Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year’s Graduate Research Symposium. This year there were 140 presenters scheduled to give talks and posters, including nearly 40 presenters from 11 visiting institutions including Harvard and Stanford. We especially want to give a special thanks to the volunteers and presenters who gave generously of their time. Preliminary numbers indicate that this year’s event exceeded last year’s participation levels and an early review of the evaluations indicates a high satisfaction with the event overall. The Symposium needs dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers for next year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the Symposium, please contact Chasity Roberts at grs@wm.edu.

Our congratulations to the following award recipients for Excellence in Scholarship!

The College of William and Mary Interdisciplinary Award for Excellence in Research
Ananda Menon
Biology Department, Advisor: Dr. John Swaddle
Summer Moore
Anthropology Department, Advisor: Dr. Jennifer Kahn

Market Access International, Inc. Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences - $1,000.00
DAVID L. WARD
History, Advisor: Dr. Paul Mapp

Northrop Grumman Corporation Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Natural and Computational Sciences - $1,000.00
CHENG LI
Computer Science, Advisor: Dr. Qun Li

William & Mary Award for Excellence in Scholarship in the Humanities and Social Sciences - $500.00
REBECCA CAPOBIANCO
History, Advisor: Dr. Hannah Rosen
William & Mary Honorable Mentions - $250 each
JENNA CARLSON DIETMEIER
Anthropology, Advisor: Dr. Neil Norman
OLANREWAJU LASISI
Anthropology, Advisor: Dr. Neil Norman
JAMES J. RICK
History, Advisor: Dr. Charles McGovern

William & Mary Award for Excellence in the Natural & Computational Sciences - $500.00
SOFYA ZAYTSEVA
Applied Science, Advisor: Dr. Leah Shaw
William & Mary Honorable Mentions
EDEN MANESS
Psychology, Advisor: Dr. Joshua Burk

Carl J. Strikwerda Awards for Excellence - $250 each
HOWARD ESTES
Public Policy, MPP, Advisor: Dr. John McGlennon
YOON YOUNG SIM
Psychology, MA, Advisor: Dr. Todd Thrash
GRANT HAINES
Biology, MS, Advisor: Dr. S. Laurie Sanderson
ABBEY HUMPHREYS
Biology, MS, Advisor: Dr. Randolph Chambers

S. Laurie Sanderson Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring - $250 each
EDEN MANESS
Psychology Department, MA
MORGAN THOMPSON
Psychology Department, MA
JENNA A. TAN
Chemistry Department, MS
NIKOLAS C. VANN
Applied Science Department, PhD

Important Theses and Dissertations Guidelines and deadlines for May 2017 Graduation:

April 7, 2017 Defense must take place on, or before, this date for May 2017 degree conferral.


W&M EVENTS

- Careers in Historic Preservation & Public History. Learn about careers in historic preservation, public history, and cultural resource management from Todd Ballance, Executive Director of Historic St. Luke's Church. Todd will also be available to discuss internship opportunities at St. Luke's. Monday, March 27th 2017 from 5pm - 6pm in the Cohen Career Center, Presentation Room A&B. More
• Hao Shi, Physics will present his Dissertation Defense titled: *Computational Studies of Strongly Correlated Quantum Matter* Today, March 27th 2017 from 1:30pm - 4:30pm in the Swem Library, Ford Room. More

• The Graduate Student Association of Arts and Sciences will be having their Monthly Meeting to discuss graduate student events, funding opportunities, and concerns. Wednesday, March 29th 2017 from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Sadler Center, Colony Room. More

• Graduate Student Association Spring Election 2017 The A&S Graduate Student Association (GSA) council is holding an election to appoint it's new members for the 2017-2018 academic term. If you are interested running, please fill out this form and submit the application. Before applying, please read the full list of duties and responsibilities. Application Due Date: March 31st, 2017. More

• Ge Peng, Computer Science will present her Dissertation Defense, titled: *Enhancing Energy Efficiency and Privacy Protection of Smart Devices* on Thursday, March 30th 2017 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm in the McGlothlin-Street Hall, Room 002

• Research Funding A&S Graduate Student Research Grants – deadline extended! A&S Graduate students are encouraged to apply for support [maximum of $300] from the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) that will allow them to collect data at museums or archives, conduct research, and travel to field work sites. Applications for Summer 2017 must be received in the Office of Graduate Studies and Research by 4:00 p.m. on March 31, 2017. This will cover expenses incurred: April 16, 2017 – August 31, 2017. More

• OGSR/GSA Supplemental Conference Travel Funding – deadline extended! Through a collaborative effort between the Office of Graduate Studies and Research (OGSR) and the GSA, a limited number of awards are available to assist selected Arts & Sciences graduate students who are attending or presenting at a research conference. The application deadline for conference travel taken during the period April 16, 2017 – August 31, 2017 is: 5:00 pm on March 31, 2017. More

