

JMU Graduate Community News

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WELCOME TO THE 2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR AT JMU! Together, we continue to face many challenges. Nevertheless, we must continue, treating challenges as opportunities to learn how to adapt and overcome obstacles. At JMU, we are proud to contribute to the life journey of our graduate students, helping you become leaders who will facilitate positive change. Have a great year!

THIS NEWSLETTER. Every few weeks The Graduate School will continue to send this newsletter to all graduate students and faculty to inform you about the full range of activities that are available at our university and encourage your participation.

COVID-19. To protect our community, JMU has [vaccination requirements](#), [vaccine-status-reporting requirements](#), and [mask-wearing expectations](#). Please help us keep our community safe. [More information](#)

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. Seven graduate assistantship positions are still available to full-time graduate students. Graduate assistantships defray the cost of tuition and pay a stipend. While not necessarily in your home department, all graduate assistantships are professional-development opportunities in addition to sources of financial support. For example, JMU's Office of Research and Scholarship is seeking a graduate assistant who can apply their research, communication, and other professional skills to strategically advance the mission of their office. More information about this and other positions at [Joblink](#).

TELL US ABOUT YOUR SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE. The Office of Research and Scholarship would like to recognize the outstanding work of our students. If you participated in a research project this summer, please complete [this questionnaire](#).

AFRICA, AFRICAN AMERICAN, AND DIASPORA STUDIES (AAAD) CALL FOR PROPOSALS. The JMU AAAD program invites proposals for its annual interdisciplinary conference, to be held virtually as a webinar series from Wednesday, February 16 to Saturday, February 19, 2022. This year's theme is "*Voices of Race, Modes of Advocacy*." Proposals are due: **October 15, 2021**. [More information](#)

MADISON ART COLLECTION RESEARCH INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE. The Madison Art Collection (MAC) is accepting applications for its Fall 2021 Research Internship Program. Research interns will work with objects from MAC in the Lisanby Museum (Festival 1108) under the supervision of Dr. Maria Harvey, interns will develop research documents, exhibition text, and display plans for individual objects in anticipation of the exhibition Secrets of the Storeroom. [Apply today!](#) Contact [Ginny Soensken](#) with questions.

JMU BOOKSTORE HAS SEASONAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Now hiring part-time seasonal help. Positions include: Flexible hours, discounts on textbooks, clothing and more. [Apply Here.](#)

JOIN V-SCI. JMU graduate students are invited to join a Virginia-wide graduate student organization called Virginia Scientist-Community Interface (V-SCI). V-SCI is a Virginia-wide grad student organization that provides scientific expertise for community-led advocacy. They are a growing network with more than 100 volunteer members representing universities in Virginia. Consider joining this organization if your interests match the organizations goals. [More information](#)

ATTEND “RESILIENT VIRGINIA.” The 2021 Resilient Virginia Conference will discuss economically sound and equitable solutions to climate change. This online interdisciplinary conference includes many speakers, workshops, and a career fair. Students may register for \$20. August 25-17. [More information](#)

ALTERNATIVE BREAK PARTICIPANTS AND LEARNING PARTNERS NEEDED! Graduate Students are encouraged to participate in JMU’s Alternative Break Program (ABP). ABP offers students the chance to serve and learn with communities across the country during the University’s Fall and Spring Breaks. Graduate students are welcome to participate in both Alternative Fall and Alternative Spring Breaks and may also apply to be considered as faculty/staff Learning Partners for Alternative Fall Break. There will be two upcoming information sessions for anyone interested in learning more about the Learning Partner role: **Wednesday, September 8, 12 PM – 1 PM, Community Service-Learning (SSC 2100)** and **Thursday, September 9, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, Festival Allegheny.** For more information, contact abp@jmu.edu or visit www.jmu.edu/abp .

FOOD PANTRY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE. The [Pantry](#) offers shelf-stable foods, basic hygiene products, and limited school supplies, plus assistance with printing costs, on-campus laundry costs, and access to campus dining options. Email pantry@jmu.edu with questions.

