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From the President's Desk

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association

Greetings Everyone,

At this time of year my thoughts turn to graduation. If you are like me, you are looking forward with pleasure to graduation and the return of relative peace to Harrisonburg. I always feel guilty, however, about taking such pleasure in the students' absence. They were, after all, the source of my livelihood for 31 years and I genuinely liked them. I know that at party time they can be a bit noisy and messy, but on balance I have found JMU students to be polite and well behaved overall.

Here are two true stories about my experiences with JMU students: when my younger son, Mark, was around 9 or 10 years old, we lived in the neighborhood of Forest Hills. Just down the hill from us was a large complex of townhouses (party central!) populated almost entirely by JMU students. Mark was in Cub Scouts and he wanted to go door to door taking orders to sell popcorn for his den. I told him he could go up the hill to the neighboring houses on our circle but nowhere else. Mark, being Mark, did not obey. He went down the hill to the student housing. The students, finding him adorable (he was adorable—just not obedient) ordered lots of tins of popcorn. I was dismayed. No money was required for the order and I was convinced that collecting what was owed when the popcorn was delivered was going to be difficult if not impossible. I was so wrong. When he went around to deliver the popcorn everyone paid. If someone wasn't home, their roommate would pay Mark so he wouldn't have to come back. If someone had to borrow from a housemate in order to pay up, he did. At



one house, they all scrambled around to the extent of digging coins from between the sofa cushions until they gave up with the correct amount of money. Not one student let him down.

Second story: When I was FMIR in London, we took the students on their usual excursion to Bath where we all stayed in a small B&B for two nights. When we were leaving, the proprietress came running out to the bus and gestured for me to come out and speak with her. I, of course, felt some trepidation. She said that she wanted me to know that two elderly ladies also staying at the house had asked her who those young people were. She told them that they were college students from America. "Oh my," they said, "I would never have guessed that American students were so well-mannered! What a lovely group!"

So now that I have atoned for wishing the

students to be gone for a few months, I can take pleasure in the uncrowded roadways and the quiet weekends without guilt.

It is time for our annual membership drive. I hope you will all stay in touch and make sure that we have your current contact information. We invite everyone to participate in our interest groups to the full extent possible and to participate in our upcoming events. As always, let us know if there are any events you would like to see added.

Best,
Kay



News & Updates

by Kay Knickrehm, President, Faculty Emeriti Association



Incoming President James Schmidt

JMU's New President:

The university has selected Dr. James C. Schmidt to serve as the university's next president. Dr. Schmidt has over 30 years of experience working in higher education and currently serves as the chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

During his tenure, Dr. Schmidt brought national attention to UW-Eau Claire particularly in terms of recognition for excellence in undergraduate research and its studies abroad programs. He has been a leader in emphasizing academic excellence and also in fundraising. Previous tenures included service as vice president for university advancement at Winona State University in Winona, Minnesota, and vice president for student affairs at Riverland Community College in Austin, Minnesota. He holds a doctorate in educational policy and administration from the University of Minnesota, a master's degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Winona State University.

Search for a New Co-treasurer

The FEA has its own search underway. Although we would be happy to attract someone with a national reputation, we are confining our efforts to our local membership. While incredibly prestigious, the job of treasurer is actually very easy now that memberships and reservations for outings and activities are made online.

The board only meets four times a year, and the meetings are such fun that you will wish they occurred more often. And your co-treasurer is Brad Roof! If you would like to become more active in the FEA, and would consider taking on this role, please get in touch with Kay Knickrehm or Steve Smith.

Legacy Grant Award and Valley Scholars Program

Please consider a donation to the FEA Legacy Award Foundation account and/or to the Valley Scholars Program. If you had an opportunity to attend Jennifer Coffman's lecture in March, you saw for yourself the good work that our Legacy Grant Award can do.

Upcoming Events

2025-26 Membership Drive

If you are an annual member, you will soon be contacted to renew your membership. Please do so as we would hate to lose you. If you are a continuing lifetime member, please make sure we have the appropriate contact information for you.

Bus Trip to the Kennedy Center

July 10, will be a trip to the Kennedy Center to see Les Miserables. Registration for this trip is now closed.

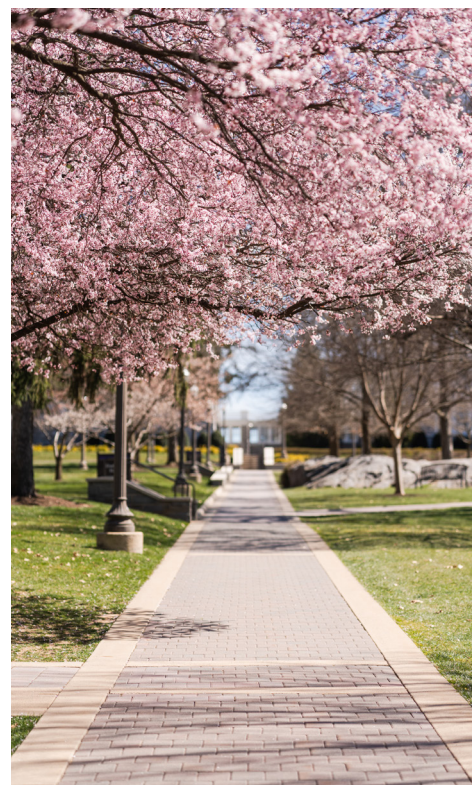
Annual Picnic August 14, 12-3 pm

In order to be able to return to the Bridgeforth Stadium Club Room, we have decided to have our picnic from noon to 3 pm. The football team now uses the room during its summer practice season and so we are unable to book it for later in the afternoon. Many of our members have requested that we hold the event there because of the ease of parking and access.

October's, and December's luncheons are still in planning stages, and we welcome your suggestions for speakers, entertainment, and menu recommendations. Send your creative thoughts to brendacseal@gmail.com or to other members of the FEA Board.

See Updates Online:

jmu.edu/emeraliti/upcoming-events.shtml



JMU Faculty Emeriti Interest Groups

by Martha Ross, Interest Group Coordinator, Faculty Emeriti Association

Why join one or more of our Interest Groups?

As coordinator of Interest Groups, I asked chairs of the groups to share this question.

From a new member, JoAnne Brewster: "I joined several of the groups (wine, beer & cider, whiskey, lunch) once I retired, to meet JMU faculty that I never got the chance to meet or get to know while I was working long hours. I'd like to expand my social circle now that I have more time to socialize. I've been to each of the groups a couple of times, and still don't know a lot of names, but am beginning to recognize people and have had several enjoyable conversations with individuals. Perhaps some of them will turn into new friends! And I've gotten to try some new restaurants, new foods and wines, etc., that I wouldn't necessarily have tried otherwise. So far it has been fun."

From Steve Smith in the Wine Interest Group and long-time member: "The Faculty Emeriti Association Wine Interest Group has been around for a long time—possibly longer than most all of the dozen Interest Groups. It is well organized thanks to Chairwoman Janet Glockner and draws around 50 people at most every gathering. Meeting every month at a FEA volunteer's home, it is a wonderful 90 minutes of time together to catch up with each other over the vino and enjoy each other's company. I'd highly recommend it and offer thanks to Janet and to all of the FEA members who volunteer their homes for us to get together. Cheers!"

