April 2019 Updates

Message from the Office of the Provost

| FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS |

Congratulations to all of our Faculty Excellence Award winners! Enjoyed sharing these awards at our Faculty Recognition Dinner held on March 29th.

Dr. Sarah Parker – Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Sarah Parker is an Associate Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Parker has worked at JU since 2012.

Dr. Mary Gipson – Excellence in University Service

Dr. Mary Gipson is a Professor of Nursing in the Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences. Dr. Gipson has been with JU for 18 years!

Dr. Gipson was also honored as our 2019-2020 Professor of the Year.... So deserving!
Dr. Jorge Majfud – Excellence in Scholarship

Dr. Jorge Majfud is an Associate Professor of Spanish, Latin American Literature & International Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Majfud has been with JU since 2010.

Dr. Whitney George – Excellence in Community Service

Dr. Whitney George is an Assistant Professor and Chair of Clinical Mental Health Counseling in Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences. Dr. George has been at JU for 3 years.

Make sure to check out the April Faculty Spotlight on Dr. Julius Demps, Associate Professor of Management.

With over 325 submissions to date (as sent in by our faculty) we continue to add to our list of achievements.

Dr. Gordon Arbogast, Professor of Management, received the Executive Spotlight in Marquis Who’s Who – A Lifetime of Achievement: Our Collection of Prestigious Listees, Volume II, page 11.

Dr. Fatih Aydogan, Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering, has been nominated by the U.S. Department of Energy’s Argonne National Lab to be the speaker for U.S.A representation at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Meeting. Dr. Aydogan will be presenting "The Technologies to Decrease the Cost and Increase the Efficiency of Nuclear Hydrogen Production" at the IAEA meeting in Vienna, Austria between April 8 and 10, 2019.
**Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Division of Music, Professor Kimberly Beasley**, presented her paper entitled “Motivated Staging: Using Dramatism to Enable Actor-Directed Scenes” at the Region IV conference of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in South Carolina. Professor Beasley went on to present her paper entitled “Unwritten Rules for Performing Women Musicians: Gender Discrimination and Sexism on the Stage” at the Music by Women Festival at Mississippi University for Women on March 8, 2019.

**Associate Professor of Sculpture, Professor Jim Benedict**, traveled to Columbus, Ohio to participate in the 2019 Foundations in Art: Theory and Education (FATE) panel, “Academic Galleries: The Who, What, When, and Why”. His presentation, “Shared Space: The Role of Galleries in Small Liberal Arts Universities”, discussed the impact the Alexander Brest Gallery has on the visual arts classroom, the university, and the Jacksonville arts community.

**JU Collaborative Pianist, Mr. Benjamin Beck**, recorded a CD of Czech bass clarinet and piano music earlier this year with Jacksonville clarinetist and UNF faculty member Sunshine Simmons. Beck and Simmons will give a concert tour at Arizona State University, New Mexico University, University of Oregon, Northwestern University, Western Michigan University, with a final performance at the recently opened Buffet Clarinet showroom in New York City, April 25-May 10.


**Dr. Roberta Christopher**, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Co-Director QSEN Institute Regional Center, was recently named at the national level to serve on the Impact of Nurses on Boards work group, which is part of the larger Nurses on Boards Coalition (NOBC). Dr. Christopher is one of five selected for this coveted opportunity. She will be extending her proposed research (needs assessment) to examine nurse competencies to serve on boards, from the Florida state level to the national level. She also currently represents the Florida Nursing Association on the NOBC.

**Professor of English, Dr. Ray Clines** arranged for 11 creative writing students and their teacher from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts to attend JU’s Visiting Writer event with Leonard Pitts on April 3rd.
Dr. Robin Edge, Associate Professor of Communication & Sciences Disorders, Dr. Judith Wingate, Associate Professor of Communication & Sciences Disorders, and Professor Diane Renfro, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, completed a successful study abroad experience in Ireland with 30 students from Nursing and Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD). The students provided healthy living presentations at a Head Injury support group in Limerick and met with Nursing, occupational therapy, and speech language pathology faculty at the University of Limerick and at the National University of Ireland in Galway.

Dr. Whitney George, Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health Counseling, was selected by the Jacksonville Business Journal (JBJ) as one of the honorees for 40 under 40. She will be honored at the annual luncheon on April 25th. Also, Dr. George will be a Co-Chair for the Florida Counseling Association conference that will be held at JU in May 2019.

Congratulations BRCHS, STAR Center’s Ms. Ginger Grayson and Ms. Aimee Neeley on a successful inaugural orientation of 23 Paid Standardized Patients!

