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JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHTS

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Phin'tastic Accomplishments

Brown S., Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, was recently featured in *Smithsonian Magazine* about her use of Anatomage virtual dissection tables and was also named to the Anatomage Advisory Board.

Lannen A., Simulationist, **Jones A.**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, and **White C.**, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, participated in the 2026 Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) Full-Scale Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill.

Holloway, L., Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, & **de Tantillo, L.** have an article in press: A multifaceted innovation to support student nurse writing self-efficacy. *Teaching and Learning in Nursing*.

Milien, M., Bewernitz, M., Associate Professor of Occupational Therapy, **Stallings, K.**, & **Young, M.** (2026). No one-size fits-all: Patient perspectives of key factors influencing their inpatient rehabilitation experience. *Patient Experience Journal*, 13(1), 1-11.

Reese Walter, J., Bandt, K., Hahn, K., Hawes, E., Landis, C., McDermott, A., Shockley, R., Arthur, D., Doerr, S., Priganc, V. (2025). Interrater and intrarater reliability for the Complete Minnesota Dexterity Test. *Journal of Hand Therapy*.



Dr. Gainer, Associate Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, authored a book, *"The Counseling Singularity: Empathy & Artificial Intelligence in the Art of Healing"* which explores how AI is transforming therapy while keeping empathy and ethics at the heart of the profession. Dr. Gainer was also invited to speak at the T.H.I.N.K. AI in Healthcare Conference at Stanford University.



In the **School of Orthodontics**, 35 research presentations were made at regional, national, and international meetings over the past several months. **Dr. Othman** and **Dr. Tabbaa**, along with many residents, were responsible for this work.



Dr. Fore, Assistant Professor in KSON attended the National Black Nurses Association's 53rd Institute and Conference and joined its National Board. In partnership with her local chapter, Dr. Fore also hosted a Community Health Symposium which brought together healthcare professionals, leaders, and residents to promote education and access to vital health resources.



Sixteen students and alumni represented the JU Speech Language Pathology program, along with three faculty members (**Walker B.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, **Capeci W.**, Clinical Assistant Professor, and **Izary K.**, Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders) at the Florida Association of Speech and Hearing Convention. Of particular note, the JU student team won the Praxis Jeopardy competition which had them competing with other top schools!



KEIGWIN SCHOOL OF NURSING

Dr. Wolf L., Associate Dean of Kegwin School of Nursing, has been appointed by Governor Ron DeSantis to the Florida Board of Nursing.

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program was recently **ranked #1 in Florida** by RegisteredNursing.org.

Podium Presentations

Dr. Christopher, R., Associate Professor of Nursing, (2026, January). *Integration of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Advanced Level and Doctoral Nursing Education*. **National** podium presentation at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing 2024 Doctoral Education Conference. Naples, FL.

Dr. Christopher, R., Associate Professor of Nursing, (2025, November). *Ethical Integration of Artificial Intelligence Tools in Graduate Nursing Education*. **Regional** podium presentation at the Sigma Theta Tau International, Lambda Rho at-Large Chapter 2025 Nursing Research Symposium. Jacksonville, FL.

Poster Presentations

Dr. Christopher, R., Associate Professor of Nursing, Davis, M., Watts, G., Johnson, F. (2025). *Partnering to improve adolescent preventive health care access and outcomes*. Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs Conference, Washington, D.C.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Phillips, A. B., **Dr. Christopher, R.**, Associate Professor of Nursing, Kennedy, M. K., & Sipe, M. (2025, In Press). Nurse transitions from classroom to clinical: Defining and prioritizing nursing informatics competencies with NICA-RN, educator and employer insights. *Nursing Education Perspectives*.

Edited Books: Contributing Author

Blackburn, A., **Dr. Christopher, R.**, Associate Professor of Nursing, & White-Trevino, K. (2025). Chapter 2: Caring. In L. Caputi (Ed.), *Nursing Concepts: A Practical Approach*. F.A. Davis.

Grants or Sponsored Projects

2025 Funded - Extramural. Riverside Hospital Foundation Legacy Grant. \$150,000 (\$50k per year) to support KSON Direct Entry MSN and DNP projects.

2024-2029 Funded - Extramural. HRSA-24-033 Maternal and Child Health Bureau Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services: Eliminating disparities in perinatal health. Five-year grant as a sub-contractor in collaboration with the Northeast Florida Healthy Started Coalition. Lead for JU sub-contract for evaluation and consulting ~ \$60,000 annually (\$300,000 over 5-year period) with **Dr. Leigh Hart**.