The Beer & Cider Group

celebrated the new year early. In December they went to Brother's Craft Brewery, including a tour led by one of the brothers. JMU leprechauns gathered at the always friendly and Irish O'Neill's

to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in our usual manner. Slainte and Erin Go Bragh! Contact: Deane & Clarence Geier singerg.123@gmail.com

The Book Club

meets monthly by Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month. This allows more people to participate, including those who have moved away, or are on a trip or it is just more convenient. There are generally 8-10 members participating in discussion. Contact: Mary Atkins maryatkins149@gmail.com

The Breakfast Group

meets on the second Wednesday of each month at Panera bread. We usually have between Five and nine people at the 9 AM time. We are always looking for a few more. Contact: Jim Benedict benedijo@jmu.edu

The Bridge Club

continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month at Sunnyside. We play gentle bridge and are always looking for new members. There are reports that bridge is gaining popularity these days among young people. They don't need it as their brains are still young. We

do! Don't be left behind! If you need a refresher or even beginning help, please contact Kay at knickrkm@jmu.edu. She would be happy to help you get started.

The Friends Group

provides assistance to any members needing help with transportation, meals, etc. Contact: Violet Allain allainvl@jmu.edu

The Lunch Group

is a group that enjoys new and friendly experiences eating lunch at various local establishments. We try many diverse ethnic foods and meet monthly on a different day of the week each month. It is easy to be a part of this group and the process of signing up is easy, with a monthly email going out several weeks in advance. The places we have eaten include Rocktown Kitchen, Oriental Cafe, Vinny's Italian Restaurant, Taste of India, The Galley, Capital Ale House, and many more. Suggestions are provided by the folks who attend, and arranged in advance by the Lunch Bunch Leader, Anne Henriksen. If you wish to join this fun group, you may email Anne at henrikad@jmu.edu



The JMU Faculty Emeriti Lunch Bunch at the Oriental Cafe

The Movie & Theater Group

This Interest Group is for those of you who like attending films and/or plays. These excursions may also include having a meal together to enjoy the company of fellow film/play buffs. The group most recently saw "Wicked" at the Regal Theater and followed it with an early dinner at Macado's. A new feature of this group are trips to the Visulite Theater in downtown Staunton to attend HD broadcasts of live Metropolitan Opera productions. Contact: Violet Allain allainvl@jmu.edu

Intermediate Spanish Learners Group

This group meets on Zoom every Monday from 11 am to noon, enjoying a short grammar lesson prepared by one of the participants and then some conversation. Although our levels of Spanish proficiency vary, they probably average out about 3rd or 4th year high school Spanish. We enjoy teaching and learning from each other. Contact Elizabeth Ihle elizaihle@gmail.com

The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group

Thanks go to FEA members Pam Drake and David Doremus for opening up their home on January 17th for the Whiskey Appreciation Group (WAG). We had a wonderful time with around 30 people in attendance at the warmth of Pam and David's. Thanks also to everyone who brought a bottle of their favorite spirits, which were enjoyed by all.

Our next gathering will be in conjunction with the **River City Dukes**, a group of active Faculty Emeriti folks who live in the Richmond area. It'll be a road trip to the Three Crosses Distillery in Powhatan VA on Thursday, May 22 to imbibe various spirits and to enjoy lunch. This particular distillery created the Madison Reserve Bourbon Whiskey for JMU fans, and provides financial support back to JMU with each purchase of that whiskey.



The Wine Social Group

The Whisk(e)y Appreciation Group



If you have an interest in attending or wish to receive notices of any upcoming Whiskey Appreciation Group gatherings, please contact Steve Smith smith3cs@jmu.edu

The Wine Social Group

This group meets monthly, usually on the fourth Friday, at a member's home. We share wines brought by two-thirds of the group and appetizer snacks brought by one-third of the group. It is a great way to sample wines with which you may not be familiar (or some that are familiar) and sample culinary skills of your fellow emeriti. Since the first of the year, we have met at the homes of Kathy Schwartz, Louise Loe, and the former home of Earlynn Miller, which she donated to JMU. Future socials will

be held at the homes of Jim & Joyce Benedict (May), and Brenda Seal (June). This is a fun group – join us for a little wine and a lot of camaraderie! Contact Janet Gloeckner, gloeckjw@jmu.edu for more information.

