

# JMU Graduate Community News

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January 7, 2019 – WELCOME BACK!

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**PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION!** All participants will gain valuable experience. Some will win 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.** If not submitting, attend to see what your fellow graduate students have accomplished and learn how to present your 3MT in the future! [More Information](#)

**APPLY FOR A TRAVEL GRANT!** Are you presenting your scholarship or creative work at a conference? All graduate students who are making a presentation at a conference are eligible to apply for a Graduate School travel grant. Grant recipients can reduce the cost of professional travel, and they can list this competitive award as an accomplishment on their resume. **The next deadline is January 15.** [More Information](#)

**GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE** a faculty member for the **Provost's Award for Excellence in Part-time Teaching.** Part-time instructors are valuable members of the JMU community and this \$1,000 honorarium recognizes a JMU part-time faculty member or teaching team for a significant contribution to teaching and learning at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. **Submission Deadline – January 28.** [More Information](#)

**INTERCULTURAL LEADERSHIP.** All graduate students are welcome to enroll in **Lead 703, Intercultural Leadership** during Spring 2019. This course examines the complex challenges and opportunities that leaders have in multicultural settings, including working with a multicultural staff domestically and/or working in a multinational, multicultural organization. Topics include: Theories and research of international management and leadership, culture's influence on managing the workforce, building trust

across cultures, cross-cultural negotiation, corporate social responsibility and ethics across borders. LEAD 703 will meet Thursdays 5:15-8:15 PM in Lakeview Hall 1102; instructed by Dr. Karen Ford. Contact Brooke Rhodes at [rhodesbm@jmu.edu](mailto:rhodesbm@jmu.edu) to request permission to enroll.

**CALL FOR WOMAN OF DISTINCTION NOMINEES** The office of Access and Inclusion is accepting nominations for the 2019 Woman of Distinction Awards. All members of the JMU community are eligible to nominate individuals and receive awards. Award recipients will be honored during the annual Diversity Conference. For more information and a nomination form, please visit [this link](#). Submit your nomination by **Friday, February 8 at 5pm**.

**BOREN FELLOWSHIPS** allow U.S. graduate students to study less common languages that are used in world regions critical to U.S. interests, in areas of the world less-frequently visited by US Citizens. Boren Fellows prepare for federal national security work. In exchange for funding, 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](#)

**JMU'S SHOWCASE OF GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITIES** provides an opportunity for graduate students from all of our programs to share their work with peers and faculty in a professional conference setting. 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.** This is an exciting opportunity to celebrate the creative and scholarly activities of JMU's graduate students. [More Information](#)

**THE 2018-2019 JMU Student Accountability Process and Standards of Conduct Handbook** is available at [www.jmu.edu/handbook](http://www.jmu.edu/handbook). Note that there has recently been a change regarding [JMU Policy 1121](#), public expression on campus.



**GSA TRIVIA NIGHT AT THREE NOTCH'D BREWING** was a great success. The winning team was *Kiss My Assets* from our Accounting Program. Approximately 50 students were in attendance, with 11 teams competing. Programs represented included; Accounting, MPA, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, PhD in Leadership, Sports Rec. Leadership and Occupational Therapy. Graduate **student** trivia teams will be challenging graduate **faculty** teams in the **Spring Trivia Match**. Details to come.

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## Upcoming Events

**FIRST SPRING SESSION OF "DEMOCRACY IN PERIL?" – Equal Rights Amendment.** The speaker series "Democracy in Peril?" is pleased to announce our first session of the Spring 2019 semester: "Will Virginia Become the Final State Needed to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment?" The presentation, given by JMU Anthropology Professor Megan Tracy, will take place **on Monday, January 14, 5-6:30** in Madison Hall Conference Room (Room 1001) at JMU.

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION WEEK.** Participate in a week-long celebration of the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Monday, Jan. 21 – Formal Program** – Memorial Hall Auditorium, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Guest speaker: Dr. Britney Cooper. [More information](#)

**Tuesday, Jan 22 – NAACP Student, Faculty & Staff Breakfast** – Madison Union 256, 8:00 – 10:00 am, and **The Inter-Cultural Greek Council**, 7:00 pm at SSC 1075, “*Naming the Pain: Addressing the Stigmas of Therapy in Communities of Color*”

**Wednesday, Jan 23 – Tea Time** – Madison Union 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 4:00 pm and **DEEP Impact Dialogue:** Madison Union Ballroom 7:00 – 8:00 pm, *Brother Outsider: Behind the March on Washington*

**Thursday, Jan 24 – March & Speak Out** – Starts at Madison Statue near Varner House 3:50 pm

**Friday, Jan 25 – Community Service** – Boys & Girls Clubs of Harrisonburg & Rockingham County (Simms Center & Stone Spring Elementary) and **MLK Student Gala** – Madison Union Ballroom, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Contact E. Valarie Grant ([garantrc@jmu.edu](mailto:garantrc@jmu.edu)) at JMU’s [Center for Multicultural Student Services \(CMSS\)](#) for more information about any of these events.

**9<sup>TH</sup> 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](#)

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## Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

<b>Travel Grant Application Deadline</b>	<b>1/15/19</b>
<b>Deadline to Add or Drop a First Block Class</b>	<b>1/15/19</b>
<b>Deadline to Add a First Block Class with Departmental Permission</b>	<b>1/24/19</b>
<b>Deadline to Withdraw from University with Cancellation of Tuition Charges and Refund</b>	<b>1/25/19</b>

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## Downtown Calendar

**WMRA BOOKS AND BREWS.** Join us for our January Books & Brews featuring Lee Graves, aka The Beer Guy, discussing his book at [Pale Fire Brewing Co.](#) **Tuesday, January 8, 7:00-8:00 pm.**

**SONGS FROM THE ROAD BAND** – [Clementine](#) Main Stage. **Friday, January 11, 8:00 pm**  
\$7 in advance, \$10 day of show.

**WINE AND WATERCOLOR** Create a beautiful winter scene in watercolor at **White Oak Lavender Farm & The Purple WOLF Vineyard**, 2644 Cross Keys Rd, Harrisonburg, VA. **Saturday, January 12, 1 – 3:00 pm.**

**FORBES CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS Me...Jane: The Dreams & Adventures of Young Jane Goodall.** Join Jane and her special friend in this brand new musical adaptation that will have you dancing in your seat! Recommended for ages 7 and up. **Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm.**

**DOWNTOWN HARRISONBURG** lists these and other events on the [Events Calendar](#).

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# 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:

Assistantships/Scholarships/Thesis/Dissertations	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> )
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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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