

JMU Graduate Community News

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March 13, 2017

Tuesday is JMU Giving Day

100% of all contributions to any of our three Graduate School funds will support JMU graduate students. These funds provide professional conference travel grants; study-abroad assistance; funding for innovative thesis, dissertation, research or creative projects; and for student awards. March 14 is Giving Day at JMU. On Tuesday, we ask that all students, faculty, staff and alumni contribute to their favorite program, department or activity. Please consider helping to support of all JMU graduate students by contributing to one of the Graduate School funds. For further information, please visit our [giving page](#). GO DUKES!



Congratulations JMU Graduate Students! We are all so proud of the outstanding accomplishments of our graduate students! Please visit our new [accomplishments page](#) for 2016-17 to see what our students have been doing! (If your accomplishment is not listed, please send information and perhaps a picture to grad@jmu.edu.)

Final 2016-17 Travel Grant Deadline Approaching! Are you planning to present your scholarship or creative work at a professional conference? You may be eligible to receive a travel grant from The Graduate School. These grants are competitive awards. Not only can they reduce the cost of professional travel, but you can also include this prestigious award as an accomplishment on your resume. To apply, use the application form on the TGS website, and follow the instructions for submitting both electronically and in hard copy form. **The final deadline is March 31.** [More information](#)

Graduate Assistantship Available. The office of The Graduate School is seeking a graduate assistant for the 2017-2018 academic year. Duties will include assisting with the graduate admissions process, participating in May and December commencement activities, and assisting with recruitment for JMU graduate programs. Obtain more information or apply on the [JMU JobLink page](#). **Other positions are also available:** Currently, there are 11 additional graduate assistantships, 43 student positions, as well as 3 wage positions, for which graduate students might qualify, posted on JMU's [Joblink](#).

Fear and Terror: Human Experiences as Old as the World. The Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures will hold their fifteenth annual conference on March 30 & 31. This year's topic is Fear and Terror: Human Experiences as Old as the World. Students, scholars, and researchers from different disciplines will gather to explore the role and consequences of terror and fear both in today's society and in the past. [More information](#)

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **JMU Giving Day, March 14** [More information](#)
- **Green Valley Bookfair.** The Green Valley Bookfair is a Shenandoah Valley experience. This is huge discount book outlet. The fair is open periodically throughout the year, including **March 11 – April 13.** [More information](#)

- **JMU's Annual Diversity Conference.** Students, faculty, and staff are all invited to attend the panels and conversations during this day-long event. The theme for this year is "ALL Included, ALL Engaged." To learn more and register [follow this link](#). **March 15, 8 am – 4 pm**, Festival Ballroom.
- **Film Screening: Maidan.** Witness a chronicle of the uprising against President Yanukovich that took place in Kiev in 2013-14. The film highlights the peaceful protests that occurred in Maidan Square and the bloody battles between protestors and police. Presented by the Russian Studies program and the Office of Cross Disciplinary Studies and Diversity Engagement. Admission is free! **March 16, 7 pm**, Harrison 1261. [More information](#)
- **St. Patrick's Day Concert.** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the beauty of nature and music combined. Kate Hummel and fellow Celtic musicians will perform at the Edith J. Carrier Arboretum to kick off the holiday weekend. Bring your own chair, but please leave your alcohol at home. **March 17, 5 pm**, EJC Arboretum. [More information](#)
- **The Dog Street Duo.** Looking for food, drinks, and entertainment in one place? Head to Jimmy Madison's to see the alternative jam band The Dog Street Duo perform live. **March 18, 9 pm – 12 am**, Jimmy Madison's. [More information](#)
- **The Freight and Future of American Islam: *Communities in Transition on Campus and Beyond*.** Assistant Provost of Princeton University, Dr. Aly Kassam-Remtulla, will present a keynote on the current role universities play in supporting the accurate understanding of Islam. Drawing on scholarly research, and as a racial, ethnic, and sexual minority within Islam, Dr. Kassam-Remtulla has a unique experiences and perspective. **March 23, 4-5 PM**, Festival Ballroom B. [More information](#)
- **Poetry Reading:** Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Gregory Pardlo will read his work on **March 23**, 4-5 PM in the Festival Highlands Room.. [More information](#)
- **Yoga Happy Hour & Brews.** Unwind from the work week with yoga and a beer among friends. Melt the stress with a one-hour, multi-level yoga class. Then, head to happy hour at Three Notch'd Brewery. **March 31, 5:30.** [More information](#)
- **Take Back the Night:** Karen B.K. Chan. During JMU's annual Take Back the Night, guest speaker Karen B.K. Chan will present a keynote titled "Feeling, Healing, and Other Radical Acts." The evening will also include a cappella performances and a speakout. Take Back the Night is a worldwide event that advocates for the survivors of sexual and domestic abuse, as well as speaking out against these violent acts. **April 4, 6:30 pm**, Wilson Hall Auditorium. [More information](#)
- **Graduate School Offices Moving April 5.** The Offices of The Graduate School will be moving Madison Hall, immediately next to the Student Success Center. We will be located on the west side of the 4th floor. During the afternoon of April 4 and all day April 5, our offices will be closed and phone and e-mail communication will be limited. We expect to be back in business at our new location on April 6.
- **Thesis/dissertation due to The Graduate School:** April 19. [Thesis information](#)
- **May Graduate Commencement:** May 4. [Commencement Information](#)

For additional JMU events of possible interest, see <http://www.jmu.edu/events> .

For additional downtown events, see <http://downtownharrisonburg.org/downtown-calendar/> .

Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

Graduate Polices. 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 project 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](#)

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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