ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHTS

FALL 2026

Dear colleagues,

As Thanksgiving week begins and we move toward the close of another successful semester, I want to express my sincere gratitude for all you have accomplished this summer and fall. The pages that follow reflect only a portion of the remarkable scholarship, creative activity, professional achievements, service, and student-centered work taking place across our university.

Whether you have published new research, presented your work, secured funding, supported student success, strengthened community partnerships, or contributed quietly behind the scenes, your efforts advance our mission and enrich the lives of our students. The collective impact of your work is evident not only in these accomplishments but also in the culture of learning, discovery, and belonging that you help create every day.

Thank you for your dedication, expertise, and commitment to our university community. I hope you take pride in the achievements highlighted in this newsletter and find inspiration in the accomplishments of your colleagues. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and winter break, I wish you time for rest, renewal, and meaningful moments with family and friends.

Warm regards,

Sherri Jackson
Interim Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

BROOKS COLLEGE

Dr. Michael Axler received a grant for four Butterfly ultrasound devices to support undergraduate training in point-of-care ultrasound (POCUS) and help launch an Applied Muscle Physiology and Performance Lab. The initiative focused on hands-on learning in musculoskeletal, vascular, cardiac, and renal physiology.

Dr. Ne'Shaun Borden was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor. She led the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) faculty's 10-month effort to submit the program's CACREP reaccreditation application and was inducted into Jacksonville University's Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society. She and CMHC student Lanni Brown also presented on dating violence to more than 50 parents at Jacksonville's 16th Annual Girls Empowerment Conference. **Drs. Borden** and **Kelley Holladay** also had proposals accepted for the 2026 European Branch of the American Counseling Association's 67th Annual Conference in Athens, Greece

Dr. Wyndi L. Capeci earned the Certified Brain Injury Specialist (CBIS) credential through the Academy of Certified Brain Injury Specialists. She was also elected president-elect of the Florida Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (FLASHA) for 2026–2027 as part of a three-year leadership term. Dr. Capeci also published "Burnout in Speech-Language Pathology: A Persistent Challenge and a Call for Change" in the *Journal of Health and Wellness*. And with Bethany Walker, she presented "Enhancing Workflow for School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists Through Artificial Intelligence" and "The Science of Burnout" at the 2026 FLASHA Convention.



Professor Britta Fortson received an ACE Award from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) for her commitment to lifelong learning. She presented on ethics to the Houston School District and served as a board ambassador for The Clark School Ice Cream Run. She also completed the Tokyo Marathon on March 1, 2026, marking her completion of six Abbott World Marathon Majors.

Dr. Amy Fullerton received an EPIC 2026–2027 Award for the FEES Clinic & Training initiative in collaboration with Brooks Rehabilitation, Eric Sorenson, and Jackie Hurst.

Dr. Seneka Gainer presented "AI Literacy in Counselor Education: A Model Validation Study" at the 2026 Association for Assessment and Research in Counseling Conference in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Natalie Indelicato presented "Meno-pause and reflect: Practicing from a menopause informed lens" at the 2026 American Counseling Association Conference. She also passed the Menopause Society Certified Practitioner exam.

BROOKS COLLEGE

Professor Dawn Lechwar was selected as a 2026–2027 fellow in the Penn State University Working and Research Group. The group's focus was augmentative and alternative communication to support individuals with speech communication difficulties.

Drs. Torrey Loucks and **Sawsan Tabbaa** published a peer-reviewed paper on the relationship between malocclusion and speech acoustics. The project involved international colleagues and students, with data collected and analyzed in-house, providing students with hands-on research experience.

Dr. Leesa Marante published "A Randomized Controlled Trial of Social Support Intervention Effects on Stress and Burnout in School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists" in *Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools*.

Dr. LaTonya Summers received the Transformational Educator Award from the New Seasons Multicultural Impact Awards Committee in Greensboro, North Carolina. She also hosted her 10th National Black Mental Health Symposium on September 10–11 for mental health professionals, educators, supervisors, and students.

Dr. Mark Tillman was selected as a fellow of the National Association for Kinesiology in Higher Education. His induction was scheduled for the association's January 2027 annual conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Professor Bethany Walker served as an invited speaker and panelist at Experience: Liaison Baltimore, June 8–10, 2026. She participated in "Leveraging Centralized Application Services (CASs): A University Model for Resilience, Compliance, and Collaboration." She also received an ASHA ACE Award for her commitment to lifelong learning.



