

# JMU Graduate Community News

*From here, everything is possible!*

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## **The Graduate School is MOVING!**

On April 5th, The Graduate School will be moving to our new location on the fourth floor of Madison Hall! Madison Hall is on Grace Street between the Student Success Center and the construction site for Hotel Madison. We will be closed for business beginning at 11 am on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope to be open at 8 am on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**GSA Officer Application Deadline Extended to April 2!** The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is accepting applications for its 2017-2018 Executive Council. The Executive Council works to develop and promote opportunities for scholarship, fellowship, and personal well-being for all graduate students. Positions available include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any graduate student who is interested is encouraged to apply, regardless of prior GSA participation. [Application Information](#)

**Plan to Attend the Graduate Showcase, Thursday, April 20.** The Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities will highlight outstanding work of graduate students from all disciplines in a professional conference that will include presentations and a poster session. Save the date! Proposals are no longer being accepted. [More information](#)

**The Graduate School Awards Reception, Thursday, April 20, 4:30-6 pm.** Join the JMU graduate community in celebrating the accomplishments of your peers and colleagues. Remarks will be given by President Alger, Provost Benson, and Dean Chen. Light refreshments will be served. Madison Union Ballroom.

**Intercultural Literacies.** Relevant to students in all disciplines, this fully asynchronous online course will be taught from May 15 to June 23. WRTC 608, Intercultural Literacies (3 credits) examines critical approaches to intercultural communication beyond ethnic and racial lines. The course investigates key theories of identity and difference, and intercultural communication practices. Topics may include definitions of culture, cross-cultural communication

challenges and issues of globalization, localization and translation. For more information, contact Dr. Cathryn Molloy ([molloycs@jmu.edu](mailto:molloycs@jmu.edu)).

**Child Therapy Workshops.** The Virginia Association for Play Therapy and the Institute for Continuing Education are sponsoring two workshops at JMU focusing on play therapy for children, tweens, teens, and the treatment of childhood trauma. The session on May 18 will focus on play therapy for children, tweens, and teens, while the session on May 19 will discuss integrative play therapy for the treatment of childhood trauma. This is a great opportunity for students and faculty from all disciplines who work with children. This conference will be held at the JMU Festival Conference Center. Register by May 10. [More information](#)

**Counselors Needed: Children's Poetry Camp.** If you have an interest in poetry, music, dance, or other art forms, and you would like to work with children aged 7-13, you should consider being a summer camp counselor for JMU's annual Children's Poetry Camp, July 31-August 4. Paid positions available—apply now! [More information](#)

**Madipalooza Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed for JMU's annual music festival, Madipalooza on April 8 on the Festival Lawn. Any JMU student, staff or faculty member can sign up! All volunteers will receive an official Madipalooza volunteer shirt and can still participate as an attendee before or after their shift. [Sign up here](#)

**Need a Job?** Currently, there are 16 graduate assistantships, 39 student positions, as well as 3 wage positions, for which graduate students might qualify, posted on JMU's [Joblink](#).

**Thank you for your contributions!** The Graduate School received terrific support from our graduate community and alumni on Giving Day! Donations increased 185% over last year! We are happy to report that we received \$2,211 in one day. TGS is committed to supporting graduate students in ways that maximize their experiences and help individuals achieve their potential including support of innovative research, creative activities, study abroad, and professional conference participation. [More information](#)

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## Upcoming Events & Deadlines

- **Take Back the Night.** 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, and speaks out against these violent acts. **April 4, 6:30 pm, Wilson Hall Auditorium.** [More information](#)
- **Out on Campus Panel.** As a part of Dukes Pride, a group of LGBTQ+ identifying individuals will participate in a panel discussion to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues for audience member and share information about campus resources for those wishing to learn more. There will also be a strong focus on the intersectionality of identities. **April 5, 7 pm, Madison Union Ballroom.** [More information](#)
- **Pride T-Shirt Giveaway.** Madison Equality will be handing out free t-shirts that represent solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community at the TDU Commons on **April 5, 1:30-3:30 pm** and **April 6, 1-3 pm**. Arrive early, as these shirts are a popular staple of the annual JMU pride week! [More information](#)
- **Wild & Scenic Film Festival.** Through a series of short films, this film festival introduces audiences to the wild and special places and the courageous individuals who are working to protect and preserve them. The film festival not only highlights environmental concerns, but also provides solutions, reaching people through beautiful imagery. An inspiring evening of empowering films. **April 6, 7 pm, Court Square.** [More information](#)
- **Dukes Pride: Tori Grace Nichols.** Using music and performance, Tori Grace Nichols (they/them/theirs) will discuss identity development and express their experiences as someone who identifies as transracially, transnationally adopted, queer, gender queer, third culture, and a soccer fanatic with visible and invisible disabilities. This is a Dukes Pride event. **April 6, 7 pm, Festival Highlands Room.** [More information](#)

- **Madipalooza.** JMU's highly anticipated annual music festival is rapidly approaching! Head to the "festival at Festival" for a day of music, food, games, and prizes! The event is free for all members of the JMU community; JAC card must be presented for entry. **April 8, 1 pm (start time), Festival Lawn.** [More information](#)
- **JMU Percussion Ensemble.** An evening of music with the outstanding JMU Percussion Ensemble. The ensemble has received a multitude of awards and for good reason! **April 10, 8 pm, Forbes Center Concert Hall.** [More information](#)
- **"This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land: Identity, Difference, and the Nation."** Kris Sealy will travel to JMU to deliver a lecture based on her current book project, *Creolizing the Nation: The Argument for an Alternative Ontology*. Sealey will discuss Creole spaces as a model of nation/home-building that resists xenophobia and fear of difference. Part of the Visiting Scholars Program. **April 11, 4 pm, Duke Hall Gallery Court.** [More information](#)
- **Gilbert & Sullivan's The Mikado.** Boasting a masterful script and incredible score, The Mikado joins The Pirates of Penzance and H.M.S. Pinafore as one of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan's comic opera masterpieces. Love triumphs in the end, but not before heads almost roll! **April 13 & 14, 8 pm, Forbes Center Concert Hall.** [More information](#)
- **Thesis/dissertation due to The Graduate School on April 19.**
- **Graduate Showcase.** The Graduate Showcase of Scholarship and Creative Activities will highlight outstanding work from all disciplines. **April 20.** [More information](#)
- **The Graduate School Awards Reception.** Join the JMU graduate community in celebrating the accomplishments of your peers and colleagues. Remarks by President Alger, Provost Benson, and Dean Chen. Light refreshments will be served. **April 20, 4:30-6 pm, Madison Union Ballroom.**
- **Run, Sweat & Beers.** Gather your friends and participate in a 1, 3, or 5 mile run (your choosing) that begins and ends at Brothers Crafter Brewing. Participants can purchase discounted brews in the tasting room. This event is held on the fourth Friday of each month. **April 28, 5:30 pm, Brothers Craft Brewing.** [More information](#)
- **Graduate Commencement will be May 4.** [More information](#)

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

### Tips from TGS (The Graduate School)

**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 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](mailto:grad@jmu.edu) .

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