The Dinner Group

The dinner group has not been active the last couple of years, but if anyone is interested in starting it up again, contact Martha Ross rossmk@jmu.edu. The group usually met for potluck dinners every month or so.

Join a group (see contact person):
jmu.edu/emeriti/membership/interest-groups.shtml

Member Spotlight

Each newsletter we would like to feature stories about a few of our members. We invite you to submit short articles about yourself or others. You can send your article either to Kay Knickrehm, knickrkm@jmu.edu or Gary Chatelain, chatelgx@jmu.edu.

Bill Sanders

President Kay Knickrehm asked me to interview my homebound husband, Wm M (Bill) Sanders. Bill has been a member of the Faculty Emeriti Association since the beginning. He says, "From ab ovo."

Ramona: When did you first come to JMU and what brought you to JMU?

Bill: In January, 1969, I met Dr. J. Emmert Ikenberry, Dean, Madison College, at the mid-winter joint meetings of the three professional mathematical organizations. We discussed the possibility of my leaving Wisconsin and moving to Virginia. He emphasized that Madison College had been selected to become a university by the State Council of Higher Education. My family and I moved, in June, to Harrisonburg. I became head of the department. During that first summer I met my new colleagues consisting among others of Charles Zigenfus, Bob Hanson, Jim Mullenex, Gordon and Dawn Fisher, Diann Spresser, Homer Austin. We wrote descriptions for new courses expanding offerings of materials including computer science. Math 238 Computer Programming, approved that summer and offered for the first time in the 1969 fall semester, was a hybrid course. It featured FORTRAN taught on an IBM 1130 computer housed in a room adjacent to my office in Burruss Hall.

Ramona: When you think over your career, what memories or impressions might you want to share?

Bill: Oh, gosh---young students, eager to learn. So, I'll try a memory, especially for sharing. In the mid-1970's the department volunteered to assist the American Mathematical Society host its meeting at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Members of the department were billeted in facilities for hotel staff in a lost corner

somewhere on the seventh floor. Seven of us in a dormitory-like environment. Jim Mullenex announced as we went to bed after a long day of hard work, "Why, there's a board in this cot!" Bob Hanson replied, "Jim, you are getting more for your money---room and board!"

Ramona: What have you been doing in retirement?

Bill: Well, that has changed a lot. For the first few years, I watched a little television---not much. Then the quality of what I found there demanded reassessment. I read my e-mail---a pox on both Duo and/or Okta, login to meta/facebook, return daily to my current project---transfer some mathematics from the nineteenth century into current artificial intelligence (I use MAPLE and LaTeX).

Ramona: Do you have advice or observations for new retirees?

Bill: Yes, my mantra during my college years was laugh and be fat. I failed in this but I learned. Do not ring the bell when no one is listening.

Ramona: You turn 99 in June. To what do you attribute this longevity?

Bill: Whatever it is, I have broken it. Decades of tobacco---Margaret Rausch refused to serve on a faculty committee with me because of my addiction to cigars. Can't exercise because I have no physical strength. I conclude: Laugh and be glad.

Ramona: Any advice for the rest of us?

Bill: I hate giving advice. Stop! Count to ten! Breathe and be glad seems adequate.



Ramona: Would you recommend activities, hobbies, or books?

Bill: Find your own to your own taste. I have a Kindle loaded with enough titles, mostly from the Gutenberg Press Project, to last a lifetime. Imagine my angst realizing my cup is practically empty, so much to do and so little time.

Suzanne Fiederlein is a new member of the FEA. Please see the article about her distinguished career in the latest issue of [Madison Magazine](#) on page 34. Welcome, Suzanne!

Welcome New Members

Brian Cockburn, School of Music

Suzanne Fiederlein, Center for International Stabilization & Recovery

Valerie Ghant, Center for Multicultural Student Services

Lynn Lucatorto, Physics & Astronomy

William O'Meara, Philosophy and Religion

Valerie Schoolcraft, Office of Disability Services

Wren Stevens, College of Visual & Performing Arts

Beate Warden, World Languages and Cultures: German

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we inform you of our colleagues who passed away since our last newsletter. We remember them fondly.