THRIVE is a graduate student run organization, dedicated to providing meaningful support and growth opportunities for graduate students of diverse perspectives. Inquire about [THRIVE](#) meetings and events at thrive@jmu.edu. Get involved or become a mentor today! First meeting will be **Sept. 10 at 5:00 pm** in the Graduate Student Lounge, Madison Hall, 4th floor. Watch for more information in your e-mail.

PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GSA):

- **JOIN THE GSA!** For questions email gsa@jmu.edu.
- **CONNECT TO GSA.** You may find information for events and participation on our social media pages: [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#).

THOUSANDS OF DOCUMENTARIES AND FILMS AVAILABLE TO YOU ONLINE. JMU Libraries announces new options for streaming videos. Visit the JMU Libraries website to learn more about [streaming video resources](#).

DATES AND DEADLINES. For upcoming dates and deadlines please refer to this [link](#).

Upcoming Events

On Campus:

ROCK THE LAKE. Live Music event powered by JMU X-Labs - Lakeview Hall @ Newman Lake. Bring a blanket, your phone, your family and friends. Enjoy food & drinks, drone quidditch, build a button/magnet, DIY tote bag, and more! Meet our community partners and hear live performances by Scott Christopher Murray, Ebony Nicole, Tim Miller and the Staff Inflection, and more. **Monday, August 23, 4 pm- 8 pm.** This is a free event. No registration required.



WATCH MOVIES AT GRAFTON STOVALL:

- **Minari:** Friday, August 27 at 9:30 pm
- **A Quiet Place Part II:** Saturday, August 28 at 7:00 pm
- **Parasite:** Saturday, August 28 at 9:30 pm.

FARMERS MARKET Hosted by JMU Dining, local vendors sell food, drinks, produce, and other goods. Connect with the local community right here on campus! **Wednesday, September 1, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, The Union Patio.** Contact Ben at roesenbbw@jmu.edu.

JMU DUKES FOOTBALL VS. MOREHEAD at Bridgeforth Stadium, **Sat., Sept. 4, 6:00 – 9:30 pm.**

FIRESIDE CHAT WITH BEST SELLING AUTHOR DAVID EPSTEIN Author of the *Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Specialized World* (#1 NYT bestseller): Merging stories from the worlds of sports, business, medicine, and education. Epstein will shed light on the paths to peak performance. Please [register here](#) if you'd like to attend. **September 14 at 7:30 pm** in Hartman Hall.

[More On-campus Events](#)

Harrisonburg Area:

HARRISONBURG FARMERS MARKET every **Tuesday & Saturday, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm** at the Turner Pavilion, 228 South Liberty Street, Harrisonburg, VA [Website](#)

TOAST THE WEEKEND CONCERT SERIES on the Meadow at **Bluestone Vineyard, Friday, August 27 from 6:30-9:30.** Mike Davis will perform. Food Trucks: Mashita, Paella Perfecta and Mr. BBQ will be there. [More Information](#). Tickets are \$10.

SALSA UNDER THE STARS hosted by SalsaBurg. Join us for a night of dancing. Tickets are \$10 per person. Advanced tickets are recommended; limited tickets will be sold at the door. The CrossKeys Bistro will be open until 10 pm and the Tasting Room will be open until **10:30 pm. August 28, 5 pm – 9:30.** See schedule of events and reserve your spot [here](#).

ENJOY THE “BEST. WEEKEND. EVER.” Downtown Harrisonburg is hosting a mostly outdoor celebration for Labor Day weekend 2021, **Friday, September 3 - Sunday, September 5.** See the many planned fun activities [here](#), sponsored by HDR. You can also find information on HDR's [Facebook page](#).

[More Harrisonburg Area Events](#)

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. [Student Handbook](#)

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 Catalog with Graduate Policies](#)
- [JMU Student Handbook](#)
- [Forms for Graduate Students](#)
- [Thesis Guidelines](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)

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

Thesis/Dissertations	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Assistantships/Scholarships	Laura Ryman (rymanle@jmu.edu)
Graduation/Commencement/Transfer of Credit	Kathryn Brown (wendelkt@jmu.edu)
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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