



MEDALLION CEREMONY

Spring 2020



SPRING 2020 GRADUATES

Biology

Katherine Mae Bland

Advisor: George S. Vidal, Ph.D.

Edward Grant Bradley*

Advisor: Chris E. Berndsen, Ph.D.

Adrian Marc Brazell

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Drew Charles Capuzzi*

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Penelope-Marie Baldovino Clanor*

Advisor: Raymond A. Enke, Ph.D.

Emma Carolyn Eisemann*

Advisor: James B. Herrick, Ph.D.

Madalyn Rae Ferlazzo*

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Erica Anne Head*

Advisor: Idelle A. Cooper, Ph.D.

Isabelle Georgette Houston

Advisor: Jonathan D. Monroe, Ph.D.

Saidah Maxine Lerman*

Advisor: Terrie K. Rife, Ph.D.

Gianna Nicole Mangone*

Advisor: Justin W. Brown, Ph.D.

William Robert Meara

Advisor: Justin W. Brown, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Marie Neslund*

Advisor: Dana L. Moseley, Ph.D.

Amanda Bailey Peroe*

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Biology, Continued

Brady Lane Simpson

Advisor: Corey L. Cleland, Ph.D.

Ranjit Zorawar Virk

Advisor: Katrina E. Gobetz, Ph.D.

Christopher John Will

Advisor: Dana L. Moseley, Ph.D.

Biotechnology

Paulina Jasmine Bauer

Advisor: Terrie K. Rife, Ph.D.

Chemistry

Olivia Noelle Goodson*

Advisor: Tom C. Devore, Ph.D.

Erin Colleen Krist*

Advisor: Barbara A. Reisner, Ph.D.

Soe Yu Wadi*

Advisor: Iona N. Black, Ph.D.

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ava Louise Barton*

Advisor: Jamie B. Lee, Ph.D.

Kaitlyn Marie Bresette*

Advisor: GERALYN R. TIMLER, Ph.D.

Haley Kemp Griffith*

Advisor: Erin E. Kamarunas, Ph.D.

Rebekah Allison Jones*

Advisor: GERALYN R. TIMLER, Ph.D.

Elisa Maria Morgan*

Advisor: Lincoln C. Gray, Ph.D.

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Communication Science & Disorders, Continued

Hannah Lynn Schroyer*

Advisor: Rory A. DePaolis, Ph.D.

Communication Studies

Sophia Deklyn DeLucca*

Advisor: Lindsey A. Harvell-Bowman, Ph.D.

Caroline Eaton Jessup*

Advisor: Chang Wan Woo, Ph.D.

Caroline Dillon Ryan*

Advisor: Tobias J. Reynolds-Tylus, Ph.D.

Computer Science

Jacob Allen Brazelton*

Advisor: John C. Bowers, Ph.D.

Megan Elizabeth Gilbert*

Advisor: Dee A. B. Weikle, Ph.D.

Charles David Hines*

Advisor: Michael O. Lam, Ph.D.

William Humberto Lovo*

Advisor: Kevin P. Molloy, Ph.D.

Anthony Snarr*

Advisor: Nathan R. Sprague, Ph.D.

Cynthia Rose Zastudil*

Advisor: Michael C. Stewart, Ph.D.

Economics

Harrison Daniel Hooper*

Advisor: William C. Wood, Ph.D.

Joseph Luddy Kauffman*

Advisor: William C. Wood, Ph.D.

Economics, Continued

Alexander Joseph Sawyer

Advisor: Vipul Bhatt, Ph.D.

Seth Tanner Walker

Advisor: Vipul Bhatt, Ph.D.

Education

Madeline Faith Brown*

Advisor: D. Reece Wilson, Ed.D.

Lauren Monica Godfrey*

Advisor: Ann H. Wallace, Ph.D.

Engineering

Henry David Banks

Advisor: Robert L. Nagel, Ph.D.

Caroline Virginia Clay

Advisor: Robert L. Nagel, Ph.D.

Lindsay May Levatino*

Advisor: Bradley A. Striebig, Ph.D.

Melissa Anne Riddle*

Advisor: Callie J. Miller, Ph.D.

