

JMU Graduate Community News

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October 7, 2019



PARTICIPATE IN THE THIRD ANNUAL THREE MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION! This event is for currently enrolled master's and doctoral students who are nearing the end of their thesis or dissertation project. Participants gain valuable experience sharing the core message of their project with a general audience in just 3 minutes. The top presenters will receive cash prizes and the chance to compete at the annual Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS). **Registration Deadline: Jan. 10, 2020.**

Competition Date: January 24, 6:00 pm. Preparation workshops will be held Nov. 13, and Dec. 5 in Madison Hall. Awards: 1st Place - \$750, 2nd Place - \$500, 3rd Place - \$250. [More Information](#) [Watch Video](#)

ATTEND THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA) GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER 7!

Special guests from The Reserve will be presenting housing options exclusively for JMU Graduate Students. We will discuss Professional Development Grants and upcoming social events, Meet us in the **Graduate Student lounge on the 4th floor of Madison Hall.** Refreshments will be available on thanks to *The Reserve!* **October 7, 6:00 pm.** Have a question? Contact Collin Ashley (ashleycp@jmu.edu).

ATTEND FEMINISMS & RHETORICS 2019. Reflect on and explore current trends and future possibilities for grassroots feminist activism at a conference to be held at JMU November 13-16. This conference focuses on what we are calling "DIY feminist activism"—advocacy work that prioritizes inclusion and diversity by engaging in projects that are freestanding, self-supporting, and/or crowdsourced. [More information](#)

PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH AT THE DIVERSIFYING SCHOLARSHIP CONFERENCE at the University of Virginia. This event will promote connections among undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty from different disciplines across different Virginia universities, fostering a commitment to inclusive research, pedagogy and collaborative problem solving on social issues. This event is free and open to the public. Submission Deadline: **Dec. 13.** Conference: **February 21, 2020.** [More Information](#)

IMPROVE YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING & PRESENTATION SKILLS. The Communication Center offers workshops and individual consulting for all students who need help with a variety of types of

presentations and can help visual design, research paper design, oral delivery, etc. They can help you prepare for class and conference presentations, job interviews, etc. [More Information](#)

REGISTER A TEAM FOR THE 2019 HARRISONBURG WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The walk date is **Saturday, Nov. 2. Ceremony at 10:00 am, walk at 10:30.** Include "JMU" in your team name, so that your team will be identified for the raffle drawing. [More Information and Registration](#)

X-LAB POP-UPS. X-Labs Pop-Ups are free, non-credit workshops for students, faculty, and community members. Taught 3 times each week by JMU X-Labs interns and community experts, these make-and-take classes are an opportunity to try a new skill, practice using equipment, and have fun. [Event List and More Information](#)

ENJOY A HOT MEAL FOR \$7 AND HELP A GOOD CAUSE. The JMU Department of Health Professions Dietetics students invite you to relax and make your reservation for NUTR 363 Quantity Food Production Lunches this semester - Fresh, hot, student prepared, three-course meals, with full table service and pleasant décor. No tipping expected! The only form of payment accepted is a personal check made out to JMU. Please arrive between 12:00-12:20; new arrivals will not be served after 12:20. [More Information](#)

NEED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A JOB? There are currently 2 Graduate Assistantships, 31 Student Positions and 16 wage positions posted on JMU Joblink. Most positions are open to full-time graduate students from all programs who have appropriate experiences and interest. Additional positions are likely to be posted next week. [More information](#)

DO YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES TO THRIVE? The THRIVE program is here to help ALL students find the support they need to be feel included, happy, and successful in graduate school. If you are seeking like-minded peers or mentors, THRIVE is here to help. THRIVE is located on the fourth floor of Madison Hall, right next to the Graduate Student Lounge, in room 4079. Stop by our office, email us (thrive@jmu.edu), or call 568-7274 or 568-5718.

NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS. The Graduate School is pleased to announce that two new members have joined our team.

Boris Escalona Berbetty is serving as our Director of Graduate Student Financial Support, a new position for the Graduate School. He will oversee the financial components of graduate student services, including tuition support for graduate, teaching and grant-funded research assistantships. Mr. Escalona Berbetty is joining us from Eastern Carolina University, where he served as the Financial Manager for the College of Education.

Karris Atkins is serving as our Finance and Data Manager, taking over the role previously held by Josh Baugher who accepted a promotion in the Budget Management Office. Ms. Atkins is joining us from the College of Business, where she served in the Professional Development and Engagement area.

