



67th Annual

Faculty Recognition Event

Friday, April 11, 2025

FACULTY RECOGNITION EVENT

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| I. | Welcome | Dr. Sherri Jackson |
| II. | Recognition of Dr. Courtney Barclay
Professor of the Year 2024-2025,
& Presentation of the Eric and Mark
Lammerding Award | Dr. Sherri Jackson |
| III. | Recognition of Past Professors of the Year | Dr. Sherri Jackson |
| IV. | Longevity of Service Awards/Recognition
of Retirees | Dr. Sherri Jackson |

Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences

Dean Mark Tillman

Retirements

Dr. Richard Griffith
Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthodontics

Ms. Pam Swan
Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing

Dr. Judith Wingate
Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders

Emeritus

Dr. Judith Wingate
Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders

College of Arts & Sciences

Dean Chris Corbo

20 Years of Service

Ms. Shelley Grant
Associate Professor of Sociology

Dr. Ben Wehrung
Assistant Professor of Mathematics

35 Years of Service

Dr. Raymond Oldakowski
Professor of Geography



Retirements

Dr. Jianjun He
Professor of Music

Dr. Wenying Xu
Professor of English

20 Years of Service

Mr. John Ricci
Artist in Residence

25 Years of Service

Mr. Bill Hill
Professor of Media Arts

Ms. Deborah Jordan
Professor of Theatre

35 Years of Service

Dr. Sandra Coyle
Professor of English

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| V. | Faculty Excellence Awards
Adjunct Excellence Award
Community Service
University Service
Scholarship & Professional Activities
Teaching | Professor Dina Barone
Professor Shelley Grant
Professor Bill Hill
Dr. Sawsan Tabbaa
Professor Chris Dew |
| VI. | Recognition of Professor of the Year
Finalists and Announcement of 2025-2026
Professor of the Year | Dr. Sherri Jackson |
| VII. | Raffle, Dessert, and Coffee | |



2024-2025 Professor of the Year

Dr. Courtney Barclay is a Professor of Law and Communication. She has taught courses in public relations, and media law. An expert in First Amendment law, Dr. Barclay's research analyzes speech and privacy implications of emerging uses and regulation of technology, particularly as it impacts commercial speech. Her work has been published in law reviews and conference proceedings and is featured in two textbooks. Dr. Barclay serves on and leads committees for the college, university, and professional and academic associations. Before joining JU, Dr. Barclay taught graduate and undergraduate courses at the S.I. Newhouse School at Syracuse University and served as Visiting Scholar at the Electronic Privacy Information Center. She holds a Ph.D. in Mass Communication and a J.D. from the University of Florida. If she's not in her office, you might find her on the golf course with her husband David or cuddling up with her dog Minnie.

Longevity of Service & Retirees

Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences

Dr. Judy Wingate joined the faculty of Communication Sciences & Disorders in January 2014, coming to JU from the University of Florida. Dr. Wingate specialized in occupational voice disorders and medical speech-language pathology. She served as chair and program director of CSD from January 2018 until 2023. She is now enjoying retirement and staying busy with singing, playing the piano, gardening, and planning her travels. Her next big trip will be to Scotland in September.

College of Arts & Sciences

Professor Shelley Grant is a JU alum who began teaching criminal justice courses at her alma mater in 1998 and has been a full-time faculty member for 20 years. Her career includes almost 20 years of service in local government and non-profit organizations working in programming and advocacy for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders. Shelley's focus is on her students. She loves teaching and advising and believes in the importance of experiential learning. She typically supervises multiple service-learning independent studies, and internships each semester and engages with her students whenever possible in research, co-authoring peer-reviewed articles and participating in conference presentations with Dr. Laura Atkins and Dr. Ray Oldakowski. Shelley is also leading a study abroad trip to Costa Rica, (a first for her!) this summer with Dr. Ashley Johnson. She has received awards for Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Community Service, and JU's Faculty Woman of the Year. Shelley's husband Bill is also a JU graduate, and they have two daughters, Brooke and Caroline, both who have completed undergraduate and graduate degrees at JU!



Dr. Ray Oldakowski joined the faculty at Jacksonville University in August 1990. He was hired by Dean Joan Carver to replace Dr. Herb Padgett who retired earlier that year. Dr. Oldakowski currently serves as a Professor of Geography in the Department of Sustainability, Geography, and Environmental Planning, and Director of the School of Social Sciences and Education. He is also a faculty member on the World Affairs Council Great Decisions team serving at Stanton and Riverside high schools. His current projects include serving as principal investigator on a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund to preserve homeownership in Duval County by providing legal assistance for estate planning and heirs' property for Jacksonville residents. He is also working with Dr. Ashley Johnson and Prof. Shelley Grant on an EPIC grant to coordinate and host Jacksonville University's 2nd undergraduate GIS conference. In addition, he is working with Dean Chris Corbo to restore the African-American cemetery adjacent to the JU campus.

Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts & Humanities

A native of China, **Dr. Jianjun He** holds degrees from Northwestern National University, The Arts Academy of China, and West Virginia University. His compositions, numbering over ninety for a wide variety of media, have been performed in more than sixty cities in the United States and China. They have been featured at numerous new music related festivals and conferences including fifteen performances at CMS and SCI national conferences. CD recordings of his music are available on ERM, VMM, Mark Masters, Nanova, New Ariel, Innova, Curvepoint, and Da Di labels. He has also published books and research papers on music theory, compositional techniques, ethnomusicology, and music education. Dr. He has a long collegiate teaching career: 41 years in total including fifteen years at Jacksonville University. His teaching related awards include Excellent Teacher of Ningxia University (1993), Casper College Rosenthal Outstanding Educator Award (2008), and Jacksonville University Excellence Award in Teaching (2014).

Professor Bill Hill is a Professor of Media Arts and the Executive Director of the STEAM Institute at Jacksonville University. He holds a Master of Fine Arts in Electronic Intermedia from the University of Florida. His research explores the evolution of technology and its impact on our understanding of nature and self. Through interactive media, he examines the co-evolution of humans, machines, nature, and culture, encouraging self-determined, active engagement with technology. As an educator, he fosters critical thinking and lifelong learning, equipping students with problem-solving skills essential for success in an information-driven economy. With 30+ years of academic experience, he has served in various leadership roles, including Academic Dean, Chair of the Faculty Planning & Budget Committee, Financial Liaison, and currently, Executive Director of the STEAM Institute.



The theatre has been good to **Professor Deborah Jordan**. In her career she founded two professional theatre companies, served as the Artistic Director for both and acted in theatres across the country. All before she began a 31-year career at Jacksonville University! Her position as Program Head of Acting & Directing has afforded her a life full of study. Her love of teaching began in her early twenties; theatre chose her in her late twenties, and the rest has been a full-time engagement of reading books, reading people, reading situations, reading about the past, and reading the present. “If artists are the ones that articulate the necessary myths that embody our experience of life and provide the parameters of ethics and values, the theatre is the place I want to make art, and the place I want to empower young theatre artists to become the creators of their own artistic future.”

Dr. Wenying Xu, Professor of English, received her P.D. in English from the University of Pittsburgh. She has taught American literature, World Literature, and Literary Theory at Truman State University, Florida Atlantic University, Chatham University, and Jacksonville University. She is the author of numerous journal articles, book chapters, fiction, poetry, and five scholarly books, and one of her books was chosen by the Library Journal as the Best Reference Book of 2022. She has served in such leadership roles as Department Chair, Ph.D. Program Director, Associate Dean, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Provost, and President of the Society for the Study of Multiethnic Literature of the United States. Additionally, she is the recipient of many honors, including a senior Fulbright lectureship, the MELUS Award for Lifetime Achievement, Arthur Vining Davis Fellow, Reader’s Choice Award for fiction, and Andrew Mellow Fellowship.



Finalists for 2025-2026 Professor of the Year

Dr. Melissa McRae is an Assistant Professor in the Keigwin School of Nursing within the Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences. She began her nursing career in Pediatrics at Wolfson Children's Hospital. Melissa moved on to become a Senior Research Coordinator at Nemours Children's Clinic focusing on pediatric asthma. Melissa is a native of the Arlington neighborhood in Jacksonville Florida and returned to the area to complete her MSN/MBA. Melissa joined JU from her leadership position as the Director of Service Excellence, responsible for patient satisfaction, at Orange Park Medical Center. Since returning to JU as a member of the faculty, Melissa has completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice and a post-graduate certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. She currently serves in two director roles focusing on accreditation and leading the graduate nursing programs while teaching in the graduate nursing programs and chairing doctoral projects.

Professor Matthew Reiber received his B.A. from Claremont McKenna College; his J.D. from Columbia University; and his LL.M (in taxation) from New York University. He practiced for 20 years before entering law teaching, beginning as an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York and then as a partner at Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell in Seattle. His practice focused on commercial litigation, and he was fortunate to represent some of the nation's largest corporations in a variety of business disputes and regulatory matters. Professor Reiber transitioned from law practice to full-time law teaching in 2009 and, since then, has taught courses involving civil litigation, business transactions, and individual and corporate income taxation. His scholarship focuses on procedural reform to make dispute resolution less costly, more efficient, and equally effective. Professor Reiber has been voted professor of the year at each of the three law schools at which he has taught.