George Johnson, Media Arts & Design

Larry Roller, Communication Studies

Member Spotlight

Glen Gustafson

I recently reconnected with Glen Gustafson, who retired from the Geography Department. When Glen first came to JMU; Political Science and Geography were in the same department and he and I were colleagues for our first few years. I asked Glen to tell us about his very interesting life in California. – Kay Knickrehm

He writes:

I retired on Catalina Island CA, and I married my high school sweetheart. This retirement has been enormously better than I could ever have imagined.



My life is sort of divided into 2 halves. The first one is in our lovely little apartment on this paradise island. Here on Catalina Island, retired teachers are not able to buy real estate. But, getting over that hurdle has been quite an education for me. Because of where we live, that 400 square foot home, feels DELUXE to me! There's beauty on every side (straight out the window); it's very well-designed, and managed, and we get NO huge bills for sudden repairs.

My other life, is in Avalon Harbor aboard my small sailboat; I actually live here almost half-time. The most amazing thing is that I spent the first 65 years of my life with extreme motion sickness! Then, my friend here got me into sailing, and the motion sickness just gradually went away! Now, I almost NEVER get it!

So, that raises the question: how do I spend my time? Timewise, I have three primary activities. First—as a result of the 2007 financial collapse (in which I lost 42% of my TIAA IRA), I took over my own IRA. That takes a lot of reading and evaluating! It has been all new for me.

Second, I continue to do consulting work in my field of analysis of historical aerial photography, mostly for highly polluted industrial sites. In that connection, I gave evidence in a Sacramento trial in January. For info on all of that, pls go to my Website: www.EnvironmentalImageGroup.com.

And, thirdly, I do a lot of volunteer work. On that basis, I've done a lot of drone flights for organizations here. There are around 40 of them at www.Vimeo.com, then search: GlenGus. The best ones are in the "Showcase"; some of the others are not of much interest to outsiders.

Another volunteer activity has been running the Avalon Food Bank. Every two weeks, we give out a heavy bag of nonperishable groceries to 25-40 families.

For relaxation and recreation, strangely, we do not watch TV at all, but rather we typically watch a movie a day on the streaming services, primarily Netflix and Amazon Prime. I write a 3x5 card summary on many of them; we now have an overloaded shoebox full of them. Because of that, I can recommend a hundred A+ movies, if anybody is interested. I've been trying to discover a Web outlet for all of that. Maybe I'll include a few of those cards here!

In conclusion, I was recently selected for inclusion in the Marquis Who's Who for 2025. Best, Glen

Here is Glen's explanation of GIS: <https://vimeo.com/341266523>

Brad Roof

Bradley Miller Roof, Emeriti Professor, School of Accounting and The Hospitality, Sports and Recreation Management Program (JMU from 1977 - 2019)

Most of us know Brad Roof for his affable personality and generous spirit, but you may not know some of his special traits. Brad's a giver—he annually sends a congratulatory note to the newly tenured/recognized professors in the College of Business; and he purchased at least 125 Christmas gifts this past winter, each meticulously wrapped. Brad's a collector—he has more than 1000 bottles of wine in his climate-controlled basement and he purchases another 50 or more cases each year just to satisfy his three professional wine certificates. He has more than 200 pieces of art that crowd his homes' walls and halls.

Brad's a chef—he has a membership with and loves America's Test Kitchens or, as he warmly calls it, "ATK"; he excels at baking beautifully decorated cakes; and he regularly shops Costco for lobster, shrimp, and crab. Brad's a self-proclaimed "ledgerhead"—he's been an accountant since he started his childhood newspaper route; he collects all receipts and rectifies every purchase. Brad's a traveler—he takes at least one cross-Atlantic cruise a year, spends fall weeks in Maine and winter weeks in Florida. Brad's a donor—he gives annually to multiple JMU events, teams, causes, and programs. And Brad's a wonderful story-teller—just wait for "and what happened next was"

We salute you, Brad Roof, for all that you do for so many and without ever expecting acknowledgement.