Kristen Elizabeth Russell

Advisor: Samuel A. Morton III, Ph.D.

Finance

Lauren Ashley Calderaro*

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

Alexis Renee Kakar*

Advisor: Carl F. Larsson, Ph.D.

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Geographic Science

Tyler Michael Gingrich*

Advisor: Mace L. Bentley, Ph.D.

Patrick David Muradaz*

Advisor: Zachary J. Bortolot, Ph.D.

Katherine Elizabeth Stankard*

Advisor: Henry A. Way, Ph.D.

Geology

Lindsey Rose Monito*

Advisor: Kristen E. St. John, Ph.D.

Health Sciences

Madelaine Fay Grygo*

Advisor: Theresa M. Enyeart Smith, Ph.D.

Laura Anne Keane*

Advisor: Sarah R. Blackstone, Ph.D.

Erica Beth LaRocca*

Advisor: Erika M. Collazo-Vargas, Ph.D.

Ashley Alexis Matkins*

Advisor: Sarah R. Blackstone, Ph.D.

Health Services Administration

Subarna Barua*

Advisor: April L. Temple, Ph.D.

History

Lauren Samantha Palmieri*

Advisor: Timothy J. Fitzgerald, Ph.D.

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

Madeleine Paris Bolton

Advisor: Dennis B. Blanton, Ph.D.

Honors Interdisciplinary Studies, Continued

Madison Britnell Dalton*

Advisor: Virginia M. Soenksen, M.A.

Halle Elizabeth Duenkel*

Advisor: Christina C. Roeder, M.B.A.

Abigail Lee Forsyth*

Advisor: Paula J. Maxwell, Ph.D.

Ethan Henry Gardner*

Advisor: Bradley R. Newcomer, Ph.D.

Megan Elizabeth Goldsworthy*

Advisor: Wren River Stevens, Ph.D.

Madison Nicole Good*

Advisor: Mary B. Kimsey, Ph.D.

Rory Stevens Jones*

Advisor: Luis Betancourt, Ph.D.

Meredith Adele Obaytek*

Advisor: Elizabeth E. Richardson, M.S.

Independent Scholars

Kristen Lee Connors*

Advisor: Joseph A. Harsh, Ph.D.

Elizabeth Marie Elia* (Class of 2020 Valedictorian)

Advisor: Edward J. Brantmeier, Ph.D.

Willis Macy Landon

Advisor: Samuel S. Suggs, D.M.A.

Andrew Walter Parr*

Advisor: Philip L. Frana, Ph.D.

Leilani Ann Porter*

Advisor: Matthew A. Chamberlin, Ph.D.

Advisor: Noel Hendrickson, Ph.D.

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Independent Scholars, Continued

Alexis Brooke Schneider*

Advisor: Louise M. Temple-Rosebrook, Ph.D.

Madison Blayne Schultz*

Advisor: Daniel L. Robinson, M.F.A.

Integrated Science and Technology

Jamie Melissa Mears*

Advisor: Shannon N. Conley-Phillips, Ph.D.

Advisor: David J. Lawrence, Ph.D.

Sarah Ann Strickler*

Advisor: Stephanie B. Stockwell, Ph.D.

Alexandra Kirsten Trembl*

Advisor: Shannon N. Conley-Phillips, Ph.D.

Advisor: David J. Lawrence, Ph.D.

Intelligence Analysis

Brittany Nicole Sheffield*

Advisor: Timothy R. Walton, Ph.D.

Abigail Marie Weiderhold*

Advisor: Timothy R. Walton, Ph.D.

International Affairs

Julia Elizabeth Rogers*

Advisor: Kristin N. Wylie, Ph.D.

Justice Studies

Emily Madison Berst*

Advisor: Benjamin D. Meade, Ph.D.

Hunter Jacob Kahn*

Advisor: Margarita Poteyeva, Ph.D.

Erin Alexis Watkins*

Advisor: Sue E. Spivey, Ph.D.

Kinesiology

Nicholas Vincent Antonacci

Advisor: Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.

Mikayla Nicole Basil

Advisor: Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.

Michelle Anna Goldberg

Advisor: Nicholas D. Luden, Ph.D.