2022-2027 Funded - Extramural. HRSA-22-066 Maternal and Child Health Bureau Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services: Catalyst for Infant Health Equity. Five-year grant as a sub-contractor with Northeast Florida Health Start Coalition (NFHSC) to complete the evaluation for the grant project. ~\$50,000 per year x 5 years for total of \$250,000.

Podium Presentations

2025. Goforth, C. **Dr. Pordeli, L.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, Lambda Rho Chapter-at-Large 2020 Nursing Research Symposium, University of North Florida. Jacksonville, FL.

2025. Harmon, C.; **Dr. Pordeli, L.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing; Judson, T.; Husson, N.; Pearson, K T.; Carter-Templeton, H. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Literacy in Nursing Education. 34th Summer Institute in Nursing Informatics.

Poster Presentations

2025. Judson, T.; Tietz, M.; Kunkel, D; Taylor-Pearson, K; **Dr. Pordeli, L.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, & Rosa, A. Technostress Mitigation via Technology-Integrated Curriculum in Schools of Nursing- (ANAI, New Orleans, LA. (March 27-28).

2025. Harmon, C; Carter-Tempelton, H; **Dr. Pordeli, L.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing;; Judson, T.; Rosa, A.; & Pearson K. T. Artificial Intelligence Tools in Healthcare. 2025 Nursing Knowledge: Big Data Science Conference. University of Minnesota. (June 4-6).

Publications

2025. De Tantillo, L; **Dr. Pordeli, L.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing;; McCabe, B; Zdanowicz, M; Ortega, J, & Gonzalez, J. A Systematic Review of Medication Adherence Interventions for Patients with Heart Failure. Heart and Mind ();10.4103/hm.HM-D-24-00098, July 03, 2025. | DOI: 10.4103/hm.HM-D-24-00098

COLLEGE OF LAW

Distinctions

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, Global Leaders in Education, video interview and transcript posted and archived, Rhodes Scholarship Trust

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, Oral History, video interview and transcript posted and archived, Rhodes Scholarship Trust Oral History Project

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, On Ballot for 25 Most Influential People in Legal Education, National Jurist Magazine

Presentations

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“Lawyers Leading Higher Education,”* Remarks, Touro University Symposium: “Academics, Lawyers, and Government: Who is Leading Higher Education,” (January 15-16, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“Law School Communities Are Field Hospitals For Our Wounded Democracy,”* Keynote, Southwestern Law Review Symposium, Los Angeles, CA (February 7, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“AI and Technology,”* Remarks, Leadership Florida, Igniting Innovation: AI & Tech-Powered Futures in Education & the Workforce, Jacksonville, Florida (April 5, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“Preparing for and Leading When the Inevitable Happens . . . the Unexpected,”* Keynote, Leadership Academy of Touro University, New York, New York (April 23, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“Back to the Future With the Declaration of Independence,”* Remarks to the Council of the ABA Judicial Division (ABA Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada (August 5, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, *“250 Years of Law and Liberty,”* Three-part ABA hosted webinar organized and moderated by Nick Allard (October 13, 2025) (December 3 2025)(April TBD 2026).

Publications

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Fabulous 14 Graduate in 2025”, Jacksonville Daily Record (January 2, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Remembering President James Earl ‘Jimmy’ Carter, Ever the Teacher”, ABA Journal (January 7, 2025) .

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Carter’s Life Can Teach People About Leadership, Purposeful Service”, Florida Times Union, p. 1 (January 19, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Carter a Man Ahead of His Time”, Jacksonville Daily Record (February 6, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Lessons From My Father Who Now Art in Heaven”, Jacksonville Daily Record (March 6, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “To Be Or Not To Be The Land of The Free and The Home of The Brave”, Jacksonville Daily Record (April 3, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “ A n Important Lesson Learned by Our First Graduates”, Jacksonville Daily Record (May 1, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Make Pro Bono Publico Again”, American Bar Association (June 5, 2025), originally published in Jacksonville Daily Record (May 1, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “JU College of Law Inaugural Graduation Reflecting on the First Three Years”, Jacksonville Daily Record (June 5, 2025).

