



Faculty Spotlights

Spring 2022

Our spring semester is off to a successful start, and we are thrilled to be highlighting the many faculty accomplishments in this spring newsletter. Take a look at the many accomplishments of your colleagues. Please congratulate them when you see them or send them an email. We are sure that you will be inspired and impressed, just as we are. The spring semester is always a busy time as we work to close out the traditional academic year and honor our faculty, students, and community via the many end-of-year events that are scheduled.

As we begin the quick march toward Commencement, be sure to include some of the following events on your calendars: Women's History Month events in March, the Global Citizen Award (3/3), Student Research & Scholarship Symposium (3/24-3/25), Faculty Recognition Event (4/1), Honors Convocations across colleges and schools, Charter Day (4/14), and of course the remaining events in the Creative Arts Series with some of LBSCFA's biggest programs in the months of March and April. Thank you for all that you do to create and support these events that make our campus so vibrant.

-Chris & Sherri

Provost's Fellows (PROF) Program 2022-2023 Application due April 15, 2022

The Office of the Provost is committed to providing faculty opportunities that complement their research, scholarship, and creative activities. The Provost recognizes that supporting faculty members' career development and skill-building opportunities, as well as promoting and nurturing a climate of inclusive excellence help forge pathways to enhanced academic governance and leadership at Jacksonville University. Challenged to work on-campus strategic initiatives and academic processes, the work of the Provost Fellow must also align with individual professional development goals and interests. All tenured, associate, and/or full professors are eligible to apply to the PROF program. For more details and directions for preparing an application, visit the ORSP webpage for [Faculty Research, Creative Activity, and Scholarship](#).

Phin'tastic Accomplishments

Dr. Kevin Saliba's article Target Plei Me: Hanoi's 1965 Bid to Conquer Vietnam's Western Highlands has been published in the latest issue of *On Point: The Journal of Army History*.

Dr. Guangyao Chen, Assistant Professor of Physics, co-authored Light-front wavefunctions of mesons by design submitted to *Physical Review D*. Additionally, he presented Designing charmonium light-front wavefunctions on a small-basis at Light Cone 2021: Physics of Hadrons on the Light Front November 28, 2021 to December 4, 2021 Jeju Island, Korea.

Dr. Justin Hall, Assistant Professor of Marketing, and **Dr. Selen Savas-Hall**, Assistant Professor of International Business and Marketing, had their paper titled The Idea Market and The Fear of Idea Theft accepted for presentation at Southeast Decision Sciences Institute 2022 Conference.

Dr. Zoey Li, Assistant Professor of Management, co-authored two recent publications: **Wang, Z., & Li, Z.** 2021. Who Wins the Tug of War? A Comparative Study of the Influence of Board Power and CEO Power on CEO-TMT Pay Gap. *Corporate Ownership and Control*, 19(1), 241-256; and **Hooks, D., Davis, Z., Agrawal, V. & Li, Z.** 2022. Exploring Factors Influencing Technology Adoption Rate at the Macro Level: A Predictive Model. *Technology in Society*. 68, 101826.

Professor of Art **Dana Tupa's** exhibit at Spillman | Blackwell entitled Emergent Dichotomy is now available. The body of work is "a reaction to loss and the unveiling of opportunities for emergence which transcends life disruptors."

The Kinne Trio (Professor of Music **Dr. Marguerite Richardson**, violin – Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Shannon Lockwood**, 'cello – Professor of Music **Dr. Scott Watkins**, piano) performed their program, Downton Abbey in Concert, for the Friends of Music Concert Series in Live Oak, Florida. Dr. Watkins' arrangements of this music for the Kinne Trio were recently published and licensed by Universal-Polygram and Depot Sound publishing. Local audiences had a chance to hear this unique concert on campus this January featuring vocalist and JU alum Charly Anne Roper, and the On Point Barbershop Quartet, led by JU alum Timothy Keatley.

Dr. Annmarie Kent-Willette, Professor of Communication and Executive Director of the Global Center for Teaching and Learning at Jacksonville University served as a guest speaker for the JAX chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association.