Member Spotlight

Rebecca Humphrey & Ken Szmagaj

Rebecca Humphrey and Ken Szmagaj, former professors of [School of Art, Design & Art History](#), had a very successful exhibition at the Beverly Street Studio School Gallery in Staunton, March 7-April 27.



Rebecca Humphrey



Ken Szmagaj

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studio school gallery

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director@bssschool.org

REBECCA HUMPHREY & KEN SZMAGAJ
'On With Paper'

Sanctuary VII
24 1/2" x 30"
By Ken Szmagaj

Bridge
8" x 10"
By Rebecca Humphrey

Opening Reception:
Friday, March 7
5:30 - 7:30
Artist Talk: 6

Exhibit:
March 7, 2025 -
April 27, 2025

Gallery Hours:
Wed. 1 - 5 pm
Thurs. & Fri. & Sat.
10 am - 6 pm
Sun. 1 - 5 pm

2025 Faculty Emeriti Legacy Grant

By Kay Knickrehm, FEA President, Faculty Emeriti Association

The Legacy Award (\$5,000) has been awarded to a full-time tenured faculty member every year since 2004. The award rotates among the colleges and the recipient is chosen by the Deans. Half of the award is provided by the FEA Legacy Grant Foundation Account and half is provided by the Office of the President.

This year the grant is awarded to Corinne Diop. Corinne is Professor of Art, Photography Area Head, and Graduate Director of Studio Art in the School of Art, Design, and Art History. She teaches traditional darkroom processes as well as digital and new media, theory, and professional practices from first year introductory classes to graduate level. Her most recent solo exhibitions were at Emory & Henry University and Beverly Street Studio School in Staunton, with her work also included in group shows in Los Angeles, Brooklyn, Chapel Hill, NC and several cities in Virginia.



FEA president, Kay Knickrehm, and Provost Bob Kolvoord present Corinne Diop with FEA Legacy Grant Award

Parking Reminder

Emeriti Faculty enjoy the free parking privilege. This privilege is not to be shared or loaned to family members or friends. Unauthorized use may result in loss of privilege for everyone.

JMU E-Mail Account Reminder

JMU willingly grants on-going access to email with the expectation that Faculty Emeriti will follow university policy and ensure the security of the account – including making sure you have a current strong password. Please keep your password active by changing it every 90 days. Access is removed after 12 months of inactivity, and Faculty Emeriti should not assume that it will be reinstated if it lapses. If the reason is good and IT reinstates the account, IT will only do so one time. Please do not let your JMU email account lapse.

Faculty Emeriti Association Events

Lecture Series

by Brenda Seal, Program Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

The 2023 FEA Legacy Award Recipient, Jennifer Coffman, Ph.D., spoke to an audience of 30-plus at the Ice House on Tuesday afternoon, March 25. Jennifer is Professor of Integrated Science and Technology, Associate Director of JMU's Center for Global Engagement, and Founder and Director of the East Africa Summer Field School that hosts JMU students in research studies in Kenya. Jennifer has worked with the pastoral Maasai people for 30 years, documenting their lifestyle challenges in a changing landscape. She engages in both qualitative and quantitative research in answering questions about pastoral sustainability, community development, green governance, and changing ecological and economic diversification. Her presentation was both scholarly and engaging; we congratulate Dr. Coffman for her exceptional work!



Jennifer Coffman, 2023 FEA Legacy Grant Award Recipient



"What a Wonderful World"

By Brenda Seal, Program Chair, Faculty Emeriti Association

We celebrated the semester's end with the FEA 2024 Winter Gala on December 12, in the Festival Ballroom. Addison Walton, a JMU Ph.D. Candidate in Choral Conducting, sang a medley of seasonal tunes that included "Let it Snow," "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," "Auld Lang Syne," and others. Adam Shenk, Musical Director and Collaborative Pianist, accompanied Addie on the piano and added his own special talents to their entertainment. At the end of the luncheon, 50 or more of us joined Addie as she directed a group finale, "What a Wonderful World."