Hope Elizabeth Kircher*

Advisor: Roshna E. Wunderlich, Ph.D.

Emily Johanna Kontos*

Advisor: Christopher J. Womack, Ph.D.

Management

Brittany Jordan Owens*

Advisor: William J. Ritchie, Ph.D.

Taylor Nicole Tsoleas*

Advisor: Laura M. Leduc, Ph.D.

Mathematics

Hannah Leigh Steinhauer*

Advisor: Leonard A. Van Wyk, Ph.D.

Media Arts and Design

Shanna Colleen Kelly*

Advisor: Nan Zheng, Ph.D.

Taylor Denise Jordan*

Advisor: Talé Mitchell, Ph.D.

Clara Rose Peirce*

Advisor: Shelly L. Hokanson, M.F.A.

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Music

Robert Brooks Carlson*

Advisor: John R. Peterson, Ph.D.

Davina Eunice Miaw*

Advisor: David A. Stringham, Ph.D.

Laura Fairbanks Ruple*

Advisor: Casey R. Cangelosi, M.M.

Monica Rose Slater*

Advisor: Kevin J. McMillan, M.M.

Musical Theatre

James Travis Lamont Cooper*

Advisor: Kate Arecchi, M.F.A.

Nursing

Bridget Marie Reilly*

Advisor: Elizabeth K. Herron, Ph.D.

Jillian Katherine Smith*

Advisor: Karen P. Jagiello, Ph.D.

Physics

Sloane Victoria McNeill

Advisor: Anca Constantin, Ph.D.

Nicole Elizabeth Voce*

Advisor: Klebert B. Feitosa, Ph.D.

Political Science

Emily Anne Barbaro*

Advisor: Keith A. Grant, Ph.D.

Psychology

Callie Elizabeth Bingen*

Advisor: Kala J. Melchiori, Ph.D.

Psychology, Continued

Keiva Rachel Brannigan*

Advisor: David E. Szwedo, Ph.D.

Danielle Alexandra Cabiran

Advisor: Jeffrey T. Andre, Ph.D.

Alexander Jarard Connolly

Advisor: Ashton D. Trice, Ed.D.

Emma Rose Denelsbeck

Advisor: Bernice A. Marcopulos, Ph.D.

Catherine Regina Fisher*

Advisor: Tracy E. Zinn, Ph.D.

Jordan Elizabeth Gamache*

Advisor: David E. Szwedo, Ph.D.

Mira Elizabeth Gruber*

Advisor: Lindsey A. Harvell-Bowman, Ph.D.

Alexander Gabriel Parseghian*

Advisor: Daniel D. Holt, Ph.D.

Alyssa Nicole Williamson*

Advisor: Krisztina V. Jakobson, Ph.D.

Public Policy & Administration

Lillian Alden Gates*

Advisor: Charles H. Blake, Ph.D.

Nicholas James Telesco*

Advisor: Katherine M. Ferraiolo, Ph.D.

Social Work

Caroline Lucia Whitlow*

Advisor: Lisa E. McGuire, Ph.D.

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Sociology

Stephanie Nicole Ashwell

Advisor: Matthew B. Ezzell, Ph.D.

Spanish

Madison Leigh Morgan*

Advisor: Yenisei Montes de Oca, Ph.D.

Theatre

Peyton Alexandra Kennedy*

Advisor: Ingrid E. DeSanctis, M.F.A.

Gwyneth Miranda Strope*

Advisor: Joshua R. Streeter, M.F.A.

***These students have developed scholarly projects facilitated by faculty advisers and readers in a declared major or minor that reflect substantial research or creative, work, imagination, originality, and craftsmanship.**



CAPSTONE PROJECT

All students graduating with an Honors College recognition have completed an Honors Capstone Project. The Capstone Project is the culmination of a students' Honors Experience. These students, working with a faculty advisor and faculty readers have earned an Honors minor for work that has resulted in a project reflecting substantial scholarship and demonstrating outstanding research or a creative work that shows imagination, originality and craftsmanship.



INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS

Independent scholars is a self-designed major open to students who are Honors-eligible. Each student devises a curriculum, plans research and field study, and conducts independent research in consultation with the Independent Scholars faculty and a faculty mentor from one of JMU's academic departments. The major is aimed at students who are strongly self-motivated and research-oriented, and who cannot address their interests sufficiently within any of the existing majors or minors at JMU.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Bradley Newcomer, Ph.D., M.B.A.
Philip Frana, Ph.D.

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for Academic and Student Development

Associate Dean

for Diversity, Inclusion and External Engagement

Director of Fellowships Advising

Director of Student Engagement

Director of Advising and Global Initiatives

Executive Assistant

Administrative Assistant

Data Entry Specialist

Student Assistant

Student Assistant

Student Assistant

Student Assistant

Honors Advising Peer

Honors Advising Peer

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Madison, James Madison, we'll be forever true

Our loyalty will always be to JMU.

While friends remain within our hearts and knowledge guides our way,

James Madison will lead us on to conquer each new day.

- Dr. James R. Riley



Class of 2020 Valedictorian Elizabeth Marie Elia, **Independent Scholar**

THE CLASS OF 2020 VALEDICTORIAN meets the criteria for class valedictorian with the highest grade point average in their class, 100 or more hours of coursework at James Madison University, and an average of 14 hours earned each regular semester of attendance.



Elizabeth Elia is an Independent Scholar majoring in Social Justice through Education Policy, with a minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies. She grew up on the Northern Neck of Virginia in King George County. During her time at JMU, she has been involved with club swimming, civic engagement and community service organizations, and the philosophy honor society Phi Sigma Tau. She was a coordinator of Alternative Spring Break programming for the university's office of Community Service-Learning, led Science Explorer and Lego League program activities at the Explore More Museum in downtown Harrisonburg, completed a mission trip to North Africa and led a ministry of Cru Campus Ministry. She also served as a First Year Orientation Guide (FROG), and a Valley Scholars program mentor. She led service learning trips to the East Coast Migrant Head Start Project in Lakeland, FL. and to Joshua Tree National Park. Her goal after graduation is to work with a justice-based Christian organization or education policy group.

Commencement Notes

MEDALLION CEREMONY RESCHEDULED EVENT The Honors College is planning an in person ceremony for Friday, August 7 at 9 am in the Festival Student and Conference Center Ballroom. As details are finalized a formal invitation will be emailed to graduates in mid-late June. We hope you are able to come back to campus later this summer to participate in our ceremony. Thank you for your patience as we finalize these details.

MEDALLIONS All Honors College graduates will receive a Medallion commemorating their completion of the Honors Interdisciplinary Minor. We will confer medallions to all graduates at the August ceremony. If you are unable to attend that ceremony the medallion will be mailed to the address provided in the Senior Exit Survey.

EXIT SURVEY The Honors College requests all seniors complete an exit survey. Survey link:



DIPLOMAS Diplomas are mailed by the Office of the Registrar approximately eight weeks after graduates complete their final class and fulfill all program and financial requirements. For questions regarding diplomas, please email the Office of the Registrar at graduation@jmu.edu or call 540.568.6281.

HONORS COLLEGE HISTORICAL TIMELINE

August 1, 2018: Honors Interdisciplinary Studies Minor introduced

May 5, 2017: 136 students graduate under the Honors College flag

Dec 16, 2016: First 12 students graduate under the Honors College flag

July 1, 2016: Honors College approved, Dr . Bradley Newcomer
named founding Honors College Dean

2015: Dr . Bradley Newcomer named Honors Program Director

2014: Dr . Philip Frana named Interim Director

2008: Dr . Barry Falk named Honors Program Director

2005: Dr . Maureen Shanahan named Interim Director

1986-2005: Approximately 1,500 students graduate from the Honors Program

1986: Dr . Joanne V. Gabbin Honors Program Director

1982: First Honor Program Director named: Dr. Jeanne R. Nostrandt

1962-1969: Forty students graduate with honors

May 1962: Lynda Garland Kern first thesis & graduate of Honors Program

1961: Honors Program developed

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

We look forward to hearing about the wonderful things you do in the future! Please stay in touch (honors@jmu.edu).



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