COLLEGE OF LAW

Dean Nicholas Allard published "Gathering and Planting Legal Acorns" in the University of Toledo Law Review and "Law Schools are Field Hospitals for Our Wounded Democracy" in the *Southwestern Review*. His American Bar Association publications included "Independent, Impartial, Competent Judges Are the Corner Stone of Democracy" and "Back to the Future with the Declaration of Independence" in *Judicial Record*, and "Make Pro Bono Publico Again" in the *ABA Journal*. He also contributed to Betrayed: America Didn't Vote for This as a founding member of the Common Sense Coalition.

His Jacksonville Daily Record commentaries included "Continuing along the path of the law requires citizens to vote," "Love Notes From a Law Dean's Heart," "A time for American virtues that outshine vanities and vices," "Continually Refounding Democracy as Times Change," "Stoke the Quintessence of Free People With Law," "Please Lift Public Discourse as Good Lawyers Do," "People Plan, God Laughs, Law Guides," "Artificial intelligence will keep lawyers busy for decades," "Gathering and Planting Legal Acorns," and "Teaching Law with Pastoral Care is a Source of Joy and Fulfillment." His commentaries were also republished nationally and internationally.

Allard delivered "Refounding America Continuously" at the Jefferson Memorial to open an American Bar Association conference commemorating the Declaration of Independence's 250th anniversary. His other presentations included "Unchecked Power, Laws Ignored, Democracy Dies" for the Clay County Bar Association; "Renewal of American Education and America's Role in the World," with Professor Robert George for Jacksonville's World Affairs Council; "Independent, Impartial, Competent Judges Are the Corner Stone of Democracy" at an ABA Judicial Division meeting in Toronto; and "250 Years of Law and Liberty," a three-part ABA webinar.



Professor Ky'Eisha Black joined **Professor Melissa Coll** for a community discussion of criminal law, policing, and racial justice following the Five & Dime Theatre Co.'s production of American Son on August 2, 2026. Professor Patrick Murphree moderated the discussion.

Professor Melissa Coll coached JU's moot court team to the quarterfinals of the 2026 E. Earle Zehmer National Moot Court Competition in Orlando, placing among the final eight of 26 teams. Riley Layfield and Jessica Gullusci served as oralists, and Haley Nesto served as brief writer. Gullusci earned the Best Oralist award, achieving the highest individual score among 52 competitors in the preliminary rounds. Coll was also selected for teaching recognition at the Association of American Law Schools' January 2027 annual meeting in New York City.

Professor Lauren Knight was selected for recognition among leading teachers in her field at the Association of American Law Schools' January 2027 annual meeting in New York City.

COLLEGE OF LAW

Professor Jessica Moeller's articles "The Mortal Cost of Racial Inequity in Reproductive Healthcare Post-Dobbs" and "The Geographic Imperative: Ensuring Competent Public Defense for Every Child and Family" were accepted for publication in the *Touro Journal of Race, Gender and Ethnicity and Idaho Law Review*, respectively. She also presented at the Idaho Law Review symposium.

Moeller was reelected to a three-year term on the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board on Civil Rights and Liberties and elected to its Non-Resident Lawyers Division Board. She was also nominated for fellowship in the Wisconsin Law Foundation in recognition of her service to the legal community.

In June, Moeller was admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar and taught "The Comparative Laws of Dissent: The Right to Protest in the United States, Europe and the United Kingdom" to U.S. and Spanish students at Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Spain.

For the second consecutive year, she was invited to present at the Global Legal Skills Institute. Her presentation, "Beyond the Socratic: Embedding Experiential Learning in Traditionally Doctrinal Courses," was scheduled for December in Mexico. She also delivered a guest sermon at St. Matthew's Church in Charleston.







Professor Patrick Murphree recited the Declaration of Independence at the Federal Bar Association and Middle District of Florida's 250th anniversary celebration on July 1, 2026. He was also selected for the Legal Writing Institute's Sirico Scholars Workshop, where he presented "The Tactical Litigator's Psyche," examining the psychological costs of manipulative litigation that complied with procedural rules. At the Southeastern Association of Law Schools' annual meeting, Murphree presented a teaching demonstration on professional identity and the rule of law, moderated "Teaching and Researching in Civil and Comparative Law," and discussed class action law following Trump v. CASA in "The Constitution and Assaults on the Federal Judiciary." He also presented on "Failure, Fear, and Self-Doubt: The Emotions We (as Professors) Dare Not Name" and "The Human Factor: Legal Thinking and Identity in an Algorithmic Age." Murphree was also selected for teaching recognition at the Association of American Law Schools' January 2027 annual meeting in New York City.