Spring Luncheon

By Brenda Seal, Program Chair,
Faculty Emeriti Association

A crowd of about 45 gathered in the Monticello Room for a wine-champagne-soda bar and a tasty lunch. Our speaker, Nick Schwartz, Dean of the School of Professional and Continuing Education, talked about his first year in this role, after two years as “acting” dean. Offering informative brochures, he described the broad scope of the school’s programs and visions for the future. One of these visions includes expanding outreach into the community and welcoming us, JMU’s Faculty Emeriti Association, as a new entity under his administrative scope. We welcome the opportunity to be part of SPCE (I keep calling it “SPICE”) and look forward to a new dedicated space and assistant in or near the Ice House.



Interview with Nick Swartz

by Kay Knickrehm and Martha Ross



The Faculty Emeriti Association will soon be affiliated/supported by the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPCE) led by Dean Nick Swartz. Kay Knickrehm, FEA president and Martha Ross sat down with him to learn more about his background and perspective on how the FEA fits in SPCE.

He was also our invited speaker at the spring luncheon on April 9, where he welcomed FEA to our new home and provided more information about how we fit well with its mission and what opportunities await us there.

What can you tell us about yourself and how you got to JMU?

- Grew up in North Carolina
- Got UG in Political Science and Masters from UNCW in Public Administration
- Served as student rep on Parking Committee with Towanna Moore, JMU's VP for Administration and Finance
- Got Ph.D. from UNC Charlotte in Public Policy with as concentration in regional economic development
- Came to JMU in 2008 as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science

You probably had many opportunities since you came to JMU. What made you decide to stay here?

- JMU has a unique and serious dedication to students and connecting them to the community
- Engagement is in our DNA
- This comes from the top – our leaders and administrators
- SPCE has a voice and seat at the table as a member of Academic Council. With that support we have doubled our budget which has allowed us to increase the number of programs, staff and participants.

Given the trajectory of your career at JMU, you clearly enjoy administration and you have been very successful at it. What do you find most exciting about your role as dean of SPCE?

- The School has a long history and a track record of success and respect from academic leadership
- The future is exciting – plans are being made to extend our service into NOVA, particularly for federal workers who have lost their jobs and want to retool and/or refocus
- We used to outsource our programs, but now our goal is to connect more with JMU faculty across Academic Affairs

What has been most challenging?

- Meeting the increasing demand for programming with current resources
- SPCE is totally self-supporting and operates like a separate business that includes tasks including recruitment, marketing, human resources, fiscal and budget processes.

How do you see the FEA fitting into the mission of SPCE? How do you think our presence will enhance SPCE and in turn, how can SPCE help us as an organization?

- The previous name of this unit was Outreach and Engagement, but the name change to School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPCE) makes the connection to JMU's academic programs and faculty, and we are a member of the Academic Council. Our mission focuses on "Learning for a Lifetime" so it only makes sense that the Faculty Emeriti Association be part of the mission.
- Having the FEA as part of our school helps us to accomplish my vision of "JMU faculty first" and we are very intentional about our partnership with you which we believe will be mutually beneficial.
- Our professional development programs leverage JMU expertise to provide non-credit credential-focused training to enable career advancement and organizational development.
- The Adult Degree program/Bachelor of Individualized Study allows students to complete a degree based on their prior learning experiences and transfer credit. The size of the Adult Degree program continues to grow, now at 500 students – the 16th largest major in the university.
- Youth Programs and the Lifelong Learning Institute promote a community of learners by providing not-for-credit experiences for K-12 learners and adults over 50. FEA members have regularly served as leaders and learners in these experiences.