

# JMU Graduate Community News

*From here, everything is possible!*

January 13, 2020



**WE HOPE YOU HAD A REJUVINATING AND FULFILLING WINTER BREAK!** Welcome back to our beautiful campus, and to the New Year!

**ATTEND THE 2020 THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION!** During this event, master's and doctoral students who are nearing the end of their thesis or dissertation project will present the core message of their project with a general audience in just 3 minutes. Come support your fellow graduate students, see how it is done, and vote on the "People's Choice Award" winner. **January 24, 6:00 pm.** [More Information](#) [Watch Video](#)

**TRAVEL GRANT REQUESTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JANUARY 15.** The Graduate School offers travel grants to full-time graduate students who are presenting at professional conferences, meetings and creative competitions. [More Information and application](#)

**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 submission deadline is Friday, March 6, 2020.** The Graduate Showcase highlights research and creative projects through presentations and poster sessions. Judges nominate students for awards with cash prizes. The event concludes with a reception where these and other awards are presented. All graduate students are encouraged to share their work at the JMU Graduate Showcase. The 2020 Showcase date is **Wednesday, April 15, 2020.** [More information](#)

**ALL GRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONSIDER THESE AHRD CLASSES, OFFERED SPRING 2020:**

**Research Methods and Inquiry (AHRD 630).** Provides foundational research skills necessary to conduct quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research. Explore questions that are meaningful to you and your profession and gain the skills to become lifelong critical consumers of research. Tuesdays 5:45-8:15 pm (face-to-face)

**Leadership and Facilitation (AHRD 540).** Examine and exercise leadership. Learn and practice facilitation skills. Use tools for developing, critiquing and supporting change, paying attention to group dynamics, clarification of group task/agenda, processes for helping groups meet their goals. Thursdays 5:45-8:15 pm (face-to-face)

**Consulting (AHRD 620).** Develop skills, insights, and a critical understanding of the consultant process. Examine research theories, principles, and best practices that support the Human

Resource Development consulting process. Engage in the practice of HR consulting by designing and developing a consulting project. Mondays 5:45-8:15 pm (face-to-face)

**Principles of Instructional Design** (AHRD 610). Design, development, and implement technology-based instruction. Compare and contrast instructional models. Develop your approach to instruction that is appropriate for your workplace. Mondays 5:45-8:15 pm (online)

For more Information contact [Dr. Noorie Brantmeier](#)

**SHARE YOUR CHALLENGING EXPERIENCES AND RECEIVE SUPPORT.** Help is available through a JMU community student support system called [REBOUND](#). Share your personal stories of setbacks and how you were able to overcome them. Find support and resources to help you cope with current challenges, and read stories from others who have worked through similar difficult situations. [More information](#)

**THE NATIONAL GRAD CRISIS LINE** is a resource for graduate students needing confidential counseling, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and information and referral services, provided by specially trained call-takers. [More Information](#) or call 1-800-472-3457.

**REGISTER FOR THE “INTER-PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION IN SCHOOLS” WORKSHOP.** After completing this Virginia Institute for Autism workshop, participants will be able to effectively collaborate with school psychologists, special educators, and behavior analysts to address complex behavior problems. **January 17, 9-12 noon**, Madison Union, Warren 256. Cost: Student - \$15, Professional - \$60, NASP and BACB CEUs available. Sponsored by the JMU School Psychology Program. [Register](#)

**THRIVE** is dedicated to providing meaningful support and growth opportunities for graduate students of diverse perspectives. Watch for THRIVE event notifications in your inbox, on the [THRIVE Facebook page](#), and the [THRIVE Website](#).

**THE COHEN CENTER GRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM** is offering a special opportunity to those students with significant humanities and/or interdisciplinary components in their work. Students will participate in two workshops on proposing and presenting at professional meetings, then will present their work at a regional, national or international conference. After the successful completion of the program, participants will be eligible for up to a \$500 reimbursement for costs associated with making their presentation. Applications are due **January 15**. [More Information](#) Contact [Michael J. Klein](#) with questions.