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Celebrate America’s Judges on Independence Day”, Jacksonville Daily Record (July 3, 2025), excerpted from www.ju.edu/law/law-newsletter-archive.php

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Jacksonville University’s First J.D.s Take Florida Bar Exam”, Jacksonville Daily Record (August 7, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Ain’t Nothin’ Broke Legal Jedi Can’t Fix”, Jacksonville Daily Record (September 4, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Help Wanted – Drum Majors for the Rule of Law”, Jacksonville Daily Record (October 2, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Independent, Impartial, Competent Judges are the Cornerstone of Democracy,” ABA Judicial Division Record (October 6, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Back to the Future with the Declaration of Independence,” ABA Judicial Division Record (October 6, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Law Matters: Why Tomorrow’s Lawyers are More Important Than Ever,” National Jurist (October 7, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Teaching Law with Pastoral Care is a Source of Joy and Fulfilment,” Jacksonville Daily Record (November 6, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Gathering and Planting Legal Acorns,” Jacksonville Daily Record (December 4, 2025)

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Prediction: “AI Will Keep Lawyers Busy for Decades,” Jacksonville Daily Record (January 1, 2026);

Allard N., Randall C. Berg Jr. Dean, “Gathering and Planting Legal Acorns,” 57 Tol. L. Rev. - Biennial Law Deans Leadership Issue, (forthcoming January 2026); “Law Schools are Field Hospitals for Our Wounded Democracy”, 54 Southwestern Law Review and Remarks

Publications

Dr. Barclay C., Associate Dean of Academic & Faculty Affairs and Professor of Communication and Law, Regulating Artificial Elections, Belmont Law Review, Volume 13:1 (Fall 2025).

Dr. Barclay C., Associate Dean of Academic & Faculty Affairs and Professor of Communication and Law, Trump’s Refusal to enforce the TikTok ban shows his disrespect for the rule of law, Congress, and the courts, London School of Economics and Political Science United States Politics and Policy Blog, Feb. 21, 2025.

Volunteer/Community Service

Coll M., Associate Professor of Law, Volunteered at Riverside Presbyterian Church for Shiver on the River (a fall festival that provides fun and activities for church members and neighborhood children)

Coll M., Associate Professor of Law, Volunteered for a Hunger Fight Event on October 12, 2025

Distinctions

Dees M., Vice Dean, Adjunct Professor, represented the College of Law and the University in accepting the 2025 Associate Builders & Contractors Excellence in Construction Awards for the first-place award in the \$5M-\$10M Historic Restoration/Renovation Project category. Dees was the law school project representative for the work done on the 115-year old building to create the new home for the College of Law. The project was also one of four finalists for best overall project in all categories.

Volunteer/Community Service

Dees M., Vice Dean, Adjunct Professor Appointed to the governing boards of the Florida Senior Enrichment Center, Inc. and Sundale Manor/Florida Christian Manor Apartments, both HUD housing centers serving seniors in Jacksonville, Florida.

Presentations

Harris, P. 2025. Invited Co-Presenter, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day LRW Workshop on “The Changing Needs of Our Ever-changing World,” “Change is Coming”: House Stark has Nothing on House Legal Research & Writing, Notre Dame Law, South Bend, IN.

Harris, P. 2025. Invited Co-Presenter, “Teaching & Learning with AI: A Sharing Conference Between Educational Practitioners,” Incorporating Generative AI into Legal Writing, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

Harris, P. 2025. Invited Co-Presenter, LWI One-Day LRW Workshop, “Process-Oriented Teaching,” Using Process-Oriented Methods to Break Through Silos and Helping Students with Developing Their Professional Identity, University of Florida Levin College of Law (Virtual).

Volunteer/Community Service

Harris, P. Volunteered at Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia, a residential school for disadvantaged children(2021-Present).

Distinctions

Knight L., Assistant Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Student Success & Bar Prep, Finalist for 2025 Frances Bartlett Kinne JU Woman of the Year Award.

Publications

Knight L., Assistant Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Student Success & Bar Prep, In Progress: BAR READY: STRATEGIES & PRACTICE FOR NEXT GEN UBE (Aspen, Spring 2025).

Volunteer/Community Service

Knight L., Assistant Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Student Success & Bar Prep, Incubate Judge Volunteer, Spring 2025

Distinctions

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, JU Change One Thing Grant to develop 2 AI modules for second-semester legal writing students

Presentations

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, The Rule of Law in Legal Analysis, Holloran Center Workshop on Professional Identity Formation and the Rule of Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Defining the Rule of Law, Holloran Center Workshop on Professional Identity Formation and the Rule of Law, University of St. Thomas School of Law.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Tactical/Ethical, Part One, SEALS Annual Conference.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Reimagining Attorney Competence and Changing Curriculum and Assessments: Exploring The Next Generation Bar Exam, Panelist, SEALS Annual Conference (July 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Twenty-First Century Procedure After Two Decades of the Roberts Court, Discussant, SEALS Annual Conference (July 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Civil Law in the Americas: Past, Present, and Future, Discussant, SEALS Annual Conference (July 2025)

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Professional Responsibility: Legal Ethics and Artificial Intelligence, Discussant, SEALS Annual Conference (July 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Better Lawyering Through Alchemy, Jacksonville University College of Law Half-Baked Summer Research Series (July 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, People Talking Without Speaking, People Hearing Without Listening, Jacksonville Bar Association (April 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Queer Liberation & Resilience, ENGL 425/WGS 421 LGBTQ+ Literature (April 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, The Tactical Litigator as Esthete, Northeastern University School of Law Junior Scholars Conference (March 2025).

