

JMU is the perfect place for both my research and teaching. The department is not just interested in teaching students, but also having them be an integral part of the research performed in the department. While I really enjoy teaching undergraduate students, I am also looking forward to engaging their interests in physics by exposing them to new and interesting concepts. I feel that through the department at JMU I can grow both as a researcher and a mentor.'

— JASON T. HARALDSEN,
assistant professor of physics
and astronomy

'While my oldest children were looking at colleges, I fell in love with JMU almost as much as they did. I had been considering a career in academia and decided that JMU was a great fit for me. I'd like to think I'm a great fit for JMU, too!'

— LISA J. CARMINES,
instructor of nursing



JMU's first lady chairs community READ to Succeed program

JMU first lady Mary Ann Alger is chairing a new reading initiative designed to improve literacy among elementary school students in the local community. "We READ to Succeed" is a partnership among JMU, the United Way, Harrisonburg City and Rockingham County schools, Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Chamber of Commerce, Smart Beginnings and Project Read. The goal of the program is to have 100 percent of city and county students reading on grade level before leaving third grade. Faculty members and students from the JMU College of Education and the Department of Political Science are assisting in collecting and analyzing data from the reading program. **M**



Mary Ann Alger, JMU first lady, reads to local students in the READ to Succeed program, founded to improve elementary school literacy.

Madison

Madison EVENTS SAVE THE DATE

March 20, 2014

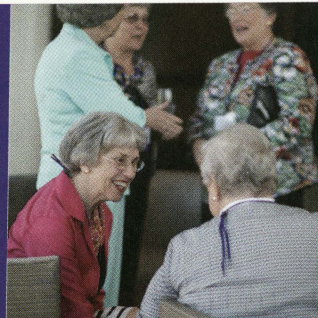


Madison Vision Lecture Series

Jeffrey Rosen, CEO of the National Constitution Center, presents "Contemporary Issues in an Engaged Society"

March 19–20, 2014 Intelligence and the Transition from War to Peace, A Multidisciplinary Assessment

JMU is inviting people from both academia and government to a conference examining the CIA docu-



ments on intelligence support to U.S. decision-making on Bosnia, 1992–96. Featuring scholars from the United States and abroad presenting papers exploring the role of intelligence in war and peace, and the multidimensional nature of conflict resolution, as well as eyewitness accounts from individuals who actively participated in the Bosnian War and Dayton Peace Accords. Conference schedule: www.jmu.edu/war-to-peace-conference

May 2–4, 2014 Bluestone Reunions

Celebrating the Classes of 1964, 1959, 1954, 1949, 1944 and 1939

Join the Class of 1964 as they celebrate their 50th reunion from Madison College and are inducted into the Bluestone Society. Participate on your class reunion committee, by contacting Stephanie Whitson at whitosh@jmu.edu.

May 30 – June 1, 2014 Madison Alumni Conference

An annual, weekend-long program designed to recognize alumni volunteer achievement and build a network of graduates who are informed, involved and invested in shaping the future of JMU.

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