



Spotlights

Dear colleagues,

Jacksonville University announced a groundbreaking new partnership with Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM), the nation's largest medical college and osteopathic academic health system, to establish **LECOM at Jacksonville University**.

LECOM at Jacksonville University will be the first, four-year medical school in the region—and one of only three osteopathic medical schools in the State of Florida and will be positioned adjacent to the Nelson Occupational Therapy teaching facility, the Dolphin Pointe skilled nursing facility, the School of Orthodontics clinic, and the Health Sciences Complex.



This partnership creates preferential pathways for a select number of Jacksonville University graduates. According to U.S. News and World Report, LECOM offers the lowest tuition among private medical schools in the country.

We are excited for the positive impact this partnership will have on our students, our University, and the surrounding community.

Thank you for a phenomenal fall semester. Wishing you a very happy holiday. We hope it is filled with family, friends, and some time to relax.

-Chris & Sherri

Phin'tastic Accomplishments

Dr. LaTonya Summers, Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, was awarded a Mayo Clinic Community Contributions Program in Florida grant. The grant will fund the proposed Center for Men's Mental Wellness, a clinical training lab for JU's CMHC students. In collaboration with Family Support Services of North Florida, this project will: (a) increase access to mental health services for marginalized men who live within 32209 by providing free to low-cost and high-quality counseling; (b) decrease barriers associated with men's mental health care such as technology, transportation, and affordability; and (c) destigmatize mental health care among vulnerable residents, particularly men (ages 18+). Men will benefit from these services regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, religion, health condition, physical ability, language, economic status, or sexual orientation.

Dr. Nathan Richardson, Professor of Law, presented the annual Allen L. Poucher Lecture at the University of Florida in October. The question addressed was the implications of *West Virginia v. EPA* on the administrative state.

Dr. Amy Fullerton, Assistant Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders, and Keigwin School of Nursing Clinical Assistant Professors of Nursing, **Professor Melissa Sefton** & **Professor Ameer Jones** participated in an interprofessional education lab (IPE) for neonatal abstinence syndrome, a timely topic given Jacksonville's top-10 ranking for cities in the opioid epidemic. This partnership has proven fruitful in acquiring additional mannequins for use in future IPE labs involving cohorts from both departments.



Congratulations, **Dr. Sawzan Tabbaa**, Clinical Associate Professor of Orthodontics, who was selected again to be one of the Research Award judges for YES Symposium (YOUNG EXCEPTIONAL SPEAKERS) at the 2022 Makkah International Dental Conference (MIDC).

Dr. Carena Winters, Associate Professor of Kinesiology, co-authored a manuscript titled "Exercise is Medicine on Campus: A Scoping Review of Evidence 2009 to 2021" and "Call to Action in Current Sports Medicine Reports". This scoping review highlights the current evidence in support of the Exercise is Medicine on Campus initiative, a global initiative launched in 2009 by Dr. Winters, Dr. Bob Sallis, Founder of Exercise is Medicine, and American College of Sports Medicine leaders.

Dr. Lila de Tantillo, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and co-presenter Dr. Narciso Quidley-Rodriguez of Florida Atlantic University presented at the Sigma International Research Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. Their research on Stress and PTSD in Graduate Student Nurses On the Front Lines During COVID-19 was funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Alumni Network Activation Fund.

Professor Tiffany Leach, Associate Professor and Chair of Visual Arts, was recognized as one of five inspirational contemporary ceramic artists of 2022. The Arts to Heart Project published an article by Rabia Khan titled "5 Contemporary Ceramic Artists That Will Inspire You with Their Bright & Vivid Imagination".

Associate Professor of English and Chair, Department of Literature, Language and Culture, **Dr. Sarah Parker** and Assistant Professor of French, **Dr. Tam Caudill** completed the Podcasting for the Humanities course through UC San Diego at the National Humanities Center.

