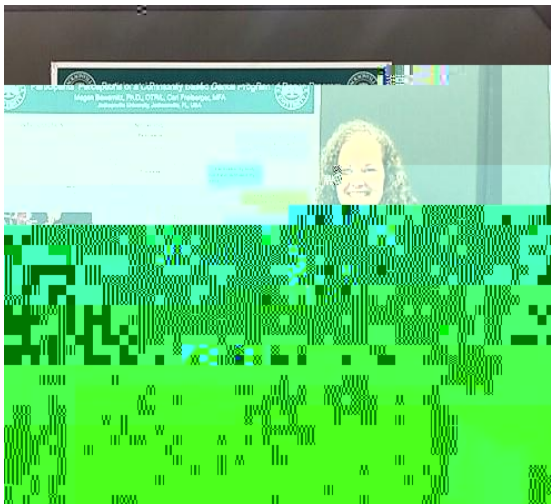


Dr. Jorge Majfud, Associate Professor of Spanish, Latin American Literature, & International Studies, was awarded an Independent International Literary Award in the published narrative category for his work *Cuahtémoc Rebelde Editores*, Acapulco 2019.



Assistant Professor of Sociology, **Prof. Shelley Grant**, taught her Media & Crime course- Fall 2019. During the course, JU students are paired with at-risk youth in the Arlington area. The JU mentors help their mentees apply to college, become involved in extracurricular activities, and encourage them to be their best selves.

On November 14th, **Dr. Megan Bewernitz**, Assistant Professor of Occupational Therapy, delivered a poster presentation entitled "Participants' Perceptions of a Community Based Dance Program" at the Gerontological Society of America Conference held in Austin, TX. Dr. Bewernitz completed this research with the assistance of Professor Cari Martin-Freiberger from the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts.



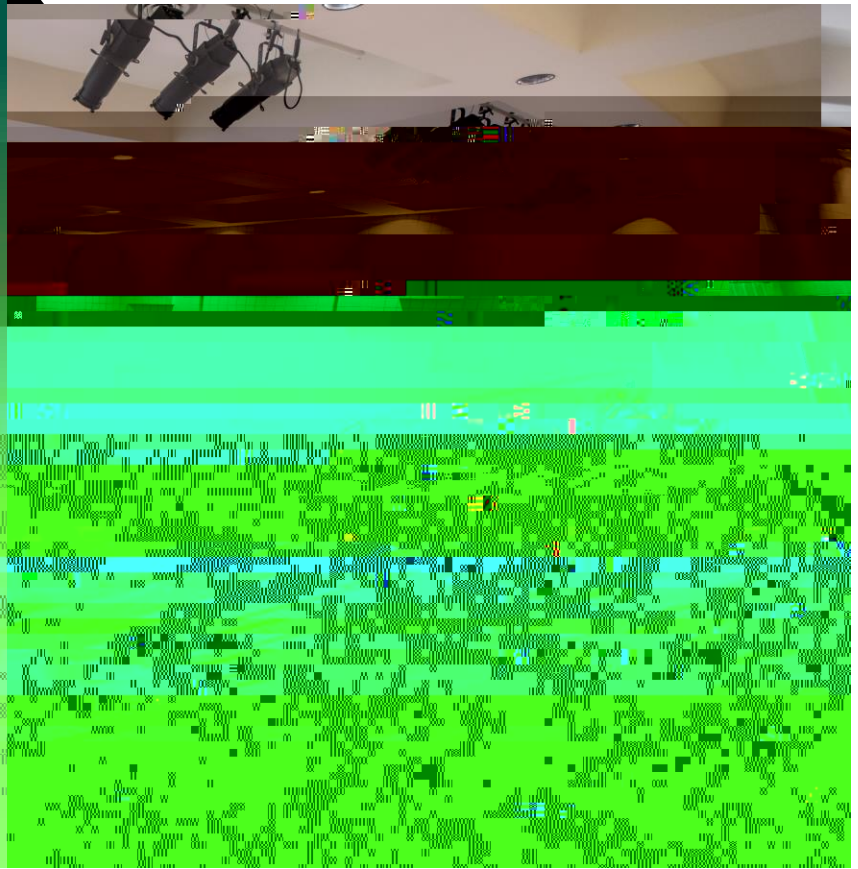
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It was with great anticipation and enthusiasm that spring 2020 classes started in the new **Health Sciences Complex** on January 6th, 2020. This state of the art, 104,000 sq. ft. building is the home for the School of Orthodontics, School of Applied Health Sciences, The Keigwin School of Nursing, and Graduate Nursing. The orthodontic clinic was busy on their opening day, January 13th, with the residents working in open bays to facilitate instruction. Two floors are currently open (about 75,000 sq. feet), and we look forward to interdisciplinary endeavors across colleges as we plan the strategy for the 3rd floor space.

The **JU research symposium** will be held March 23-24, 2020. The abstract deadline is March 1st, 2020. If you have students who wish to participate in platform presentation sessions or the advanced poster session, please have them submit an abstract and availability sheet by the deadline to their faculty representative. If you would like your class to participate, please send all of the abstracts for your class to Jeff Wight (jwight@ju.edu). This is an excellent opportunity for students to enhance their written and oral presentation skills in a formal conference setting. [More information about the symposium.](#)

On January 23rd & 24th, **Dr. Murat Tiryakioglu** and **Dean Matt Corrigan**, traveled with Mr. