturday, February 9, 9:00-10:00 am** at [Westover Park](#), 305 South Dogwood Dr.

ROCK ‘N’ ROLL REMEMBERED VMRC, in conjunction with Arts Council of the Valley, is pleased to bring Rock ‘N’ Roll Remembered to [Court Square Theater](#). **Saturday, February 9, 7:00-9:00 pm.**

VALENTINE’S DAY DINNER by candlelight at [Rocktown Kitchen](#). **February 14, 5:00-11:00 pm.**

TRIVIA NIGHT WITH GSA at [Three Notch’d Brewery](#). **Thursday, February 28, 7:00-9:00 pm.**

DOWNTOWN HARRISONBURG lists these and other 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](#). Regularly check your @dukes.jmu.edu e-mail account.

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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