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Class Certification in the Fifth Circuit, Louisiana Law Review Symposium (February 2025).

Publications

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Article, Get Off My Case: Removal, Remand, and Judicial Federal in Multidistrict Litigation, Louisiana Law Review.

Volunteer/Community Service

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Served as founding advisor of student Outlaw chapter.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Participated in online office hours for National Lawyers' Guild student members.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Presented Continuing Legal Education (CLE) on intergenerational communication in law firms to Jacksonville Bar Association.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Acted as respondent for mock job talks for prospective law teachers at SEALS Conference.



Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Served as Peer Reviewer for Legal Communication and Rhetoric journal.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Reviewed applications for American Inns of Court National Advocacy Training Program Scholarship Award.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Judged Scribes, The American Society of Legal Writers, Law Review Award for best student-written article in a law review.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Judged Moot Court course oral arguments at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

Murphree P. D., Assistant Professor of Law, Judged Loyola Law Review Alumni Association Casenote and Comment Competition.

Distinctions

Reiber M., Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, Teacher of the Year (AALS) 2025.

Reiber M., Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, Finalist Professor of Year (University) 2025.

Reiber M., Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, Nominee Faculty Excellence in Teaching (University) 2025-2026.

Publications

Reiber M., Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, Artificial Intelligence in Document Review: Statistically Defending the Process and Results of eDiscovery Workflows, U. Fla. J. Tech. L. & Pol'y (2026) (forthcoming this spring).

Reiber M., Associate Professor of Law and Public Policy, Spoliation of Electronically Stored Information: A Suggested Approach for Evaluating and Curing Prejudice, 64 Duq. L. Rev. (2026) (forthcoming this spring).

Distinctions

Richardson N., Substantially increased teaching repertoire (adding Constitutional Law and Contracts).

Publications

Richardson N., Professor of Law, Published peer-reviewed article: Wildfire Smoke, the Clean Air Act, and the Exceptional Events Rule: Implications and Policy Alternatives, Environmental Science & Technology (2025), DOI:10.1021/acs.est.4c08946 (with Alan Krupnick, Matthew Wibbenmeyer, and Yuqi Zhu).

Richardson N., Professor of Law, Submitted article for peer review: "Tilting at Smokestacks: Power Plants and Environmental Protest in Florida during the 1970s and 1980s" (with Charles Closmann).

Presentations

Dr. Skinner C., Director of Law Library, Assistant Professor of Law, How to Research Effectively, Jacksonville University Core Seminar 111, October 9, 2025.

Dr. Skinner C., Director of Law Library, Assistant Professor of Law, Health Privacy aka HIPAA, Privacy Law JU LAW 852, September 18, 2025.

Dr. Skinner C., Director of Law Library, Assistant Professor of Law, Secondary Sources and Florida Statutes, Duval County Courthouse Law Library, Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing JU LAW 703, August 25, 26, 2025 and September 2, 8, 2025.

Panelist: **Dr. Skinner C.**, Director, Marilyn Repsher Center for Teaching & Learning, Kristie Chamorro, Khelani Clay, Wei Fang, Deanna Fowler, Jacob Hasler and Susan Koenig Private, Law Librarians & Information Professionals SIS (PLLIP-SIS) and Legal Innovation & Technology SIS (LIT-SIS): GenAI Tool Design and the Legal Resource Ecosystem, March 26, 2025.

Volunteer/Community Service

Sterns E., Scholarship Judge-Miss Olustee Pageant Lake City, Florida

Sterns E., Scholarship Judge-Miss Strawberry Pageant, Lake Butler, Florida

Sterns E., Heifer International Fundraising Volunteer

Sterns E., First Coast Habitat for Humanity Volunteer

Sterns E., Jacksonville Humane Society Volunteer

Distinctions

Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, University of South Florida - enrolled in Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS) program, graduation date May 2026.

