

JMU Graduate Community News

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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.** [Video](#) [More information](#)

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS OF JMU'S 3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION! On Friday, January 24, 17 students from 9 different programs participated. Congratulations to the following award winners of the 3-MT competition:

- 1st Place: **Briana Craig**, Psychological Sciences
- 2nd Place: **Christine Verdream**, Biology
- 3rd Place (tie): **Ruth Bowers-Sword**, Biology and **Alexander Brooks**, History
- People's Choice Award: **Christine Verdream**, Biology

First place winner Briana Craig will participate in a regional 3MT event at the annual meeting of the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools in Birmingham, Alabama, March 5-7.

APPLY FOR A GSA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT. These grants are awarded to students for entrance into professional societies, to attend workshops that will benefit their academic career, or other creative learning opportunities that are not being funded through travel grants or other university funds. **Submission Deadline – February 21.** [More Information](#) [Apply Here](#)

MEMORY, SHAME, GUILT: PRESENT AND PAST. CALL FOR PAPERS. JMU's Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures and Cultures invites all students and faculty to submit abstracts/proposals for this collaboration among colleagues, students and teachers. This event is inclusive across all departments, schools and colleges. **The submission deadline is March 8.** The Conference will be held April 1 – 2 at JMU. [More Information](#)

CAMPUS KITCHEN delivers food to the **Graduate Lounge** (located in Madison Hall) on **Wednesdays**. If you are in need of food, either for your pantry or perishables, please help yourself to the free offerings.

Pantry items are stocked in the kitchenette and perishables in the refrigerator. 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.

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](#).

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.

NEED A GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP OR A JOB? There are currently 4 Graduate Assistantships, 41 Student Positions, and 7 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](#)

Upcoming Events

THE GSA FIRST GENERAL BODY MEETING is this **Monday, February 10**, in The Graduate Lounge, Madison Hall, 4th floor at **6:00 pm**. Find out how to get involved, learn about the events coming up, etc.

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](#)

FAMILIES IN MOTION presented by the Morrison Bruce Center, is an opportunity for your family to be active together, while learning about different components of health and wellness! This event will be filled with fun activities focusing on cardiovascular health, strength, body awareness, and mindful eating habits. Begins **Saturday, February 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**. [More Information and Registration](#)

FREE SPEECH AND NORMS OF INQUIRY will be the focus of the civility and disagreement conference sponsored by JMU's Logic and Reasoning Institute. This is a free event open to the JMU community. No registration is required. You can attend any or all sessions. **February 28, in The Hall of Presidents (top of D-Hall)** [More Information](#)

COORDINATING PLANTS FOR YOUR GARDEN. This Spring Lecture Series occurs on **Wednesdays 12-1 pm, February 12, March 25, and April 15**. *Attendees will be given informational plant lists and a 20% off coupon valid for either of our spring plant sales.* [More Information and Registration](#)

DISABILITY AWARENESS WEEK 2020 is **March 23-27**. This year's theme is **KEEP C.A.L.M. AND USE UNIVERSAL DESIGN**. A variety of events are being planned to increase the awareness, knowledge, skills, and actions necessary as we strive to be an inclusive community that values the richness of all individuals and perspectives. The events will be free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated. [More Information](#)

[ADDITIONAL CAMPUS EVENTS](#)

Downtown Calendar

SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND featuring American artists Trent Wagler (Steel Wheels), Devon Sproule, and Clymer & Kurtz. Audience members will get up close and personal with the artists as they perform several of their songs and share about their music, songwriting process, and lives as musicians through a moderated interview and interactive Q & A session. **Thursday, Feb. 13, 8pm** at **Eastern Mennonite University's** Mainstage Theater, 1307 Park Rd. [More Information](#)

VALENTINE'S CULINARY ADVENTURE DINNER featuring menus inspired by poets; Pablo Neruda-Chilean, Victor Hugo-French and Rumi-Persian. Three courses, choose one menu (Chilean, French or Persian) or mix & match from each poet's menu for each course! \$50 per person (tax and gratuity included) for dinner menu at **Food.Bar.Food, Friday, Feb. 14.** [More Information](#)

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP Wednesday mornings (10-11:30) at **First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall.** GriefShare is a 13-week seminar and support group for people grieving the death of a loved one. Contact Scott Thayer, sthayer@firstpreshbg.org, if interested in attending, or call (540) 434-6551. **You may join the group at any time.** [More Information](#)

[MORE DOWNTOWN EVENTS](#)

Graduate School Dates & Deadlines

Deadline to Add with Departmental Permission The student must register for the course on MyMadison. A permission only saves a seat 2nd Block	4/1/20
Withdraw with "W" Grade or Change a Course Credit Option 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. Semester 2nd Block	3/20/20 4/16/20
Spring Break (No Classes Meet)	3/9 – 3/13/20
Registration for Summer 2020 Semester Begins	4/6/20
Comprehensive Assessment Results & Scholarly Document Submissions Due for May 2020 Graduation Candidates	4/15/20
Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities	4/15/20
Deadline for Students to Submit Coursework to Faculty for Removal of Incomplete Grades form Fall 2019	4/16/20
Deadline for Faculty to Submit Grade Changes for Removal of Incomplete Grades Fall 2020	4/30/20
Classes End Semester 1st Block	4/30/20 3/03/20

[ADDITIONAL DATES AND DEADLINES](#)

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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We welcome suggestions for this newsletter, including events and opportunities. Please send your submission to grad@jmu.edu.

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