Dr. George Gresham, Professor of Marketing and International Business, presented three papers at the Academic and Business Research Institute (AABRI) International Conference in Savannah, Georgia on April 1-3, 2019. Paper titles included: “Teaching Idea Portfolio Management in Higher Education: A Case Study” “Saudi Arabia, Globalization, Economic and Societal Reform”, and “The Experience of Female Saudi Workers with Children: Factors That Shape Their Ability to Balance Motherhood and Their Careers”. Dr. George Gresham also had his co-authored paper titled “Gamification: The Use of Instagram Posts – Education and Business” accepted for publication to the Journal on Efficiency and Responsibility in Education and Science, volume 12, pages 26-33.

Associate Professor of Animation, Professor Bill Hill, presented his paper “The Promethean Moment: Augmenting the REAL” at the Diffrazioni - Firenze Multimedia Festival in Florence, Italy on March 26-31.

Dr. Maria Javaid, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering, has been implementing innovative methods in her teaching to improve students learning experience. Her research paper about one such approach, “Please Explain Solution: How Incorporating Video Responses Improved Student Performance in a Circuit Analysis Course”, has been accepted for presentation at American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) 126th Annual Conference & Exposition to be held in Tampa, Florida on June 15th-19th.
She also presented her paper about Project Based Learning approach, “Incorporating Project Based Learning in Introductory Electronics Course” at Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Southeastern Section Annual Conference held at Raleigh, North Carolina in March 2019. At North Carolina, she also presented posters of two of the undergraduate research projects which she is advising in collaboration with Drs. Selvi, Aydogan and Shandilya.

Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, Professor Deborah Jordan, presented her papers, “Playwriting for Novelists” and “How to Write a Play” to the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon in March.

Dr. Dorcas Kunkel, Assistant Professor of Nursing, is now certified by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) for a 3-year period as a Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management Systems (CPHIMS). This is an internationally recognized professional certification program for experienced healthcare information and management systems professionals. The CPHIMS designation acknowledges and honors the proven expertise and commitment of those who have earned this credential.

Professor Tiffany Leach, Associate Professor of Ceramics and MFA Visual Arts Director, and Professor Dana Tupa, Professor of Ceramics and Division of Visual Arts Chair, completed a 12 month exchange project with Jacksonville State University’s ceramic program. The project culminated on JU’s campus in a cooperative wood firing of ceramic wares. Students and faculty from both schools worked together through the 15 hour kiln firing process, breaking JU’s 5-year Keep It Hot! record previously held by alum Kenneth Eric Adams. The new 2,270°F record was achieved by alternate stoking of oak and pine at a 2:1 ratio in the last 5 hours of firing. Combustion Science at its most rudimentary!

Assistant Professor of Dance, Professor Yidi Lin, presented Dance workshops in Luigi jazz, street and hip-hop styles to the North Carolina Thespian Festival in March. Professor Lin undertook choreographic research as an Artist-In-Residence at Case Western Reserve University, also in March.

Dr. Dan McCarthy, Professor of Biology and Director of the Marine Science Undergraduate Program, completed a final report for the Protect the Reef Grant ($15,000) titled “The Role of Reef Features in Affecting Fish Grazing on Coral Restoration Efforts.” He also completed a final report to
the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and State of Florida titled “The Role of Grazing on Coral Reefs and Restoration Efforts in the Florida Keys Marine Sanctuary”

Assistant Professor of Illustration, Professor Nick McNally, presented “Imagination in the Portraits of Hans Holbein the Younger”, at the Representational Art Conference for TRAC2019 in Thousand Oaks, California March 31st – April 4th.

Dr. Bill Montford, Assistant Professor of Marketing, was selected to attend the Microsoft Innovation and Policy Center’s workshop and seminar prior to the American Marketing Association’s Marketing and Public Policy annual conference that will take place this June. Dr. Montford had a paper accepted for presentation at the Behavioral Insights into Business for Social Good Conference hosted by the Peter P. Dhillon Centre for Business Ethics, at UBC Sauder Business School in Vancouver, Canada on September 19th – 21st.

Associate Professor of English, Dr. Sarah Parker attended the Renaissance Society of America conference, March 17-19 in Toronto, Canada, where she presented a paper entitled, “Reaching the Reader: Proverbial Wisdom in Juan Sorapán de Rieros’ Medicina Española (1616)” and chaired a conference panel entitled, “Medicine, Books, and Herbs: Pharmacology in Renaissance Europe”.

Dr. Hassan Pordeli, Professor of Economics and Finance, and Resource Professor of Economics, Professor Peter Wynkoop’s paper entitled “Pubic-Private Partnership as a Solution for Financing Public Infrastructure” has been accepted for presentation at the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, June 4-6, 2019.