Volunteer/Community Service'

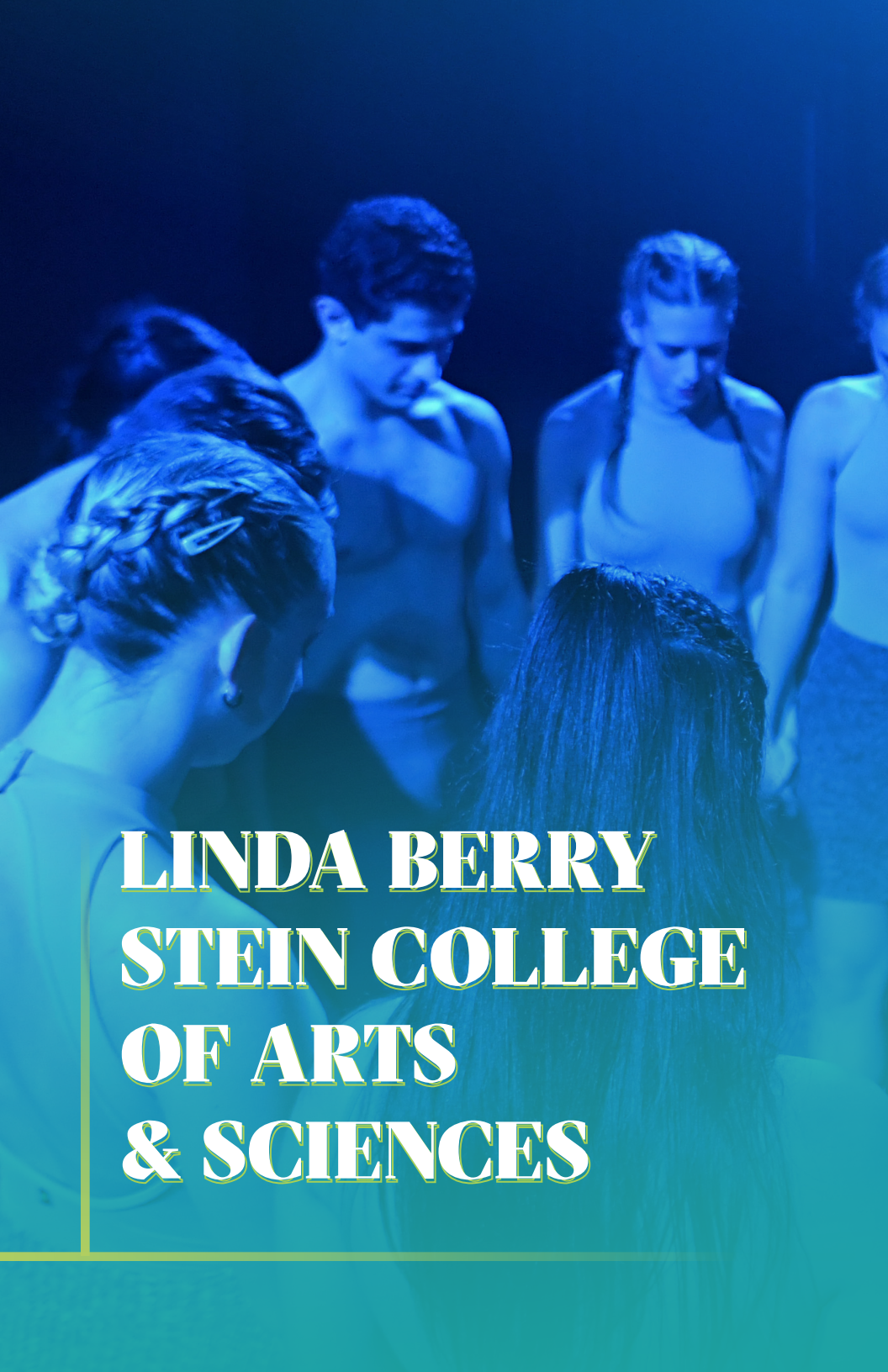
Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, Chair of the Board, Riverside Ave. Christian Church, 2025.

Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, Florida Bar, Member of Mental Health & Wellness of Florida Lawyers Committee, July 2019-June 2025.

Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, Fourth Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, Spring 2025-present.

Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, Seventh Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee, Spring 2025-present.

Varon L., Adjunct Professor, Reference Law Librarian, Jacksonville Bar Large Firm Pro Bono Committee, Spring 2025-present.

A group of young people, likely students, are gathered in a circle, looking down. The scene is lit with a strong blue light, creating a dramatic and focused atmosphere. The individuals are dressed in simple, casual clothing. The background is dark, making the subjects stand out.