Dr. Reza Sarraf, Assistant Professor of Computing Science, and his coauthor, Dr. Michael P. McGuire had their paper Effect of Normalization on TOPSIS and Fuzzy TOPSIS published in Proceedings of the Conference on Information Systems Applied Research, November 2021.

Dr. Selen Savas-Hall, Assistant Professor of International Business and Marketing, had her coauthored paper titled Really New Services: Perceived Risk and Adoption Intentions published in *Services Marketing Quarterly*. Also, her coauthored paper titled The IKEA Effect in Service Delivery: Does Ordering Influence Brand Loyalty has been accepted for presentation at the Association of Marketing Theory and Practice 2022 Conference.

Dr. Mini Zeng, Assistant Professor of Computing Science authored: Secure Coding in Five Steps published in the *Journal of Cybersecurity Education, Research and Practice*. Dynamic Warnings—An Eye Gaze-based Approach was accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Information Security and Privacy*. Subliminal Warnings: Utilizing the High Bandwidth of Nonconscious Visual Perception has been accepted by the conference Persuasive 2022.

Candace Dickens, School of Performing Arts Technical Director, was honored with an Award for Meritorious Service from Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams for her assistance with K-9 training held on campus last fall.

Professor and Chair of Dance **Brian Palmer** reprised his role as Herr Drosselmeier in the First Coast Nutcracker and Jacksonville Symphony production last December at the Times Union Center for the Performing Arts.

Kimberly Beasley, Chair of the Department of Music and Associate Professor of Voice, served as a visiting artist/lecturer November 11-13 at Grand Valley State University. She conducted master classes on Musical Theater vs. Classical vocal technique as well as delivered a book talk on her recent book entitled Dramatism and Musical Theatre: Explorations in Rhetorical Performance published this past spring by Peter Lang.

Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Director of Undergraduate Research and Director of the Millar Wilson Laboratory, presented Metals and Microplastics in Aquatic Environments to the Fall 2021 Science Seminary Series at Valdosta State University. Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser presented this research to the annual meeting of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry in 2021 and participated in the 14th State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin televised seminar, WJCT Public Media.

Jacksonville University's online programs rank amongst best in U.S. Jacksonville University earned a spot-on U.S. News & World Report's list, appearing in the 2022 Best Online Programs listings. Programs in the Davis College of Business and the Keigwin School of Nursing were recognized.

Assistant Professor **Dr. LaTonya Summers'** TEDx Talk Know Pain, Know Gain, is now available for streaming. Also, her manuscript, The Immediate and Extended Impacts of Poverty Simulations on Multicultural Attitudes and Attitudes toward Poverty has been published in the *Journal of Poverty*.

Director of the Public Policy Institute **Richard A. Mullaney** presented at the 2022 Future of Florida Summit in February, and he also secured three slots for attendance for master's in public policy students Caleb Carswell, Renaldo Horn, and Amy Ring.

Assistant Professor of Psychology, **Dr. Victoria McNeil-Young** had her co-authored article Psychology of Sexual Orientation and Gender Diversity published in *Radical healing for Black Queer people: Personal, relational, and collective experiences of oppression and liberation*.

Dr. Nisse Goldberg, Professor and Chair, Biology & Marine Science. coauthored, Spatial Comparisons in Wetland Loss, Mitigation, and Flood Hazards Among Watersheds in the Lower St. Johns River Basin, Northeastern Florida, USA. *Natural Hazards*, 109(2), pp.1743-1757.

Dr. Bryan Franks, Associate Professor of Biology & Marine Science coauthored Spatio-temporal Variability in White Shark Movement Ecology During Residency and Migration Phases in the Western North Atlantic and published in *Frontiers in Marine Science*, p.1630.

Associate Professor of Music **Dr. Shannon Lockwood** will present Finding Joy and Creativity in an Effective Warm-Up, and Dr. Marguerite Richardson, Professor of Music will present The Nuts and Bolts of Starting a High School Summer Program to the American String Teacher Association Conference this spring.