Dr. Hassan Pordeli, Professor of Economics and Finance, served as Dwayne Mattushik’s faculty advisor on a research project entitled “Financial Crisis of 2008-2009 and Its Economic Impact”. This paper was presented by Mr. Mattushik at JU’s Undergraduate Research Student Symposium on Monday, April 1, 2019.

Director of Jazz Studies, Mr. John Ricci, and Assistant Professor of Music Business, Dr. Mark Snyder, have collaborated to create a Dolphinium Records production recording project featuring studio recorded performances of original music by the JU Jazz Faculty, the Jazz and Commercial Music students in jazz combo I, and alumnus JCM graduate saxophonist Deandre Lettsome’s jazz trio. An extended play record (EP) is slated to be released in the fall.

Mr. John Ricci, Director of Jazz Studies, and Mr. Christopher Creswell, Artist-in-Residence in Music and Director of Athletic Bands, coordinated and hosted the second annual JU Jazz Festival on Saturday March 30th, bringing to campus 14 area junior high and high school jazz bands to perform and be adjudicated by professional jazz performers and composers, spend time with JU Jazz Faculty clinicians, and hear the JU Jazz Orchestra perform with Guest Artist, multi-Grammy nominated jazz
pianist Geoffrey Keezer. The JU Jazz Combo I was also featured with JU Adjunct Professor of Jazz Piano Scott Giddens.

Dr. Marguerite Richardson, Associate Professor of Strings and Director of Orchestral Activities, presented at the 2019 College Orchestra Directors Association Conference held at the Boston Conservatory of Music and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on February 7th-9th. Dr. Richardson’s session, co-presented with Dr. Ricardo Averbach (Miami University of Ohio) and Dr. Delvyn Case (Wheaton College) was titled “Exploding the Canon: New Pedagogical Ideas for the 21st Century”. Dr. Richardson presented on the curricular value of including alternative styles (jazz, popular music, film music) in the college orchestra repertoire.

Congratulations again to Dr. Marguerite Richardson on being elected national Vice President of the College Orchestra Directors Association in February of 2019. She will serve in the national leadership of the organization for four years, including the hosting of the 2022 National Conference as national President. The organization has approximately 350 members and is comprised of orchestra directors from universities and conservatories in the United States, Canada and South America.

During their spring break, JU faculty members Dr. Marguerite Richardson, Associate Professor of Strings and Director of Orchestral Activities, and Dr. Shannon Lockwood, Assistant Professor of Music Theory and Cello, performed with the Jacksonville Symphony in its presentation of Giuseppe Verdi’s monumental Requiem.

Dr. Lena Schulze, Assistant Professor of Biology and Marine Science, has been awarded a sub-grant from the NSF in collaboration with FSU for her project titled, “Initiation of the Antarctic Slope Front in West Antarctica”. Dr. Schulze will continue her previous collaboration with FSU investigator Dr. Kevin Speer analyzing conductivity, temperature, and depth data that was collected during an expedition to the Bellinshausen Sea.

Assistant Professor of Music Business, Dr. Mark Snyder, presented his original composition, The Invalid’s Sonnet, to the South Carolina Chamber Music Festival in February. Joining Dr. Snyder in the performance was Professor Tony Steve, Artist-in-Residence in Percussion and Contemporary Music, and JU vocal performance major, Charly Anne Roper ’20.

Professor of Communication, Dr. Dennis Stouse judged the Florida Rotary Regional Oratory Contest for the fifth time.

This month, Ms. Katie Stuart, Clinical Field Site Coordinator for Clinical Mental Health Counseling, completed Play Therapy Training and facilitated a caregivers group for Brooks Aphasia Center.

Dr. LaTonya Summers, Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health, has been very busy.... She was appointed President-elect of the Florida Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development...
(FAMCD), nominated for induction into the Rhododendron Society, the highest award given by Appalachian State College of Education and featured in *O Magazine* in article on maintaining authenticity and mental health in the workplaces (June/July 2019 issue). Congratulations!

Jarvis Strickland was awarded best undergraduate presentation for his JU RCAS-supported research on “Surveillance of Maryland white-tailed deer for vector-borne parasites”. Jarvis was advised by Professor Matthew Tucker, Assistant Professor of Biology.

Mr. Larry Wagoner, Assistant Professor of Clinical Mental Health, continues his work as a member of the Board of Directors and a member of the Quality and Compliance Committee for Community Hospice of NE Florida and an education consultant for spiritual care for Baptist Health.