COLLEGE OF LAW



Professor Matthew Reiber earned recognition in 2025 among leading teachers in his field at the Association of American Law Schools' annual meeting.

Professor Colleen Skinner presented "AI in Public Libraries" at the Northeast Florida Library Information Network's annual meeting on September 24, 2026.

Professor Lisa Varon earned her master's degree in Library and Information Services in May 2026 and received the College of Law's 2025–2026 Adjunct of the Year Award. She also appeared as a legal expert on WJCT's First Coast Connect to discuss the reversal of the Murdaugh conviction in South Carolina.

Varon supported estate planning for low-income and older residents through LISC Jacksonville's Estate Plan Signing Day with Three Rivers Legal Services and Alternative Spring Break with Jacksonville Area Legal Aid. She served on the Jacksonville Large Firm, Fourth Judicial Circuit, and Jacksonville Bar pro bono committees, and as board chair and elder at Riverside Avenue Christian Church.

At JU, Varon assisted with Law Mental Health Week, advised the Criminal Law & Public Policy Society, judged the internal moot court competition, and evaluated student Notes and Comments for the JU Law Review.







Professor Vanessa Zboreak presented "SCOTUS: 2026–2027 Preview: A Docket with Something for Everyone" to judges, federal practitioners, and civic leaders at a September program sponsored by the Jacksonville Federal Court Bar Association. The presentation marked her fourth consecutive annual preview of the Supreme Court's upcoming term. Zboreak was also selected for teaching recognition at the Association of American Law Schools' January 2027 annual meeting in New York City.

DAVIS COLLEGE

Dr. Karen Chin published "COVID-19 Policy Bundles and Registered Nurse Employment Recovery: State-Level Evidence from the United States" in the *Journal of Academy of Business and Economics*, with **Drs. John Shaw**, **Caitlin Sockbeson**, and **Maggie Foley**.

Dr. Angelo S. DeNisi and **Dr. Caitlin Sockbeson** had "Feedback in Organizations: Integrating the Sought and Unsought Feedback Literatures" accepted for publication in *Human Resource Management*.

Dr. Maggie Foley coauthored "State COVID-19 Policy Configurations and Registered Nurse Employment Recovery: A Mixed-Set Qualitative Comparative Analysis of U.S. States and the District of Columbia (2021–2022)" with **Drs. John Shaw**, **Caitlin Sockbeson**, **Karen Chin**, and **Guohua Ma**. The article was accepted for publication in the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.

Dr. Debra Hooks published "Consumer Behaviours in Choosing Between Windows OS or Mac OS" in the *International Journal of Electronic Marketing and Retailing*, with **Drs. Zachary Davis**, **Vikas Agrawal**, and **Zonghui Li**.

Dr. Robert Houmes published "Non-GAAP Earnings Disclosure Quality and Overvalued Equity" in the *Journal of Accounting Literature*, with **Drs. Daphne Wang** and **Dr. Baizhou Chen**.

Dr. Archana Kumar published "The Influence of Biospheric Messaging and Values on Local Food Consumption" in the *Journal of Foodservice Business Research*, with **Drs. Irina T. Toteva** and **Selen Savas-Hall**.



Dr. Gayl Angela Masson presented "The Value of V1: A Limit not a Choice" at the University Aviation Association's Collegiate Aviation Education Conference in Denton, Texas, on September 16. She also presented "Flight Physiology and Pilot Training: The Collegiate Imperative" to aerospace medicine interns at Mayo Clinic's Jacksonville campus on September 1, 2026.

Research by **Drs. Emre Selvi**, **Mini Zeng**, **Laura Atkins**, **Steven Davis**, and **Reza Sarraf** was presented at the 2026 NSF S-STEM PI & Scholar Meeting in Washington, D.C. Their presentation, "Community Impact and Career Growth: Outcomes from Project-Based Service Learning for STEM Majors," shared findings from their NSF-funded S-STEM project.

Dr. Jim Simak delivered the keynote "Who Actually Makes It? A Data-Driven Look at Startups" at the 2026 JAX Venture Competition at the Link on August 19. He discussed startup trends and the outlook for early-stage founders.





Jönköping University in Sweden received a SEK 2 million Swedish Research Council grant to host **Dr. Murat Tiryakioğlu** for one year beginning in August 2026. His appointment within the Swedish Metalcasting Excellence Center included plans for joint research, doctoral student supervision, contributions to an international mechanical engineering program, and collaboration with Swedish industry. Tiryakioğlu was also selected as a fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3).