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As a specialist in the Muller Polarity Dance Technique, **Heylock L.**, Professor of Dance, led and supported the professional historical reconstruction of *Speeds*, a work from the Muller/Works repertoire, staged on Jacksonville University dance students in collaboration with guest artists. She ensured a cohesive integration of studio-based technical training and performance practice by selecting choreography that rigorously challenged students' technical proficiency while nurturing the development of their individual artistic voices. *Speeds*, choreographed in 1974 by Jennifer Muller, was contextualized through historical and stylistic analysis, deepening students' understanding of the work's significance and its core principles, including dynamic phrasing, technical demands, and imagery. This experience fostered a comprehensive appreciation of the choreographic landscape in which the work was originally conceived and in which it continues to resonate today.

Heylock L., Professor of Dance, continued her role as Legacy Artistic Advisor to the Muller/Works Dance Company in NYC. Amongst a broad range of responsibilities, her role guides the Muller/Works Company Artistic Director with casting, repertoire, budget, and performance planning. When her schedule permits, she taught a company class, repertoire, and direct rehearsals in NYC.

Publications

Dr. Duke C., Instructor of English, *Talula and the Twirling Tornado* book will come out in March. Illustrated by student Harper Lackey.

Dr. Duke C., Instructor of English, Certified by Grant Professionals Association to be qualified to teach grant writing.

Presentations

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Uruguay, June, 2026. Lecture on his research *“The (Native) Origin of Democracy.”* (Also, different media participations).

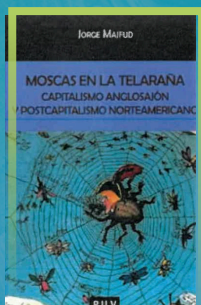
Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Greece, March 2026. University of Athens. Presentation of my book *The Wild Frontier*, translated into Greek. Ethnikon kai Kapodistriakon Panepistimion Athinon.

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Spain, April 2, 2025. Madrid. Book presentation (novel, *El mismo fuego*, Cuatro Lunas Publishing House).



Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Spain, April 2, 2025. Madrid. “USA and Latin America in the New World Order.” Lecture for the Latin American diaspora in Madrid, Spain.

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Spain, April 1, 2025. Valencia. On Jorge Majfuds’ book *The End of Liberal Democracy* (2003) and two lectures at the University of Valencia.



Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Spain, March 2025. Valencia. Three book presentations (on academic/essay books, *Moscas en la telarana* by University of Valencia Press (PUV), and reedition of *The End of Liberal Democracy* and the novel *El mismofuego*) and lecture at the University of Valencia.

Jorge Majfud, Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Spain, April 2, 2025. Lecture at the University of Valencia on Neo feudalism and Postcapitalism (based on ideas published in 2014 and before).

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Dozens of articles (including a regular column, approximately one page per month, in *Página12*, one of the most influential newspapers in Argentina). In other languages, like English, *Common Dreams* or *TeleSur*.

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Dozens of interviews on international television and radio networks (2005).

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Interview with historian Aviva Chomsky and other international figures (2025).

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Numerous citations of Jorge Majfud's literary and academic work in 2025.

Dr. Majfud J., Professor of Latin American Literature, Architecture, History, and International Studies, Some reviews, like in *Miami Review* magazine.

Tupa D., Professor of Art in Ceramics, began a multi-year Folk Tile restoration project honoring the life and work of Stuart Glassman. The mural project brings together over 100 Glassman tiles from throughout his career of Blue Ridge insects and amphibians. Tupa is partnered with the Art League of Hendersonville and the Apple Country Woodcrafters Society in North Carolina to lead manufacture of the 200 fill-in tiles that harmonize with the Glassman works. The relief mural will be installed at Marked Tree Vinyard in Flat Rock, North Carolina.

Tupa D., Professor of Art in Ceramics, consulted for Pink Ribbon Jax's BRAject initiative led by Marica Pendjer. BRAject included several exhibitions across greater JAX ending with a celebration at the Alexander Brest Gallery. Tupa joined in the artistic expressions by creating a work in honor of LaVerne Chapman who lives with breast cancer. Pendjer and associates captured the BRAject artworks and stories of connection in a published coffee table book, honoring those living and lost.

Tupa D., Professor of Art in Ceramics, exhibited five combined media sculptures in *Against the Grain*, a wood art exhibition at Florida Craft Art Gallery in St. Petersburg. Tupa's research in seed forms and what is left behind is evident in the gallery works where simulated box nut, lotus hull, and broom flower pods combine wood, metal and clay to form contemplative narrative. Tupa was sincerely honored to have been selected for *Against the Grain* considering the works all included clay as a large component of their fabrication.

