

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM IN RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

DEPARTMENT OF GRADUATE PSYCHOLOGY
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
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The Annual Symposium in Research and Practice offers a forum for students to share their developing areas of expertise. The presenters come from graduate programs in Psychological Sciences, School Psychology, Community Counseling, School Counseling, the doctoral program in Assessment and Measurement, and the Combined-Integrated Doctoral Program in Clinical and School Psychology.

- 8:30-9:00 *Check-in*
- 9:00-9:45 *Welcome from Graduate Directors and introduction of keynote speaker*
Keynote Address
“Scoring Multiple Choice Items: All Wrongs are not Equally Wrong”
Christine DeMars, Ph.D.
Recipient of the 2007-2008 Department of Graduate Psychology
Distinguished Scholar Award and 2008-2009 College of Integrated
Science and Technology (CISAT) Madison Scholar Award
Taylor Hall 306
- 10:00-11:30 *Graduate Student Presentations*
- 11:30-12:30 *Lunch for Presenters, Faculty, and Invited Guests*
- 12:30-1:00 *Meetings for Faculty, Supervisors, and Advisory Boards*
- 1:00-3:00 *Graduate Student Presentations*

*****Refreshments provided for presenters, supervisors, thesis chairs and advisory*****
committees in Taylor 311, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Room 400: Assessment & Measurement
Doctoral Program**

**Room 402: Psychological Sciences
Program**

9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director	9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director
10:00 “Does it Matter How Data are Collected? A Comparison of Testing Conditions and the Implications for Validity” Carol Barry Faculty Supervisor: Sara Finney	
10:30 “Comparison of Parametric and Nonparametric Bootstrap Estimation Procedures of the Standard Errors of Equating” Shelly Ragland Faculty Supervisor: Patrick Meyer	10:30 “You’re Biased but I’m Not: Cognitive Ability and the Bias Blind Spot” Russ Meserve Faculty Supervisor: Rich West
11:00 “I Never Like to Beat Dead Horses”: A Factor Analysis and Consideration of the Marlowe-Crowne Social Desirability Scale” Ross Markle Faculty Supervisor: Dena Pastor	11:00 “ Interpersonal Skills Group: A Social Skills Intervention for Early Adolescents” Kathryn Van Eck Faculty Supervisor: Steve Evans
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1:00 “Types or Continua? A Mixture Modeling Analysis of Help Seeking” Mary Johnson, Carol Barry, & Jeanne Horst Faculty Supervisor: Sara Finney	
1:30 “A Latent Profile Analysis of College Students’ Health and Wellness Behaviors” Melynda Cotton Supervisor: Dena Pastor	
2:00 “The Art (and Science) of Construct Validity” Tamara Shore Faculty Supervisor: Donna Sundre	2:00 “Reducing Smoking in College Students Using a Percentile Schedule with Fixed-Value Voucher Reinforcement: A Feasibility Study” Philip Erb Faculty Supervisor: Sherry Serdikoff
	2:30 “College Students’ Perceived Matter to Their University: A New Measure and its Psychometric Properties” Megan France Faculty Supervisor: Sara Finney
	3:00 “ Measuring the Aesthetic Response” Sara Gottlieb Faculty Supervisor: Sheena Rogers

Room 305: School Psychology Program

<p>9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director</p>	
<p>10:00 “An Examination of the Effects of Newsletters on Parental Experiences in Special Education Eligibility Meetings” Clint Page, M.A. Orange County Public Schools Supervisor: Karen Chapman Thesis Chair: Ashton Trice</p>	<p>2:30 “Happy Students, Engaging Schools: Life Satisfaction in Middle School Students” Latasha Wallace, M.A. Williamsburg County School District, SC Supervisor: Christy Owens Thesis Chair: Tammy Gilligan</p>
<p>10:30 “Three Variables that May Help Explain the Achievement Disparity in Ethnic Minority Students” Jeenal Cheeda, M.A. Fairfax County Public Schools Supervisors: Peggy Moore and Cynthia Kirschenbaum Thesis Chair: Tammy Gilligan</p>	<p>3:00 “Teacher Characteristics and Referrals of English Language Learners” Kim Franz, M.A. Manassas City Schools Supervisor: Dan Whittaker Thesis Chair: Patti Warner</p>
<p>11:00 “ Are Kids Really Trying? An Examination of Effort in Psychological Evaluations” Kassidy Haslacker, M.A. Bath County Public Schools & JMU Child Development Center Supervisors: Ginger Griffin and Mary Kolman Thesis Chair: Bill Ernst</p>	<p>3:30 “Children in Foster Care: A Survey of How School Psychologists Help” Melanie Rittenhouse, M.A. Harrisonburg City Schools Supervisor: Donna Smith Thesis Chair: Tammy Gilligan</p>
<p>11:30 Lunch for graduate faculty, presenters, supervisors, thesis chairs, and Advisory Committees. Transitions Room: Taylor 202</p> <p>Following Lunch: School Psychology Meeting: For School Psychology faculty, supervisors, and advisory committee members. Taylor 303.</p>	
<p>1:00 “Culturally Competent Assessment: A Case Study Comparison” Susanne Leslie, M.A. Arlington County Public Schools Supervisors: Barbara Holts and Lori Ockerman Thesis Chair: Bill Ernst</p>	
<p>1:30 “Adolescent Sleep Patterns” Brian Sorg, M.A. Hanover County Public Schools Supervisors : J. Barry Hewett and Jessica Morrison Thesis Chair: Ashton Trice</p>	
<p>2:00 “ Culturally Competent School Psychology: Is JMU Training Culturally Competent Practitioners?” Erin Wilt, M.A. Rowan Salisbury Public Schools, NC Supervisor: Elizabeth Pless Thesis Chair: Patti Warner</p>	