Dr. Puxuan Wang published two articles with **Dr. Maggie Foley** and colleagues: "Interlocking Shareholder Networks and Corporate Strategic Risk-Taking: Evidence from Ex Ante Strategic Resource Commitments" in the Pacific-Basin Finance Journal and "Configurations for High-Quality Environmental Disclosure in China's Dual Carbon Era" in the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.

Dr. Charles C. Woodard published "A Life Most Terrible at Work: Moral Collapse and Ethical Renewal in The Death of Ivan Ilyich" in Philosophy of Management, with **Drs. Irina T. Toteva** and **Cassandra L. Ward**. He also published "Toxic Traits at Work: How Perceived Coworker Dark Triad Behaviours Deplete Resources and Fuel Burnout" in the *International Journal of Organizational Analysis*, with **Drs. Toteva, Caitlin Sockbeson,** and **John Shaw**. Toteva chaired Woodard's dissertation committee. Woodard subsequently served on the faculty at **Jacksonville State University in Alabama.**

Drs. Mini Zeng, **Saeed Al-Haj**, and **Reza Sarraf** joined a regional team awarded a three-year National Security Agency grant of more than $720,000 for CyberJaxAI-PATH. Zeng served as JU's lead principal investigator, with Al-Haj and Sarraf as co-principal investigators. The project brought together JU, the University of North Florida, Florida State College at Jacksonville, and Duval County Public Schools to deliver AI and cybersecurity instruction and teacher training for K–12 public schools.

KEIGWIN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Drs. Dawn Onstott and **Amber Santos** presented at the SPIN-Learning Nurse Educator Conference in Destin, Florida, during the first week of October.

Dr. Leigh Hart published "Curriculum mapping: Utilizing retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) AI to map progression indicators across multiple advanced level nursing programs" in the Journal of Professional Nursing, with coauthors **Drs. Lindsay Wolf** and **Melissa McRae**.

Dr. Melissa McRae published "Accreditation as opportunity to preparing future nursing leaders through faculty collaboration and succession planning" in the Journal of Professional Nursing, with coauthors **Drs. Leigh Hart** and **Lindsay Wolf**.

Dr. Lindsay Wolf published two articles in the Journal of Professional Nursing: "A systematic approach to curriculum modernization: From gaps to competencies" and "A technology-driven approach to curriculum mapping the New Essentials." Both were coauthored with **Drs. Leigh Hart** and **Melissa McRae**.



SWISHER LIBRARY



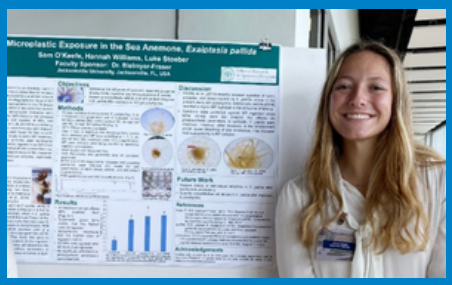
Library Director Casanna Jackson led initiatives supporting student learning and belonging through personalized research assistance, cultural displays, and welcoming study spaces. Her leadership earned recognition in Education Insider Magazine's feature, "Reimagining the Academic Experience through Connection and Belonging."

STEIN COLLEGE

Dr. Saleh Alfarej coauthored "Tracing Silver Pomfret (Pampus argenteus) Origins in the Arabian Gulf and Arabian Sea Through a Comparative Analysis of Carbon and Nitrogen Stable Isotope Profiles," with Mohammad Al Mukaimi, **Dr. Jeremy Stalker**, **Dr. Bryan Franks**, and Fajer Al Enezi. The paper was made available through SSRN.

Dr. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser published "Effects of Microplastic Exposure in the Sea Anemone, Exaiptasia pallida" in the *Bulletin of Marine Science* and "Giant Predators, Tiny Pollutants: Exploring Microplastics in the Feces of White Sharks (Carcharodon carcharias)" in *Environmental Pollution*. She also published "Temporal and Spatial Changes in Phytoplankton Assemblages in the Lower St. Johns River, Florida" in *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*. The study included undergraduate and graduate student coauthors. Bielmyer-Fraser served as principal investigator on a $13,082.79 Public Trust grant for coal ash contaminant analysis in the St. Johns River and as co-investigator on the $106,000 St. Johns River Accord project, supported by the City of Jacksonville and its Environmental Protection Board. At the 2025 Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, she chaired "Pollution Impacts on Endemic and Threatened Species: A Focus on Metals and Persistent Pollutants" and presented "Microplastics Assessment in the Digestive Tract of White Sharks." Her service also included an editorial board role with the society's Southeast Regional Chapter.