Adjunct professor of English **Dr. Connie Duke** authored a children's book, McKenzie and the Magical Crown, which has been accepted for publication by Simon and Schuster. It should be out by summer. All proceeds will go to the foundation, Art Creation Foundation for Children.

Dr. Lindsay Wolf, Dr. Lila de Tantillo, Dr. Roberta Logsdon, and Dr. Laurie Buschini received EPIC Grant funding of \$8,300 to provide a pilot Margaret Fitzgerald full Certification Board Review for BSN-DNP FNP students in the Spring 2022 Term.

Dr. Michelle Mitchell, Assistant Professor and Clinical Director of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and **Mr. Michael Robinson**, 2nd year JU CMHC student, recently published an article in the *Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development Newsletter* titled, Facilitating Culturally Competent Counselor Communication with Veterans.

Jacksonville University was well represented at the American Speech and Hearing Association National Convention in Washington D.C with 1 student presentation, 8 faculty presentations and 3 faculty led student posters. Congratulations to CSD graduate students Jayla Davis, Madison Martin, Marisa Carr, Nathalie Rosado, Jossyris Silfa-Salas, Jason McCurry and Savannah Czapla, as well as Clinical Assistant Professors **Bethany Walker** and **Wyndi L. Capeci**.

Assistant Professor of Dance **Yidi Lin** taught a virtual exchange workshop titled All that Jazz to JU students and dancers at Ningbo University in China.

Professor of Spanish **Jorge Majfud** published a book in December with University of Valencia Press (Spain) entitled La Privatación de la Verdad (The Privatization of Truth).



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Dr. Dan McCarthy, Professor of Biology and Director of MSC Undergraduate Program, had an article published, Nearshore Hardbottom Reefs Along East Florida's Coast, in the FOA newsletter.

Associate Professor **Dr. Courtney Barclay** has been invited to write a chapter on advertising law for the text *The Law of the Student Press* published by the Student Law Center, which is planned for online publication later this summer.

Dr. Melinda Simmons and **Dr. Jeremy Stalker**, Associate Professors of Marine Science, presented a national seminar on February 25th as part of the NAML Webinars series entitled Immersive Marine Science Education from the St. Johns River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Jacksonville University's Keigwin School of Nursing along with Baptist Health are creating the next generation of nurses using virtual reality to take them inside the human body and prepare them for their career. Reach out to Dr. Amber Santos for more information or a demo.

On Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 the Mayo Clinic, in collaboration with Jacksonville University, distributed 6, 275lbs of food to 232 households, 15 cars, and several families by walk-up. Kudos to JU's Occupational Therapy Program for being the driving force behind this amazing event that started in January 2021. Thanks to **Dr. Megan Bewernitz** for her leadership with this event.

The editorial team of *The Wave* has published the following articles regarding Jacksonville University's programs: Expanded Healthcare Simulation Center Ready for More Learners, which mentions **Dr. Kathleen Kavanagh**, Jacksonville University's Online programs Rank Amongst Best in the U.S., which mentions **Dr. Angela Mattia** and **Dr. Leigh Hart**, JU Nursing Students Help Educate Hundreds at a Jacksonville High School, which mentions **Professor Nancy Robinson**, and NROTC assistant marine officer instructor amongst the top in the U.S.

Professor **Brittany Cohill** has created an exhibit titled *Recovering Manhattan Beach: Florida's First African-American Beach Resort in the Segregated South*. It will be displayed on the first floor of the JU Library between Wednesday, February 2nd until about March 14th. Professor Cohill created this exhibit as part of a partnership with the Beaches Museum and the Jacksonville Public Library in 2019.

Dr. Sarah Parker, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Literature, Language, and Culture, is the recipient of the University of Virginia Rare Book School Director's Scholarship, awarded annually to 20 people who have not previously attended a Rare Book School course.

Associate Professor of Education **Dr. Steven Davis** presented *Recruiting Teachers with Competencies* to the 2021 Annual Conference of the Florida Association of Teacher Educators (FATE) at the University of Tampa.

“A teacher with the ability to inspire students is the type of teacher who will be long remembered. Inspiring students is integral to ensuring their success and encouraging them to fulfill their potential.”