Congratulations to **Professor Amanda Dexter**, Director of the Masters of Science in Respiratory Care Program, for being featured in the Jacksonville Times-Union article titled: "The Role of the Respiratory Therapist Grows in a Post-COVID World".

Congratulations to Instructor of English, **Dr. Connie Duke** for her children's book, *McKenzie and the Magical Crown* published May 2022.

Congratulations to **Dr. Bryan Franks**, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science, for his study of atlantic white shark movements published in the scientific journal, *Frontiers in Marine Science*. This landmark study analyzed the movement patterns of 48 white sharks tagged at different locations along the U.S. and Canadian Atlantic coasts.

In August, Associate Professor of Communications, **Dr. J. Keith Saliba** was interviewed for Binghamton University's Center for the Study of the 1960s, an oral history project with prominent figures, politicians, and authors that deals with various political, historical, and cultural phenomena from that decade. Saliba and interviewer Stephen McKiernan delved into various aspects of the Vietnam War, including Saliba's 2020 book, "Death in the Highlands: The Siege of Special Forces Camp Plei Me".

Dr. Jill D'Aquila, Professor of Accounting, and **Dr. Cathryn Meegan**, Assistant Professor of Finance & Accounting, along with coauthor Marie Gioiosa at Iona College, presented at the American Accounting Association Southeast Regional Conference in May 2022. Their paper titled, "Re-Evaluating a Class Project in Light of CPA Evolution Model" – An Action Research Project, won the award for Best Paper for the Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum Section.

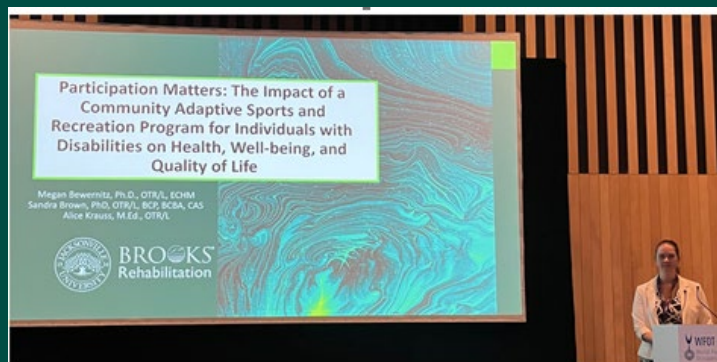


Dr. Selen Savas-Hall, Assistant Professor of International Business & Marketing, **Dr. George Gresham**, and **Dr. Justin Hall**, Assistant Professor of Marketing, presented their paper, "Bottom of the Pyramid (Bop) Younger Consumers' Perspective of Service Industries: A Qualitative Exploration of Nigeria" at the Academy of Marketing Science World Marketing Congress in 2019 and recently the paper was accepted for publication by the *Journal of African Business*.

Congratulations to Professor of Biology & Chemistry, **Dr. Anthony Ouellette** for his radio podcast segment "What You Need to Know About Vibrio Vulnificus, Which Can Cause a Flesh Eating Infection" featured on WBUR Here & Now.

Dr. Bryan Franks, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science was elected to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) as a representative of JU and the MSRI.

Dr. Sandra Brown, Assistant Professor in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program, presented twice at the World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress held in Paris, France. The first presentation titled "Investigation into How Challenging Behaviors Impact Occupational Therapy and What Practitioners are Doing About Them" summarized results from a national survey of over 400 occupational therapists. The second presentation titled "Participation Matters: The Impact of a Community Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program for Individuals with Disabilities on Health, Well-being, and Quality of Life" was completed with **Dr. Megan Bewernitz**, Assistant Professor in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program, and Alice Krauss, Director of the Brooks Rehabilitation Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program, and reviewed the importance of community engagement for individuals with disabilities.



Congratulations to **Dr. Gordon Arbogast**, Professor of Management, who has been included as an "Esteemed Listee" in Marquis' Who's Who in Engineering, Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World for 2021.

