Inaugural Conference for James Madison Seniors!

All James Madison students study a wide range of relevant public affairs topics. In this conference, we plan to bring students together who are addressing significant public affairs issues—whether national or international—in their research. As the next generation of public policy makers, scholars, practitioners, and leaders in the public and private sectors, graduating seniors will have the opportunity to present their cutting-edge research in a professional conference setting. At this day-long-event, we will have panels of student papers, a keynote speaker, and the participation of College alumni and community partners. We plan for a dynamic conference open to all Madisonians, where the spotlight will be on seniors, as they reach the conclusion of their undergraduate education.

Why Participate? The benefits of presenting student research in a conference setting, whether you have already finished a scholarly paper or are in the process of doing so, are many, including:

- Acquiring helpful feedback on your research
- Contributing to important public affairs debates
- Networking with Madison alumni, community partners, faculty, and students
- Improving your public speaking abilities
- Showcasing what you have learned throughout your Madison career
- Building your resume for graduate/professional school or potential employers

Submission Guidelines: All students must submit a 1-2 page single-spaced proposal for the paper you would deliver at the conference. Proposals should include a cover page, with title and author information, including name, email, and major. The proposal should include a discussion of the topic, research question, methods to be employed, significance, and bibliography. Students are particularly encouraged to submit senior seminar papers, whether they have already written them or in the process of doing so. However, students may choose to submit proposals for any serious work of scholarship that they have completed at JMC.

Students should submit proposals to: https://jamesmadisoncollege.wufoo.com/forms/call-for-proposals-for-jmc-senior-research/

For questions about the conference or proposals, contact Professor Julia Grant at grant@msu.edu