Dr. Huihui Wang, Assistant Professor and Chair, Department of Engineering, served as the Technical Program Committee Co-Chair for the “The Fourth IEEE International Workshop on Security and Privacy for Internet of Things and Cyber-Physical Systems”, in Ireland on April 15-18, 2019. Dr. Huihui Wang also co-authored the article, “An Intelligent Vision Based Sensing Approach for Spraying Droplets Deposition Detection”, Sensors 2019, 19(4), 933; [https://doi.org/10.3390/s19040933](https://doi.org/10.3390/s19040933).

Dr. Scott Watkins, Professor of Music, addressed a joint conference of The American Musicological Society and The College Music Society at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington on March 31. The focus of his presentation was reproducing vintage radio drama which showcased JU’s productions over the past decade, and featured video and audio excerpts of recent performances of “Casablanca,” staged at Terry Concert Hall in February.

Assistant Professor of Film, Professor Alex Willemin, led the inaugural Jacksonville University Phin Film Festival on Saturday, April 6th. The festival was an end of the year celebration that saw the screening of films from freshmen all the way through to senior thesis. The films were judged by an international jury which included filmmakers from across the county, Sweden, Iran, and Switzerland. Top winners received hand blown glass sculptures made by JU’s Glass program. The event will become an annual happening and is proudly renamed the Fiat Lux Film Festival, in recognition of JU’s Latin motto meaning ‘let there be light’.

The JU Jazz Faculty (The Delfini Jazz Sextet) has been invited to perform on one of the main stages of the 2019 Jacksonville Jazz Festival. The Jazz Festival will be in town May 23rd – May 26th, go out and support our faculty members.

Five nursing faculty were chosen to be inducted into the Great 100 Nurses of Northeast Florida. Dr. Jessica Shearer, Director of Undergraduate Nursing Programs, Dr. Elaine Borne, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing, Dr. Pam Rillstone, Professor of Nursing, Dr. Ashlee Loewen, Clinical Assistant
Professor of Nursing, and Dr. Kathy Kavanagh, Director of the Simulation Training & Applied Research Lab.

The **Northeast Florida Healthy Start Coalition** was awarded a 5 year, $4M+ grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services with a focus on Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health. The BRCHS is pleased to be a sub-awardee to the Healthy Start Coalition and will help with establishing a clinic in Arlington to serve pregnant mothers and infants born to the underserved population. Nursing, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and Kinesiology faculty are a part of the multi-year grant services.

JU students were well represented at the **National Conference on Undergraduate Research** hosted at Kennesaw State University in the Atlanta, GA area on April 10th-13th. Among the approximately 4600 participants at the conference, 24 JU students presented their research in a variety of disciplines from Fine Arts, STEM, Humanities, and Aviation. As always our students presented well and their work was well-received. The students were accompanied by Gretchen Bielmyer-Fraser, Janet Haavisto, Dan Moseley, and Ross Stephenson.

The inaugural **2018-2019 Student Research, Creative Activity & Scholarship (RCAS)** program is an internal grant opportunity offered by the Office of Research & Sponsored Programs (ORSP). Funding is made possible through a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation that provides support for student and faculty initiated research. The below students were awarded grants through this program: Sergio Aponte, Diego Diaz Sanchez, Gibson Arias, Tabitha Hootman, Andrew Lyons, Janel Palomo, Jarvis Strickland, Stephan VerHulst, Katrin Villinger, Carlos Adorno, Brian Champion, Candace Dickens, Michael Gonzalez, Nati Gonzalez, Austin Kelm, Kevin Lindsey-Weston, Kristen Oliver, Esther Olivo and Zoe Lin G. Rosas.

The **JU dance department** hosted 42 dance teachers from around the country to participate in a "Progressing Ballet Technique" (PBT) workshop. This revolutionary program is taking the ballet world by storm as it helps in training muscle memory to help students and teacher achieve their best ballet training.

**EVENTS**

**Future Events:**
On May 8th Lisa Rinaman will discuss Sea Level Rise & Flooding in Jacksonville at the Science on Tap event at Intuition Ale Works downtown at 6pm. You can find out information by connecting with them on Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/ScienceonTapJax/](https://www.facebook.com/ScienceonTapJax/)

**Past Events:**

Dr. Erika Ward presented “The Geometry of Gerrymandering: Why Redistricting is so Difficult and How Mathematics Can Help” at the Science on Tap event held on April 10th at Intuition Ale Works downtown.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Faculty Recognition Dinner on March 29th. We had a wonderful evening celebrating the success of our Jacksonville University faculty members. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners from the night!

*We are looking forward to gathering together with you for the 2019 graduation ceremonies. We are excited to celebrate with you the accomplishments of our students!*

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