Congratulations to **Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, Professor of Chemistry, for her research titled, "Tissue Metal Concentrations and Antioxidant Enzyme Activity in North Atlantic White Sharks" presented at the Society of Environmental Toxicology conference in November 2022.

Blending scholarship, academic research, and engaged learning opportunities, Communication professors, **Dr. Courtney Barclay** and **Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette** traveled to Washington, DC along with three student media leaders, Erin Brynes, Abby Neff, and Emi Kimbrough. The in-person conference, Media Fest '22, represented a shared conference of the Association for Collegiate Press, College Media Association, and the Society of Professional Journalists—hosting seminars, workshops, critiques, and guest lectures.

Congratulations **Dr. Erich Freiburger**, Professor of Philosophy, on his most recent paper, “The Platonic Politics in Hamlet,” that was accepted for publication in the volume, *Shakespeare and Politics: Deutsche Shakespeare Gesellschaft Jahrbuch* (158), 2022. He also performed as Giles Corey in the Theater Department’s production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*.

Congratulations to NROTC Marine Officer Instructor, **Captain Joe Butterfield**, USMC, who was selected as the 2022 Naval Service Training Command NROTC Military Instructor of the Year. Captain Butterfield’s outstanding record of teaching and mentoring competed against 78 NROTC units, (connected to over 160 colleges and universities across the nation) and competed against three amazing Naval Science Instructors within our own JU NROTC Unit.

Professor of Humanities, **Dr. Joana Owens** was an invited to be a speaker at Rutgers University Honors College in April 2022 and spoke on Humanities in the Age of #Cancel Culture.

The Aviation Accreditation Board honored School Of Aviation Director, **Captain Matt Tuohy** as its 2022 Paul Whelan Educator of the Year Award winner, a recognition that goes to one aviation educator in the country each year. Tuohy, a member of AABI’s board of trustees for the last eight years, has served the organization as a longtime member of the Accreditation Committee and as chairperson of numerous accreditation visiting teams.

Congratulations to **Dr. Melinda Simmons**, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science, for her new role as Assistant Director of the JU Honors Program.

Dr. Mary Grace Galinato, Associate Professor of Chemistry, gave a talk about her research on Solvent Environment Effects on the Conformational Changes of N,N'-diphenylurea at the American Chemical Society Fall 2022 Meeting. This was a project in collaboration with a faculty member at Texas A&M-Galveston.

The work of **Professor Tiffany Leach**, Associate Professor and Chair of Visual Arts, was selected for the Art of the Cup Exhibition at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art in New Orleans. The exhibition features 40 artworks by 24 southern artists. The exhibition ran from September 24th-November 28, 2022.



Dr. Courtney Barclay delivered a presentation to the conference, Media Fest '22, “The Laws of Advertising in Student Media” and **Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette** presented a session on “The Promise and Pitfalls: Visual Storytelling in a Social Media World.” Keynote speakers spanned the gamut including groundbreaking journalists Woodward and Bernstein on the 50th anniversary of the Watergate break-in and new media journalists, Dave Jorgenson (aka TikTok guy) from the Washington Post. The Fall National College Media Convention ran from October 26-30 at the Grand Hyatt in Washington, DC.

Dr. Courtney Krolikoski, Assistant Professor of History, recently had two publications, “No More Horrified by Them: Royal Holy Women and Lepers in Twelfth- and Thirteenth-Century Hagiography,” in *Living on the Edge: Transgression, Exclusion and Persecution in the Middle Ages*, eds. Delfi I. Nieto-Isabel and Laura Miquel Milian (Boston: Medieval Institute Publications, 2022), 59-74. And her second titled, “For the Good and Pacific State of the People and the Commune: Healthscaping in Bologna and Siena before the Black Death (c. 1100-1348),” in *Disease and the Environment in the Medieval and Early Modern Worlds*, ed. Lori Jones (New York: Routledge, 2022), 19-37.

