

Instructions: [The Guest Lecturer Acknowledgement](#) Form is for unpaid (or honorarium) non-Mason speakers/presenters. Alumni must also fill these out. Forms are due at least 20 days prior to the event. Upload the signed copy of this form to the [Mason360 Guest Lecturer Acknowledgement Submission](#).

The RSO should review any signed documents before sending on to the RSO Lead Team. If the form is not filled out correctly or is late, the guest speaker may not attend the event.

Please look closely at the below sample and take note of the yellow instruction boxes.

### GUEST LECTURER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This Agreement is designed to promote and preserve a safe environment for all who participate in a George Mason University ("University") sponsored event or authorized activity ("Event") on campus. The University does not sponsor, endorse, or make any express or implied warranties for Guest Lecturer and nothing contained in this Acknowledgement shall be construed to create any partnership or joint venture between the parties. The relationship of the parties to each other is solely that of independent contractors. In consideration of the mutual promises and benefits hereunder and other good and valuable consideration, Guest Lecturer agrees to all of the following:

- 1. Compliance with Laws and University Policies, Rules and Procedures.** University facilities are intended primarily for the use of its students and employees in their efforts to advance the educational mission of the University. No use shall be permitted that is inconsistent with the mission of the University. (<https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/utilization-of-facilities-by-the-general-public/>). Guests Lecturers are expected to act responsibly and respect the rights of the University community. All Guests Lecturers are subject to federal and state laws, county and municipal ordinances, and applicable policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the University. Certain criminal or civil offenses or other behavior may by their very nature pose a serious and substantial danger to the University community. Violations of laws, ordinances, policies, rules, procedures, and regulations may subject the Guest Lecturers to criminal prosecution, civil action, administrative trespass, and immediate removal from the Event, removal from any future event and any other appropriate restriction.
- 2. Services.** Guest Lecturer acknowledges that Guest Lecturer is voluntarily donating their time and effort ("Services") for the benefit of the Group (identified below) because of their interest in supporting the Group and its mission. The Services are offered freely and without pressure or coercion, direct or implied from any member of the Group or any employee of the University.
- 3. Insurance.** The University recommends Guests Lecturers have their own health and auto insurance. If Guest Lecturer is injured while performing Services, Guest Lecturer understands Guest Lecturer's health insurance will provide coverage for Guest Lecturer. If Guest Lecturer drives their vehicle while performing Services, Guest Lecturer's automobile liability insurance will provide insurance coverage for Guest Lecturer.
- 4. Prohibited Items.** Guest Lecturer understands they may not bring a weapon or a prop weapon (as defined in University Policy 1120, <https://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/weapons-on-campus/>), and any alcohol beverages or controlled substances to the event or inside any University building.
- 5. Acknowledgment of Risk.** Guest Lecturer understand that Guest Lecturer has voluntarily chosen to participate in the Event and that participation in any such Event involves some element of risk, including but not limited to, property damage or loss, personal injury, bodily injury, and death. Guest Lecturer understands and acknowledges that potential risks to their health and personal property may be associated with Guest Lecturer's participation in the Event and recognizes that the University cannot guarantee Guest Lecturer's safety, however, Guest Lecturer voluntarily is assuming those risks.
- 6. Liability.** To the extent provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the University shall be responsible for the ordinary negligent acts or omissions of its agents and employees causing harm to persons not a party to this Acknowledgment. Guest Lecturer agrees that it shall be responsible for the ordinary negligent acts or omissions of its agents and employees causing harm to persons not a party to this Acknowledgment. Nothing herein shall be deemed a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth of Virginia or require the University to indemnify, defend, or hold harmless Guest Lecturer for claims brought by persons not a party to this Acknowledgment.

GUEST HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE INDICATED BY GUEST'S SIGNATURE BELOW.

Sally Sample

Print Guest Lecturer Name

*Sally Sample*  
Guest Lecturer Signature

8/10/23

Date

Basket Weaving Inc.

Name of Group (Organization or Department)

"Name of Group" Is the name of the company, business, or organization the speaker is affiliated with.

The Guest Lecturer Signature can be hand-signed or electronically signed.

✓ Electronic Signature    ✓ Hand-signed

*John Smith*

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