Room 306: Community Counseling Program

9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director	
10:00 “Straddling Two Worlds: Struggles of First Generation College Students” Kristen Garza JMU Counseling and Student Development Center Supervisor: Tom Metzinger	2:00 “ A Need for Healthy Rites of Passage into Manhood” Nate Hefner Valley Community Services – Staunton Supervisor: Karen Painter
10:30 “Navigating Territory: The Unique Challenges of In-Home Therapy” Dustin Wright Crossroads Counseling Center Supervisor: Dane Byers	2:30 “ Surviving (And Maybe Even Enjoying!) Your Ed.S. Research Project” Nicolette LeBlanc JMU Counseling and Psychological Services Supervisor: Tim Schulte
11:00 “Moment by Moment: Mindfulness Mediation for Counselors” Julianna Nemitz Harrisonburg League of Therapists Supervisor: Julie Walls	
11:30 Lunch for graduate faculty, presenters, supervisors, thesis chairs, and advisory committees. Transitions Room: T-202	
Following lunch: Counseling Meeting: For Counseling faculty, supervisors, and advisory committee members. Taylor 307	
1:00	
1:30 “ Illusions of Intimacy: Human Encounter in an Electronic Age” Greg Czyszczon Counseling and Student Development Center Supervisor: Shirley Cobb Harrisonburg League of Therapists	

Room 304: Community Counseling Program

9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director.	
10:00 “Depression and Families: Shadows in the System” Gretchen Thorsen JMU Counseling and Psychological Services Supervisor: Tim Schulte	
10:30 “Giving Form to the Feelings: Using Art in the Counseling Setting” Betsy Knight Northwestern Community Services - Luray Supervisor: Mimi Mayfield	
11:00 “ Bridging Substance Abuse and Family Systems” Katie Ayers Region Ten Community Services – Charlottesville Supervisor: Anita Dean	
11:30 Lunch for graduate faculty, presenters, supervisors, and advisory committees. Transitions Room – T-202	
Following lunch: Counseling Meeting: For counseling faculty, supervisors, and advisory committee members. T-307	
1:00 “ Meaning Making in the Aftermath of Sexual Assault” Jessica Prince-Sanders JMU Women’s Resource Center and Office of Sexual Assault Prevention Supervisor: Hillary Wing-Richards	

Room 302: School Counseling Program and Combined-Integrated Doctoral Program

9:55 Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director.	
10:00 “Helping the Helper: Providing Brief Group Counseling for Middle School Substance Users and Their Loved Ones” Andrew Loy Laurel Highlands High School, PA Supervisor: Brandi Fike	
10:30 “ Student Success: A Group Counseling Manual for School Counselors Working with Middle School Students at Risk of Dropout” Corinne Makarewich Turner Ashby High School Supervisor: Candace Martin	
11:00 “ Students with Special Needs” Sharon Brown Thomas Harrison Middle School Supervisor: Terry Cary	
11:30 Lunch for graduate faculty, presenters, supervisors, and advisory committees. Transitions Room – T-202	Following lunch: Counseling Meeting: For counseling faculty, supervisors, and advisory committee members. T-307
1:00 “Shame and Worldview Defense: Exploring the Dynamics of Terror Management Theory” Neal Rittenhouse Rockingham Memorial Hospital’s Behavioral Health Unit Advisor: Gregg Henriques	
1:30 “D’eaf Culture and the Therapeutic Relationship” Dara Zafran Commonwealth Center Advisor: Anne Stewart	

Room 309: School Counseling Program

Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions by program director	
10:00 “ Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention: A Guide for School Counselors” Miracle Ryder Potomac Middle School Supervisor: Kim Ratliff	
10:30 “A Protocol for School Counselors in Dealing with Children Experiencing Bereavement” Shannon Monteith Yorktow Middle School Supervisor: Bjork Jonasdottir	
11:00	
11:30 Lunch for graduate presenters, supervisors, and Advisory Committees Transitions Room – T-202	Following lunch: Counseling Meeting: For counseling faculty, supervisors, and advisory committee members. T-307