• Fall 2017 Schedule Adjustments/Registration for Continuing Students starting Saturday, March 25th 2017- Saturday, July 1st 2017. More

• Gleb V. Romanov, Physics Dissertation will present his Defense titled: *Optical Control of Multi-Photon Coherent Interactions in Rubidium Atoms* Monday, April 3rd 2017 from 10am - 1pm in the Swem Library, Ford Room. More

• Ji Xue, Computer Science will present his PhD Final Defense titled: *Workload Prediction for Efficient Performance Isolation and System Reliability* Tuesday, April 4th 2017 from 1:30pm - 3pm in Morton Hall, Room 220. More

• Rony Gustam Kalfarisi, will present his Physics Dissertation Defense titled: *Investigation of Local Structures in Cation-ordered Microwave Dielectric: A Solid-state*
NMR and First Principle Calculation Study Thursday, April 6th 2017 from 2pm - 5pm in Small Hall, Room 122. More

- **Important Notice for Continuous Enrollment Students** - Effective Fall 2017 the Committee on Graduate Studies unanimously approved increasing the Continuous Enrollment Fee to $150.00 per semester.

- Mandatory A&S **New Graduate Student Orientation** will be Monday, August 28th 2017 from 9am - 5pm in the Sadler Center

- **NEW: Graduate Writing Resources Center!!** Want some help on a writing assignment, research proposal, thesis, or ANY type of graduate-level writing? We are excited to announce the Graduate Writing Resources Center (GWRC), as a new part of the Writing Resources Center located on the 1st Floor of Swem Library. Grad students can now make appointments to work with specially-trained peer graduate consultants. Writers at all levels and stages are encouraged to take advantage of this FREE service! Visit the WRC webpage to make an appointment. Be sure to select a “Graduate Consultation.”

- **Can’t find a book you need at the W&M Libraries?** Is there a book or film W&M Libraries should own, but doesn’t? Please let us know about new books or films you think we should be purchasing! You can email Martha Higgins, mehiggins@wm.edu or you can use the make a suggestion form. Please let us know if you would prefer the book as an ebook or in print format

- **Student Portfolios: Highlight your accomplishments on the OGSR website.** The Graduate Studies website houses portfolios of current students. We’d like to highlight your achievements and the high quality of your work! Please use this form to send us your major accomplishments, or email them to asgradportfolio@wm.edu. For examples or more information, visit the submissions page.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Future of Bioscience Graduate and Postdoctoral Training conference** (FOBGAPT2) will be held in Denver on June 8-10, 2017. The conference will be organized to maximize discussion. Concurrent workshops will be held to allow all participants to contribute actively to all workshops to produce both a compendium of best practices at institutions and consensus support for national policy recommendations. Outcomes will be published shortly after the meeting. We encourage you to submit one or more 2-page “What Works” abstracts for the same April 15th deadline to be published along with the conference white paper on the website and be used by the Workshop co-Chairs to help stimulate discussions on the five Workshop topics. For questions, contact Dave Engelke or Peter Hitchcock

- **The AVS Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium / Student Poster Competition.** The Jefferson Lab local symposium is a great chance to meet other students and potential employers. RSVP for the Symposium and Dinner by April 12, 5 PM to marcy@jlab.org
Students presenting at the symposium have a chance to win money (up to $500 in cash is awarded) and the winner can apply for sponsorship to travel to the National symposium this fall in Tampa, FL. For poster topics and more information please see the AVS Mid-Atlantic Regional Symposium Poster.

- **Crowdfunding at W&M.** We are excited to announce the launch of Tribefunding, William & Mary’s approach to crowdfunding. Qualifying projects should have the potential to transform William & Mary and have broader impact on local and/or global communities. Preference will be given to projects that incorporate collaboration between students and faculty/staff. To submit a project or for more information, visit giving.wm.edu/crowdfunding

- **JSA Accepting Applications for Sabbatical and Research Leave Support at the Jefferson Lab.** Application materials are due by March 31, 2017. More

- The Army Research Laboratory (ARL) invites exceptional young researchers to apply for the ARL Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellowship. This fellowship provides recipients the opportunity to pursue independent research while working alongside some of the nation’s best scientists and engineers. Applicants must display extraordinary ability in scientific research and show clear promise of becoming outstanding leaders. Successful candidates will have tackled a major scientific or engineering problem or will have provided a new approach or insight, as evidenced by a recognized impact in their field. NOTE: February 1, 2017 – Application opens May 1, 2017 – Application deadline. For more information: 202-334-3560 or ARLDPF@nas.edu

- **Summer School Intellectual Property** The University of Bonn would like to invite graduate and postgraduate students from your university to a Summer School on Intellectual Property in Bonn. The Summer School addresses graduate and postgraduate students from any field of study. It will take place from July 31 to August 11, 2017. The program is conducted in English.