Professor Leach was also selected for an artist residency at The Skopelos Foundation for the Art in Skopelos, Greece for June 2023. Professor Leach will spend the sixteen-day residency working in the ceramic studio overlooking the Aegean Sea and the residency will culminate with a community showcase for the island of Skopelos.

Dr. Bryan Franks, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science, delivered an oral presentation titled “It's about that time: Examining migratory behavior and potential departure cues for white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) in the western North Atlantic Ocean” in the virtual portion of the Sharks International 2022 meeting during the week of October 10th-14th. He also attended the in-person Sharks International 2022 meeting in Valencia, Spain October 18th-23rd.

Congratulations to **Dr. Julie Brannon**, Professor of English, who was awarded her certification for TESOL and ESOL this past October. (Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages).

Dr. Tam Caudill, Assistant Professor of French, chaired the committee to develop the curriculum for the First Year Seminar pilot program that is integral for freshman retention.

Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser, Professor of Chemistry, and **Dr. Gerry Pinto**, Associate Research Scientist for the Marine Science Research Institute, discussed the 2022 St. Johns River Report on WJCT News, First Coast Connect with Melissa Ross this past October. The State of the River Report is a collaborative effort by a team of academic researchers from Jacksonville University, University of North Florida, Florida Southern College, and West Chester University of Pennsylvania. The purpose of the project is to review data and literature about the river and to present it in a format readable to the general public.

Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser, Professor of Chemistry, and Lisa Rinaman with the St. Johns Riverkeeper served as panelists for the Jacksonville Beach Fin Fest 2022 to discuss Water Quality: Implications & Solutions.

Congratulations to **Dr. Courtney Barclay**, Interim Associate Dean of Academic & Faculty Affairs, College of Law and Associate Professor of Communication and Law, who was presented with a plaque to recognize her service in 2021-2022 as chapter President for The Florida Public Relations Association Jacksonville. She was sworn in as the immediate past President of the chapter and will serve as an advisor to the 2022-2023 chapter board of directors. In addition, she was presented with the President's award for Communication and Public Relations. This is a statewide award and recognizes the chapter's accomplishments in these areas under her leadership.



Congratulations to **Dr. Sandra Brown**, Assistant Professor in the Doctor of Occupational Therapy program, for her new role as the Co-Director of the JU Center for Teaching & Learning.

On September 30, College of Law Dean Nick Allard represented the ABA Standing Committee of the Law Library of Congress attending the celebration of the investiture of Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson in Washington D.C.

Congratulations to Associate Professor of English, **Ed McCourt** who published *The Drug Years I'd Never Take Back* in the literary magazine *Book of Matches* (May 2022).

Dr. Scott DeVito, Associate Professor of Law, authored a paper, “On the Death of Diversity Jurisdiction: An Empirical Study Establishing That Diversity Jurisdiction Is No Longer Justified” that was published in the *Indiana Law Review*.



Dr. Kara Conway, Associate Professor of Biology, led a group of JU students teaching at the nonprofit organization, Expanding Your Horizons this past November. It is sponsored and organized by Johnson and Johnson and allows close collaboration with many science-minded women in the greater JAX area. The JU “DNA” group led one of three workshops teaching students how to isolate DNA from a banana and led them through creating DNA double helix bracelets.



College of Law **Dean Nick Allard** joined a panel of Florida Judges at a Jacksonville Bar Association Continuing Legal Education program on Professionalism and Legal Ethics on November 17 and led a webinar sponsored by Princeton University titled “Help Wanted: Lawyers for the Future”.

Dr. Tam Caudill, Assistant Professor of French, served as an academic consultant for Line & Language, a multimedia art project funded by the First Site Collector’s Group in Colchester, United Kingdom.

