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## **March 21, 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Guest Speaker**



### **Nick Swartz, Ph.D.**

Associate Dean & Associate Professor, JMU Outreach & Engagement

Nick began his career at JMU in 2008 as an Assistant Professor of Public Policy & Administration in the Department of Political Science. Prior to this role, he worked in commercial real estate development for several years, as well as positions in local government, public policy, and consulting organizations. While at JMU, he's enjoyed serving in various positions including Director of the nationally accredited Master in Public Administration Program, Founder and Director of the Madison Center for Community Development, and Associate Vice Provost of Research and Scholarship. He enthusiastically joined JMU's Outreach and Engagement as Associate Dean in 2017 and continues to serve as a core faculty member in the Master in Public Administration Program. He has a Doctorate Degree in Public Policy, a Masters Degree in Public Administration, and an Undergraduate Degree in Political Science.

In his role as Associate Dean, he manages and leads the Madison Center for Community Development; Manage JMU's Year in Service and Engagement Fellowship Program; Coordinate Scholarship of Engagement initiatives including journal publications, conference presentations, develop and disseminate high need, on-demand community-based research, and build relationships with faculty and academic units to promote community-based engagement services. In partnership with the Dean, he manages O&E's economic development efforts locally, regionally, and state-wide, and develop and provide consulting services; help provide leadership for graduate degree and certificate programs; and serve as a member of O&E's leadership team, where he represents JMU and O&E with a variety of internal and external groups.

His passion is community engagement and his job as Associate Dean enables him to better connect JMU students, faculty and staff to a variety of stakeholders at the local, regional, state and national levels. He spends a lot of time identifying and developing partnership opportunities that are linked to academic programming. Providing community engagement activities, like applied academic coursework, internships, graduate assistantships, training, or fellowships, helps JMU achieve our mission of "preparing students to be educated and enlightened citizens who lead productive and meaningful lives."