**NOMINATE A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION.** Who is a woman of distinction? She is a woman who inspires us through her dedication and innovation; her exemplary leadership and mentoring; her commitment to enhancing gender equity and inclusion. She is a woman who possesses passion for the people and places making up her everyday life, who breathes life and energy into our community. Is there a woman like this in your life? Nominate her for the 2019 Woman of Distinction Award! There are four nomination categories for the award: Instructional Faculty, A&P Faculty, Staff, and Students. **Submission deadline: February 3, at 9:00 am.** [More information](#)

**PLEASE REVIEW THE 2020 STUDENT HANDBOOK.** Changes have been made regarding the Sexual Misconduct Accountability Process and Sexual Misconduct Case Review procedures. 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. [More information](#)

**NEED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A JOB?** There are currently 4 Graduate Assistantships, 40 Student Positions, and 9 wage positions posted on JMU Joblink. Most positions are open to full-time graduate students from all programs who have appropriate experiences and interest. [More Information](#)

**IN NEED OF FOOD FOR YOUR PANTRY, LUNCH OR DINNER?** The GSA, in conjunction with Campus Kitchen, reminds you that food is delivered to The Grad Lounge each Tuesday and Thursday. JMU’s Campus Kitchen recovers food and connects it to people who need it. **Please provide your own Ziploc or other bag for transporting perishables.** “Like” [JMU’s GSA on Facebook](#) to get updates on deliveries

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## Upcoming Events

**THE 2020 THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION!** Will be held on **Friday, January 24, at 6 pm** in Madison Hall. Come to support your fellow graduate school students and learn how it's done. [More information](#)

**DIVERSIFYING SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCH CONFERENCE** featuring research by students and faculty on topics such as diversity, inequality. The goal of the event is to highlight research on marginalized topics and promote diversity in scholarly endeavors. Event date **Friday, February 21 at UVA**. [More Information](#)

**THE FUTURE OF WORK.** This Madison Vision Series event brings three JMU Alumni, who now work in senior leadership positions, back to campus for a lively panel discussion. February 6, 6 PM, Wilson Auditorium. [More information](#)

**PARTNERS IN PARENTING.** This monthly speaker series, developed by the Department of Psychology, provides education and connections for parents, focusing on a different theme each month. This group meets the **second Sunday** of each month throughout the academic year, from **6-7 pm**. For email updates or questions, please contact Natalie Kerr at [kerrna@jmu.edu](mailto:kerrna@jmu.edu).

### [ADDITIONAL CAMPUS EVENTS](#)

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## Downtown Calendar

**BOOKS AND BREWS.** Sponsored by WMRA, the January session features Paul Bugas and Corban Hilling, discussing their co-authored book, Field Guide to Freshwater Fishes of Virginia. Everyone is welcome. Present your WMRA Member Card and receive a certificate for a complimentary beer. **January 14, 7-8 pm** at Pale Fire Brewing Co., 217 S Liberty St. #105, Harrisonburg.

**VIRGINIA'S DEATH PENALTY: THE FUTURE IS HISTORY.** Presented by Dale Brumfield, an award-winning journalist, history columnist, author of nine books, and the field director for Virginians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Explore how the death penalty today relates to institutionalized racism and links to criminal justice in Virginia. **Friday, January 17, 7 pm** at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. [More information](#)

**DENTON BUILDING COMMUNITY MEETING.** Join Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance for a community information session and learn how you can help prevent the historic Denton building from disappearing, **Tuesday, January 21, 6-8 pm** at Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center. [More Information](#)

**RALPH STANLEY II & THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS** will perform at Court Square Theater on **Friday, January 17 at 7 pm**. Doors open at 6 pm. [Tickets and More Information](#)

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## Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

<b>Spring Term Classes Begin</b>	<b>1/13/20</b>
<b>Travel Grant Application Deadline</b>	<b>1/15/20</b>
<b>Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No Classes Meet)</b>	<b>1/20/20</b>
<b>Three Minute Thesis Competition</b>	<b>1/24/20</b>

<b>Deadline to Add or Drop a Class</b>	<b>1/21/20</b>
<b>Deadline to Add with Departmental Permission</b> The student must register for the course on MyMadison. A permission only saves a seat <b>Semester/1<sup>st</sup> Block</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block</b>	<b>1/30/20</b> <b>4/1/20</b>
<b>Withdraw with "W" Grade or Change a Course Credit Option</b> Student will receive a "W" if they withdraw between last day to add/drop and this date. After this date they will receive an "F" unless other arrangements made with professor. <b>Semester</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Block</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Block</b>	<b>3/20/20</b> <b>2/11/20</b> <b>4/16/20</b>

## 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.

**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](#)
- [THRIVE Diversity Support Program](#)

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

Assistantships/Scholarships	Boris Escalona ( <a href="mailto:escalobd@jmu.edu">escalobd@jmu.edu</a> )
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Initial Enrollment (Unable to Begin Program)	Sheree Will ( <a href="mailto:willsa@jmu.edu">willsa@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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