Dr. Tamara Caudill presented "Not-so-Common sense: Pedagogy and Performance in the lay de l'Oiselet" at the 18th triennial Congress of the International Courtly Literature Society in Montpellier, France, in July. She also served as the society's webmaster and on its North American Branch advisory board. *As editor of Le Cygne: Journal of the International Marie de France Society*, Caudill oversaw publication of Volume 12 (2025).

STEIN COLLEGE

Dr. Guangyao Chen secured an NSF ACCESS research computing allocation of 400,000 credits, equivalent to 3.2 million service units. He served as principal investigator for "Gluon Saturation and Hadron Structure in High-Energy Nuclear Collisions: Monte Carlo and Quantum-Computing Approaches."

Dr. Steven Davis contributed to an NSF S-STEM-funded faculty team whose proposal was accepted for the national S-STEM Principal Investigators meeting in Washington, D.C., October 9–11.

Professor Chris Dew performed his original song "This Song's for Grandpa" and spoke about mentorship during a fall 2026 Veridian program connecting English, service learning, and photography courses. JU alumna Ally Capriotti '15, the 2026 Florida Big Sister of the Year, also joined the discussion. **Professors Shelley Grant, Hillary Jones**, and **Dana Tupa** collaborated on the initiative, which included plans for community mentoring through Communities in Schools, cyanotype photography activities, an end-of-semester service-learning panel, and a January 2027 campus exhibition.



X. Ding, **Dr. Guangyao Chen**, and colleagues submitted "ParticleBench: Evaluating LLM Agents on Experimental Particle Physics Tasks" to the Fifteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2027).

Dr. Connie Duke's Art Creation Foundation for Children in Haiti received a $26,500 food grant from the Buddhist Global Relief Fund. Duke also scheduled the 10th Annual Ghost of JU Write-a-thon for October 28. Her fourth children's book was scheduled for a fall release.

Dr. Mary Grace Galinato virtually presented "Catalyzing the Oxidation of Sulfur Compounds Using Globins and Artificial Porphyrin Proteins" at the American Chemical Society National Meeting on August 24. She also chaired and moderated the meeting's virtual Bioinorganic Chemistry Talk Sessions. Galinato mentored two students who presented at JU's Research and Scholarship Symposium and the University of Florida's Student Research Symposium. As a volunteer coach at River City Science Academy Elementary School, she helped teams earn first place in "Crave the Wave," second and fourth in "Can't Judge a Powder," and sixth in "Weather Permitting" at Florida Science Olympiad tournaments.

Dr. Nisse Goldberg published "The Application of a Wetland Resiliency Index in Watersheds with Surface Elevation Table (SET) Stations from North Carolina to Florida" in *Southeastern Naturalist*. She also coordinated the Surface Elevation Table Community of Practice Workshop in Charleston, South Carolina, in July with JU graduate student Christina Thompson.

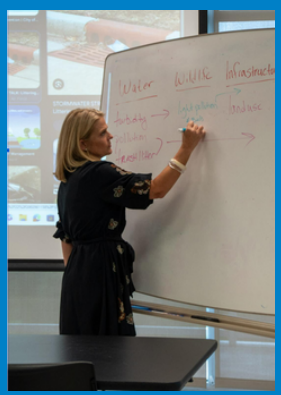
STEIN COLLEGE

Professor Lana Heylock led the reconstruction of Jennifer Muller's 1974 work Speeds for JU dance students and collaborated with guest artists to integrate technical training, historical context, and performance. She also continued as legacy artistic advisor to the Muller/Works dance company in New York City and guided casting, repertoire, budgets, and performance planning, as well as contributed to classes and rehearsals.

Professor Bill Hill published "Embodied Narratives: Reframing Agency in Interactive Digital Storytelling" with Critical Playground in June 2026. He presented "The Impact of the Virtual on the Photographic Medium" at the Tenth International Conference on Communication & Media Studies in Paris in September 2025. His work also appeared in The Changing Americas 2025 at Circle Gallery in Annapolis, Unveiled: Stories Behind the Silence at Firepit Art Gallery in London, and the Faculty Biennial Exhibition at JU's Alexander Brest Gallery. In 2026, Hill served on the Cummer Museum's "AI, Creativity, and the Human Experience" panel and presented "Mud, Myth, and Method: Cracker Aesthetics and the Peripheral Genius of the Rural American South" at the Popular Culture/American Culture Association in the South conference in New Orleans.

