

## EMERITINOTES and former faculty news

Professor Emeritus of History Sidney Bland is an instructor in JMU's Lifelong Learning Institute along with Professor Emeritus of Art and Art History Bob Bersson.

Professor Emeritus of History Sidney Bland talks to alumni during Bluestone Reunion Weekend in 2008 to share in the kick off of the JMU Centennial Celebration.



Professor Emeritus of Education Harold D. Lehman ('42) will celebrate his 70th class reunion at Bluestone Reunion Weekend in April 2012. He is a "double-Duke"—both an alumnus and a JMU employee. He taught in the JMU College of Education for many years and may be the oldest living male JMU graduate. If you are a male Madison graduate with a class year previous to 1942, the *Madison* magazine staff wants to hear from you! Email [madisonmag@jmu.edu](mailto:madisonmag@jmu.edu) and tell us your story.

The JMU Office of Alumni Relations invites all graduates from the 1930s to the 1960s to come back to campus in April 2012 for Bluestone Reunion Weekend. Start planning now at [www.jmu.edu/alumni/events/reunions.shtml](http://www.jmu.edu/alumni/events/reunions.shtml). Are you a professor emeritus/emerita who would like to share with alumni during Bluestone Reunions? Contact Tracey Kite at [kitetl@jmu.edu](mailto:kitetl@jmu.edu).



### IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emeritus of Education Garney Lewis Darrin ('73M) died on July 21, 2011. Darrin earned a M.F.A. from JMU and taught in the Department of Art and Art History. He also served two terms on JMU's Greater Madison Board of Directors.

Professor Emerita of English Cynthia A. Gilliatt died on Aug. 16, 2011. She served on the JMU faculty from 1971 to 2008. An avid golfer, she taught Milton, 17th-Century Literature, The Bible as Literature, Mythology, and Gay and Lesbian Literature, a course she developed. Gilliatt was a founding member of Safe Zones at JMU and of Integrity/Virginia, a faith-based organization that provides spiritual space and counsel for gay members of the Episcopal Church.



Professor Emerita of Special Education, Betty Wilson Landis ('64) died on June 24, 2011. She was an alumna of the JMU College of Education and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma. She earned her Ed.S. from JMU in autism spectrum disorders in 1970. Before joining the JMU faculty, Landis served as a special education resource consultant for the Delaware Department of Public Instruction. She also taught at the Anthony-Seeger Campus School at JMU and for Rockingham, Va., and Shenandoah, Va., public schools. She received the 1985–86 Outstanding Woman of Virginia Award and was nominated by the JMU Women's Caucus.

\* All former professors are encouraged to contribute an "Emeriti Note" at [madisonmag@jmu.edu](mailto:madisonmag@jmu.edu).

and telecommunications. She has completed successful site selection assignments for clients including Citibank, Hitachi, Assurant, Kodak and Home Depot. Moore will focus on analysis of capital investment alternatives, financial and operational metrics, and identifying efficiency and productivity improvement opportunities for clients. \* Michelle Turenne was promoted to senior director, corporate alliances and development at the American Thoracic Society, a medical specialty society focused on pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. She was appointed to a second term on the board of directors for the Healthcare Convention Exhibitors Association and presented two lectures at the group's June 2011 meeting.

**91** Maj. Keith Ensley led a mission to restart a Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Southern Oregon University. Ensley is a JMU ROTC alumnus, Afghanistan veteran and Oregon Army National Guard officer. He teaches military science at SOU. The new ROTC program at SOU grew from zero to 31 cadets in 18 months. Ensley retired from the military June 23, six days after the first ROTC cadets graduated from Southern Oregon in 20 years. \* Kimberly Seidel Sheard co-founded Creature Comforts

Custom Concierge Care, a pet sitting and concierge services firm located in Fairfax, Va. Sheard was previously employed at Peace of Mind Pet Care as a dog walker/pet sitter. She writes, "As co-owner of the company, I perform all needed activities from marketing to accounting to the pet sitting itself. Fits my short attention span." Learn more at [www.creaturecomfortva.com](http://www.creaturecomfortva.com).

**92** Justin Constantine was elected to the board of directors of the Wounded Warriors Project. A successful attorney with 12 years of U.S. military and federal service, Constantine's work has focused on drafting legislation, criminal trial work, implementing appellate-level immigration law and reviewing government contracts. He currently works for the U.S. Department of Justice on counterterrorism issues. He is founder and president of Got Pride LLC, a company that raises awareness of available veterans' resources. Constantine earned his law degree from the University of Denver School of Law. His military decorations include the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals and the Combat Action Ribbon. Learn more about Constantine at [www.jmu.edu/bethechange](http://www.jmu.edu/bethechange). \* Jessica L. LaCosta Grupenhoff of Carlsbad, Calif., helps veterans

### SCHOLARSHIP THANKS:

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### Dr. Warren Braun and Mrs. Lillian Braun:

*My name is Kathryn Liskey, and I am a junior in the College of Education. Thank you for awarding me the Carol Carter Fitzgerald Elementary Education Scholarship. I am truly honored. The opportunity to obtain an education is priceless, but in today's society that expression is put to the test. This scholarship will help make my road to a college education a much smoother path. I look forward to a career as a teacher and working with children. Your scholarship will make my career choice a reality. Thank you for your generosity and for the compassion you have shown by presenting me with this scholarship award!*

Kathryn Liskey ('13)  
HARRISONBURG, VA.