

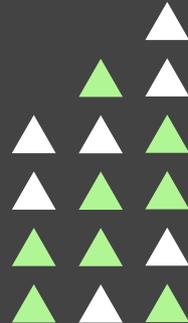
Tuesday, February 17



CASE Festival

Q&A

Margaret Walker Center
JSU Art Department



CREATIVE ARTS AND SCHOLARLY ENGAGEMENT 2026

keynote speaker
DR. EVIE SHOCKLEY



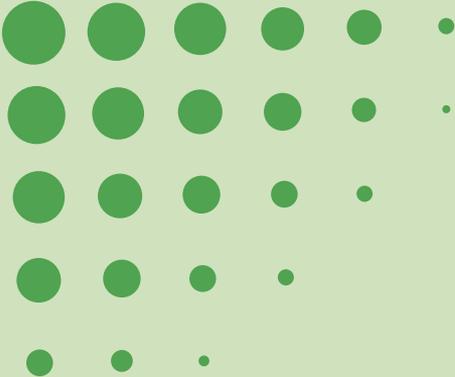
APRIL 10 & 11



Presentation Overview



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Creative Arts and Scholarly Engagement Festival



The CASE Festival is our annual, two-day student conference open to high school, undergraduate, and graduate students. The event is an opportunity for students to showcase both their research projects and their artistic endeavors, and each year's fest also features an engaging speaker on the second day before the awards ceremony.

The festival is open to the public and free to attend and/or participate in. Bring your friends and family!

All events will take place on Jackson State University's campus.



Friday & Saturday, April 10 & 11, 2026

Day 1 will include an opening plenary session and a reception.

Day 2 will include registration, breakfast, all the concurrent sessions, the luncheon, keynote address, and awards ceremony.

How to Participate

Submit a proposal!

- Read our full [Call for Proposals](#)
- Complete the [Google Form](#) OR email a Word document or PDF to mwa@jsums.edu
- Do not do both!
- **Proposals due Friday, March 6, 2026!**



How to Participate

Proposal Guidelines

- Proposals are welcomed on any topic, but the 2026 guiding theme is the “Black experience in the American South”
- 250 words and also include:
 - title
 - name of the participant’s school
 - whether it’s a paper, presentation, or panel
- For panels, also submit:
 - names of participants
 - a brief synopsis of the panel
 - summaries of individual papers or presentation proposals



How to Participate

Proposal Categories

- **Poetry/Spoken Word** (10–15–minute presentations in original storytelling or poetry, including brief comments about inspiration &/or form of the work)
- **Visual Arts** (up to 3 pieces of artwork in any media with 10–minute presentations)
- **Written** (8– to 10–page essays with 20–minute presentations)
- **Performing Arts** (10–minute dance, musical, and theatrical presentations)
- If you feel that your proposal doesn't fit a specific category, that's okay! Select "Other" on the Google Form or specify in your email

Award Opportunities

**Deadline for completed submissions:
March 31, 2026**

To be eligible, students must be at the event to present their piece AND attend the awards ceremony.



Margaret Walker Center

Margaret Walker Annual Award

- Open only to JSU students
- Best essay on the “Black experience in the American South”
- Can be literary analysis, creative writing, research paper, biographical study, etc.
- 8-10 pages
- \$1,000

Doris Derby Visual Arts and Social Justice Award

- Open to ALL students
- Visual arts piece based on annual theme (can be broad interpretation)
- Can be painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, video, filmmaking, etc.
- Art must be dropped off to Johnson Hall by March 31
- \$500

Judging Process

Submissions are sent to a panel of judges who score based on a rubric.

The judging process is completely anonymous. All identifiers are removed from submissions. In addition, each judge is kept unaware of who the other judges are.



Questions?

Closing

Important dates, deadlines, links, etc!

Proposal Deadline

- March 6, 2026
 - <https://forms.gle/kZzuDDM8AQLWrSW1A>
 - OR email mwa@jsums.edu
- Call for proposals:
<https://www.jsums.edu/margaret-walkercenter/2025/12/03/2026-case-festival-call-for-proposals/>

Deadline for Award Submissions

- March 31, 2026

CASE Festival

- April 10–11, 2026

Questions?

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Thank You!



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