Tupa D., Professor of Art in Ceramics, completed a two-week Woodcraft Residency on Carpenter Mountain in Colorado as part of her combining media art quilt research. Working with master Woodsmith Weston Hall, the residency focused on Tupa's research of the 9-patch quilting aesthetic combining clay, glass, wood and metal with seamless visual distraction between mediums. The body of work includes twelve 9-patch art quilt sections combining symbolic buttons and beads with aesthetic grain matching exotic woods. The finished works will join Tupa's Vignettes, Chassis and Potentials series.

Leach T., Professor of Art, work was accepted into the 2026 ArtFields Festival, a prestigious art competition that anchors the 17-day festival, held annually in Lake City, South Carolina. This year there were well over 1,000 submissions for the event. Submitted artwork was rated by a panel of art professionals; and the highest rated works were invited to participate in the festival. The work will be on display from April 10th -May 2nd, 2026.

Leach T., Professor of Art, was invited to exhibit work in the 33rd Annual Strictly Functional National Pottery Exhibition at the Lancaster Museum of Art in Lancaster, PA. This exhibition highlights contemporary ceramic functional pottery across the United States.

Leach T., Professor of Art, was awarded an individual artists grant as part of the artist grant pilot program funded by the City of Jacksonville and administered by the Cultural Council of Greater Jacksonville. This grant project was a yearlong experience concluding in September 2025.

Leach T., Professor of Art, and **Tupa D.**, Professor of Art in Ceramics, led the Empty Bowls project initiative on campus this fall with our partnership, Barnabas center, to raise awareness about hunger in the community. JU Object Design students and faculty made and donated over 50 bowls for the event this year. JU has partnered with Barnabas for 10 years and partnered with 2nd harvest food bank for 14 years on a similar initiative prior.

Leach T., Professor of Art, participated in the bra-ject project exhibition at the Alexander Brest Gallery in partnership with Pink Ribbon Jax in support of breast cancer research. The students in ceramics hosted a gallery reception for the work made in conjunction with health science for an EPIC grant. This project used scans from human anatomy, mold making techniques, and 3D printing of various materials.

Dr. Brannon J., Professor of English and **Dr. Parker S.**, Associate Professor of Literature, took six students majoring or minoring in English and Women's and Gender Studies to the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Atlanta. The students presented the following papers:

Colin Alloway, "Tyranny of Opinion: Roland Barthes' *Mythologies* Applied to Modern Propaganda and Control in Democracy"

Nataly Betancourt, "Love Bites: Why Le Fanu's *Carmilla* is an Empowering Representation of Modern Queer Experiences"

Reagan Chester, "Vamp to Camp: An Examination of Homoeroticism in Le Fanu's *Carmilla* and Stoker's *Dracula*"

Jonah Crane, "Hobo Academia: Whitman's Countercultural Influence on the Beat Generation"

Emily Leiser, "Wilde's *A Picture of Dorian Gray*: Faustian Bargain or Extreme Narcissism?" Hunter Parke, "Digital Disinformation and the Devolution of Thought"

Dr. Parker S., Associate Professor of Literature, presented, "Appealing to Maternal Knowledge to Eradicate Maternal Ignorance in Laurent Joubert's *Erreurs Populaires* (1579)"

Hill B., Professor of Media Arts, Presented "The Impact of The Virtual On The Photographic Medium", at the Tenth International Conference on Communication & Media Studies, in Paris, France, September 11, 2025

Exhibitions

Hill B., Professor of Media Arts, The Changing Americas 2025, Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. August 27 - September 20, 2025

Hill B., Professor of Media Arts, Unveiled: Stories Behind the Silence, Firepit Art Gallery, London, UK. November 6-27, 2025

Hill B., Professor of Media Arts, Faculty Biennial Exhibition, Alexander Brest Gallery, Jacksonville, FL. November 20, 2025 - January 21, 2026



SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS

Dr. Galinato M.G., Associate Professor of Chemistry, published in the Journal of Chemical Education with JU students Ashlee Harwood, Emily Kiker, and Ally Ray. Their work, “Integrating Spectroscopy, Thermodynamics, and Computational Chemistry in the Undergraduate Laboratory by Studying Globin-Nitrite Interactions” is a by-product of an experiment created by Dr. Galinato for an upper-level physical chemistry lab at JU. Prior to publication, this project was presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Pittsburgh, PA by the students.