Laura Ryman will continue her efforts in programmatic support for graduate students in the capacity of Interim Assistant Dean of Graduate Student Services.

We anticipate that adding and reorganizing staff members in the student services area, plus the launch of our [THRIVE Program](#), will allow us to better support graduate students at James Madison University.

THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR WAS A SUCCESS! On September 25th more than 150 program representatives from national and international colleges and universities attended the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Graduate & Professional School Fair. Nearly 300 students had opportunity to discuss their graduate and professional school options during the fair at Hotel Madison. The graduate school fair is held annually and is free to all students and community members who are considering master's, doctoral, or education specialist degrees.

THE UPDATED STUDENT HANDBOOK can be found at www.jmu.edu/handbook. Please review changes made to the [Accountability Process](#) and the [Sexual Misconduct Accountability Process](#).

BROWSE JMU'S MANY DINING OPTIONS, including the new D-Hall facility. [More information](#)

Upcoming Events

FOOD WEEK POP-UPS Learn about the process of beer brewing, popcorn flavoring and more with community guests the week of October 14th. Events produced by JMU X-Labs. Register on [Eventbrite](#) starting **October 7th**.

UNWIND: EVENING SOUND YOGA SERIES. Shake off the midweek drudgery with a flowing Vinyasa class and sound healing meditation, surrounded by woods, birds and all that nature offers. Beginners welcome! Bring yoga mat, props/yoga blocks, water and a blanket or jacket for Savasana. Meet on the Ernst Tree Terrace. **Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 pm** starting **October 9**, \$19/class [Register Here](#)

IS YOUR FAMILY VISITING FOR PARENT'S WEEKEND? Interactive games, activities, and events for the whole family will be available. **October 11-13** [More Information](#)

THE PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE HOUSE: HOW TWO IMAGES OPENED A HIDDEN WORLD will be presented by the Institute for Creative Inquiry. Dr. Erica Cavanaugh will discuss the stereographic slides she inherited which are included in the current ICI exhibition, "The Great War in Stereo." **Wednesday, October 16 at 12:00 pm** in Roop Hall, room 208. [More Information](#)

ANNUAL TRICK-OR-TREAT ON GREEK ROW There will be fun crafts, activities, and treats for the children. **Thursday, October 24th, from 4-6 pm**. Parking will be provided in the Champions Parking Deck across from Newman Lake and behind the football stadium from **3:30 - 6:00 pm**.

PUMPKIN PALOOZA. Come decorate all things pumpkin on **October 28, 29** or **November 1!** Register on [Eventbrite](#).

Downtown Calendar

MIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY is the theme of this year's annual Deyerle Program Series in Local History. This popular lecture series features local historians, scholars and area experts who will examine different periods of migration into the Valley as well as contemporary immigrant experiences in our area. Deyerle Lectures are held on **Thursday evenings at 7 pm** at the Massanutten Regional Library in downtown Harrisonburg. **October 10, 7 pm.** [More Information](#)

WALKABOUT OUTFITTER HIKE SERIES: Sign up for as many hikes as you'd like. Earn prizes the more you hike. Demo a pair of Salomon footwear on the hikes! Mary's Rock - Saturday, Oct. 19, 9:00 am. [More Information](#)

ENJOY ART, MUSIC, POETRY, FOOD, DRINK AND MORE at First Fridays Downtown. Nov. 1, 5:00-8:00 pm. More than 30 venues take part, the first Friday of every month. [More Information](#)

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

GSA Professional Development Grant application link is posted to Facebook & Twitter – Graduate Students May Apply	10/04/19
Deadline to Submit GSA Professional Development Grant Application	10/18/19
Withdraw with "W" Grade or Change a course Credit Option (Semester)	10/24/19

Global Opportunity Scholarship Application Deadline (\$1000)	11/01/19
GSA Professional Development Grant Awardees Announced	11/01/19
Registration for Spring 2020 Semester Begins	11/04/19
Withdraw with "W" Grade or Change a course Credit Option (Second Block)	11/14/19
Comprehensive Assessment Results & Scholarly Document Submissions Due for Dec. 2019 Graduation Candidates	11/15/19
Thanksgiving Break (No Classes Meet)	11/25-11/29/19
Deadline for Students to Submit Coursework to Faculty for Removal of Incomplete Grades form Spring & Summer 2019	12/2/19

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:

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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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