The Center for Gender + Sexuality, directed by **Dr. Sarah Parker**, Associate Professor of English, hosted two special events this past fall with the **Public Policy Institute**, directed by **Rick Mullaney Esq.** “Understanding Dobbs’s Reversal of Roe: A Conversation about Law, Policy, and Politics” with panelists, College of Law **Dean Nick Allard**, Chief People and Culture Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and Legal Counsel, **Allana Forte Esq.**, **Dr. Sarah Parker**, Associate Professor of English, and **Dr. Jordan Carr Peterson**, Associate Professor of Public Policy. Also, the center celebrated Constitution Day with a panel discussing “The Right to Privacy” with panelists, Associate Dean of the College of Law, **Dr. Courtney Barclay**, Professor of Philosophy **Dr. Scott Kimbrough**, and Associate Professor of Public Policy **Dr. Jordan Carr Peterson**.

Dr. Bryan Franks, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science, recently co-authored a large global meta-analysis paper, “Diving into the Vertical Dimension of Elasmobranch Movement Ecology” in Vol. 8, No.33 by *Science Advances* along with 170 different authors.

Dr. Vanessa Zborek, Associate Professor of Law, presented “Redesign Thinking for a Radical Reset” at the Society of American Law Teachers conference in Chicago. The conference focuses on innovation in legal education pedagogy.

Dr. Quinton White, Executive Director of the Marine Science Research Institute and Professor of Biology & Marine Science, was featured on Fox Weather Live this past November to discuss the ways coastal erosion is impacting Florida’s coastline following Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole.

Congratulations to Associate Professor of English, **Ed McCourt** for his published poem, “Leaving Primorida” in Issue 8 of *Rockvale Review*.



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Congratulations to the first cohort of the 12-month Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing to graduate this past August with a total of 37 students. “This 12-month ABSN partnership program with Baptist Health will continue to grow and make a positive impact on our community,” **Dr. Amber Santos**, Director of Innovation and Quality for the Keigwin School of Nursing said.

On August 10 Jacksonville University’s **Public Policy Institute**, directed by **Rick Mullaney, Esq.**, co-hosted the special election Jacksonville Sheriff’s debate with WJXT Channel 4 and moderator Kent Justice. All five candidates in the special election for Jacksonville Sheriff took the stage in Terry Concert Hall to debate their positions and share their platforms with voters.

The College Tour, a TV series streaming on Amazon Prime highlights universities across the United States and featured Jacksonville University on the final episode of the fifth season. The show is hosted by Alex Boylan a successful TV producer and JU alum. The episode features 20 segments with students, faculty, alumni, and senior leaders giving future Dolphins an idea of what it’s like to be a student at JU.

Dr. Jim Mirabella, Professor of Decision Sciences & Information Technology, was selected as the Division IV Vice President of the nation’s oldest collegiate honor society, Phi Kappa Phi this past August. In that position, Dr. Mirabella oversees 73 colleges and universities, helping their chapter presidents run successful organizations.

Three Jacksonville University researchers, **Dr. Heather Hausenblas**, Professor of Exercise Science, **Dr. Christine Sapienza**, Provost and Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders, and **Dr. Murat Tiryakioglu**, Professor of Engineering, were identified among the top 2% most-cited scientists worldwide according to a study led by researchers at Stanford University. The study was published in the scientific journal, Public Library of Science Biology, in 2019 and is updated yearly.

Jacksonville University’s new Master of Science in Respiratory Care (MSRC) program received provisional accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Respiratory Care (CoARC), the national accrediting body for respiratory care educational programs. “This is an extraordinary testament to how terrific this university is, and what great educational opportunities await incoming students,” said **Professor Amanda Dexter**, MSRC Program Director.

Jacksonville Bar Association President Fraz Ahmed presented a \$10,000 donation on behalf of the membership to the Jacksonville University **College of Law**. Members of the association, many of whom received undergraduate degrees at JU, worked with the university’s administration, faculty, and staff to help launch the law school.

“Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets.”

– Leonardo Da Vinci