Since joining JU in 2015, **Dr. Daphne Wang** has taught and mentored students across undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. A first-generation college graduate and immigrant from Taiwan, She spent over 20 years in Texas raising four children while earning her MBA and Ph.D. degrees in finance. Dr. Wang is a certified management accountant (CMA) and has actively contributed to committees, including chairing the Planning and Budget Committee and Instructional Resources Committee and being an active member of the IRB. Dr. Wang has published 18 research articles, presented at 48 conferences, and received over \$160,000 in grants. Her achievements have earned recognition, including the Walker/Wells Fargo Endowed Chair of Finance and JU Faculty Excellence Award in Scholarship/Research. She has been inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma honor societies and previously served as faculty advisor for the JU Dolphin Student Investment Fund, guiding students in the CFA Research Challenge.



PAST PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Dr. Courtney Barclay	2024-2025
Dr. Sarah Parker	2023-2024
Dr. Julius Demps	2022-2023
Dr. Daniel Moseley	2021-2022
Prof. Kimberly Beasley	2020-2021
Dr. Mary Gipson	2019-2020
Dr. Julie Brannon	2018-2019
Dr. Nisse Goldberg	2017-2018
Dr. Colleen Wilson	2016-2017
Dr. Pam Crawford	2015-2016
Prof. Brian Palmer	2014-2015
Dr. Karen Jackson	2013-2014
Dr. William Crosby	2012-2013
Dr. Barry Thornton	2011-2012
Capt. Jerry L. Terrell	2010-2011
Dr. Peter Ryan	2009-2010
Dr. Russell Baker	2008-2009
Dr. Bashir Sayar	2007-2008
Dr. Rody Borg	2006-2007
Prof. Jeane Richards	2005-2006
Dr. Sherri Jackson	2004-2005
Prof. Dennis Dormady	2003-2004
Dr. June Main	2002-2003
Prof. Eric Thomas	2001-2002
Dr. John D. Garrigus	2000-2001
Dr. Paul R. Simony	1999-2000
Dr. Janet M. Haavisto	1998-1999
Dr. Toufic M. Hakim	1997-1998
Dr. Margaret L. Janz	1996-1997
Dr. Ruth R. O'Keefe	1995-1996
Dr. Lee Ann Clements	1994-1995
Dr. Hassan Pordeli	1993-1994
Dr. William A. Vessels	1992-1993
Dr. R. Wayne Hamm	1991-1992
Dr. S. Barre Barrett	1990-1991
Prof. Debra L. Murphy	1989-1990



PAST PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

Dr. S. Walker Blanton	1988-1989
Dr. A. Quinton White, Jr.	1987-1988
Dr. George E. Buker	1986-1987
Dr. Elizabeth Winstead	1985-1986
Dr. J. Steve Browder and Dr. M. Kathleen Johnson	1984-1985
Dr. Zahara C. Tandet	1983-1984
Prof. Mun S. Quan	1982-1983
Prof. Ernest W. Tyler	1981-1982
Dr. John A. Sullivan	1980-1981
Dr. G. Elizabeth Buie	1979-1980
Dr. Jesse S. Robertson, Jr.	1978-1979
Dr. Marilyn L. Repsher	1977-1978
Dr. James M. Olson	1976-1977
Dr. Richard S. Cromwell	1975-1976
Dr. Sharon L. Scholl	1974-1975
Dr. Kenneth G. Relyea	1973-1974
Dr. George G. Kelley	1972-1973
Dr. Joan S. Carver	1971-1972
Dr. Ted T. Allen	1970-1971
Dr. Frederick S. Aldridge	1969-1970
Dr. Gerson Yessin	1968-1969
Prof. Clarence P. Lee	1967-1968
Dr. Richard K. Morton	1966-1967
Dr. Lawrence Breeze	1965-1966
Dr. George W. Hallam	1964-1965
Dr. John E. Tilford, Jr.	1963-1964
Dr. John Sweigart	1962-1963
Dr. Frances B. Kinne and Dr. Ivan Parkins	1961-1962
Dr. Ralph T. Bald, Jr.	1960-1961
Dr. George Santayana	1959-1960
Prof. Robert Woodhouse	1958-1959







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