Dr. Ashley Johnson and Lucas Meers, director of the Sea Turtle Program, partnered with the City of Jacksonville and community organizations on the Youth Climate Action Fund and Manatee Tank youth climate innovation competition. In August, they helped local youth strengthen project ideas and funding proposals. The initiative also included plans for JU students to document youth-led climate projects using GIS and StoryMaps. Johnson and **Dr. Gerry Pinto** continued research with the Public Trust for Conservation on manatee activity and commercial navigation in the St. Johns River. Their work combined GIS, acoustic monitoring, habitat and vessel data, and expertise from the Jacksonville Bar Pilots. Students in Johnson's Intro GIS and Climate Change course were scheduled to present original research at the NEFGIS User Group's GIS Day on November 18.

This fall marks the official transition to the **Department of Environmental Planning and Geotechnology**. The new name reflects the department's growing emphasis on GIS and geospatial technology, environmental planning, applied research, and community-engaged student learning. These areas are represented throughout the department's current research, partnerships, and student initiatives.







STEIN COLLEGE

Professor Hillary Jones was interviewed for a Lenscratch feature about her work as a photography educator. The article also featured photographs from her Artist Spotlight exhibition at Southlight Gallery in Jacksonville.

Dr. Andrew Ju had "Education in Mathematics and Political Preferences on COVID-19 Vaccination Rate" accepted for publication in *Forum for Social Economics*, with coauthors Joshua Ping Ang and Jason Patalinghug.

Professor Tiffany Leach was invited to participate as a featured artist in the RSVP26 Artist Residency at the Morean Workshop Center in St. Petersburg, Florida, joining 11 other artists from across the country. Her artwork also appeared in Universal Narratives at the Morean Center for Clay. Leach and **Dana Tupa** were invited to exhibit in Shared Table: An Empty Bowl Invitational at the University of North Florida, October–November 2026.

Dr. Annalaura Mancia received a Fall 2026 "Change 1 thing!" Award for "Let Evolution Happen." She also received an Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Faculty Development Grant to present "Decoding Immune and Stress Pathways in the Greater Caribbean Manatee Using Blood Transcriptomics" and chair the Molecular Biology and Evolution session at the 26th Biennial Conference on the Biology of Marine Mammals in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 19–23, 2026.

Graduate student Conor O'Meally published "Assessing Metal Concentrations in Muscle Tissue of Blacktip Sharks (Carcharhinus limbatus) From Coastal Maryland Compared to the Florida Peninsula" in Marine Pollution Bulletin, with **Drs. Dean Grubbs**, **Bryan Franks**, and **Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser.**

Professor Brian Palmer served as an accreditation site visitor for the University of Arizona's dance program in September 2026. He evaluated the program's self-study, participated in the on-site review, and contributed to the report submitted to the National Association of Schools of Dance's Commission on Accreditation.

Dr. Gerry Pinto coauthored the 2025 State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin, Florida: Water Quality, Fisheries, Aquatic Life, & Contaminants, with **Drs. Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser**, **Nisse Goldberg**, **Ashley Johnson**, and colleagues. The peer-reviewed technical report was prepared for the City of Jacksonville's Environmental Protection Board and featured in a December 2025 webinar hosted by WJCT Studios.

Drs. Jeremy Stalker and **Ashley Johnson** developed vulnerability assessments for Lawtey and Chiefland, Florida, in consultation with Gemini Engineering. Their work modeled flooding and compound flooding and assessed potential impacts on critical infrastructure. Stalker and **Dr. McCarthy** also co-led a Bahamas study abroad program for 25 students from May 10 through June 7, 2026.

Professor Katie Webber exhibited work in the River Reflection Art Show, hosted by St. Johns County Government. Her series Little Words to Inspire was also exhibited at the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe, Louisiana.

STEIN COLLEGE

Dr. Laura Winn conducted archival and conservation research on Henry Ossawa Tanner's Salome at the National Gallery of Art's library and with conservators at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. The research supported her presentation, "Salome & Belle Époque Feminism: Unveiling Henry Ossawa Tanner's Model & Muse," at the International Nineteenth Century Studies Association conference in Washington, D.C. Winn also co-led JU's summer London Study Abroad program with **Dr. Julie Brannon**, including learning experiences in Oxford, Bath, and London. She was invited to the National Gallery in London's May colloquium, "(Re)alignment: Rethinking Familial Ties in the Visual Arts."