In the summer of 2024, **Dr. Hanson D.**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, attended the Math Research Community in Algebraic Combinatorics. A paper containing results from this research community, titled "Primeness of generalized parking functions," was published by the Electronic Journal of Combinatorics in November 2025. The coauthors on this paper include Sam Armon (University of Southern California), Joanne Beckford (Bryn Mawr College), Naomi Krawzik (Sam Houston State University), Olya Mandelshtam (University of Waterloo), Lucy Martinez (Rutgers University), and Catherine Yan (Texas A&M University).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

(*Undergraduate co-author; **Graduate student co-author):

O'Meally, C.**, D. Grubbs, B. Franks, **Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser, G.K.**, Professor of Chemistry. 2026. Assessing Metal Concentrations in Muscle Tissue of Blacktip Sharks (*Carcharhinus Limbatus*) From Coastal Maryland Compared to the Florida Peninsula. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*. 222, 118866.

Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser, G.K., Professor of Chemistry. J. Courville**, A. Ryan, K. Bowers*, S. Okeefe*, L. Stoeber*, N. Worrell*, L. Polimeno*, A.C. Ryan, J. Nienow. 2025. Temporal and Spatial Changes in Phytoplankton Assemblages in the Lower St. Johns River, Florida. *Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology*. 89, 61-77.

Peer-Reviewed Technical Reports

Dr. Pinto, G., Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser, G.K., Professor of Chemistry, Casamatta, D., Closmann, C., **Goldberg, N., Johnson, A.,** Le, A., **Ouellette, A., Penwell, W.,** Pyati, R., Zoellner, B. (2025). (2024/25). 2025 State of the River Report for the Lower St. Johns River Basin, Florida: Water Quality, Fisheries, Aquatic Life, & Contaminants (SRR). Prepared for the City of Jacksonville, Environmental Protection Board.

Live Events Highlighting Research

December 2025 - 2025 State of the St. Johns River Report Webinar Live Event, Hosted by WJCT Studios. 2025 State of the St. Johns River Report.

External Grants

Public Trust, Coal Ash Contaminant Analysis in the St. Johns River, FL. \$13,082.79 (Principal Investigator), 2025-2026.

City of Jacksonville and Environmental Protection Board, St. Johns River Accord, \$106,000 (Co-Investigator), 2024-2025.

Editorial Board Member

Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Southeast Regional Chapter, December 2025-present.

Invited Session Chair

Pollution Impacts on Endemic and Threatened Species: A Focus on Metals and Persistent Pollutants. Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) North America 46th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon. November 2025.

Conference Presentations


Dr. Bielmyer-Fraser, G.K., Professor of Chemistry, J. Courville, M. Vervaeke, A. H. Newton. C. Fischer. 2025. Microplastics Assessment in the Digestive Tract of White Sharks. Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) North America 46th Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon.

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SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES & EDUCATION

Dr. Ju A., Associate Professor of Economics, and Caylyn Mira. "The Impact of Racino Legalization on Public Education Spending." *Public Finance and Management* 24:3-4 (2025): 99-112.

Publications

Dr. McNeil-Young V., Assistant Professor of Psychology, (July, 2025). *We Shift to Survive: Shifting, gendered racial-ethnic socialization, and well-being among Black college women.* *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 1-1.

o Ibe-Lamberts, K., Ajibewa*, ... **Dr. McNeil-Young V.**, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Nmezi, N. A., & Williams, J. (March, 2025). "I'm Black and I'm Stressed": An Exploratory Literature Review on Stress and Coping Mechanisms Among African Americans, Afro-Caribbean, and African Immigrants in the USA. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, 1-1.

Conference Participation

Dr. McNeil-Young V., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Southeastern Psychological Association (SEPA)

Dr. McNeil-Young V., Assistant Professor of Psychology, American Psychological Association (APA)

Student Scholarship and Professional Development

Dr. McNeil-Young V., Assistant Professor of Psychology, Supported 5 students in presenting at local and national conferences

Student Mentorship and Experiential Learning

Dr. McNeil-Young V., Assistant Professor of Psychology, *Mentored 10 students through internship placements, including at ABA Jacksonville, The Women's Center, and Dolores Barr Weaver Center.*

Dr. McGraw, A. Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented at a conference, had more than 10 students present at the on campus research symposium and supported multiple students in presenting at regional conferences.

Dr. Iannone N., Assistant Professor Psychology: presented at two conferences and supported students in presenting at the on campus research symposium and at regional conferences.

Dr. Johnson A., Professor of Sustainability, Geography & Environmental Planning (SGEP) & **Grant S.**, Associate Professor of Sociology: led the JU Green Criminology and Ecotourism Costa Rica Study Abroad trip in June 2025.

Grant S., Associate Professor of Sociology, received the Teaching Excellence Award at the Faculty Awards event in April.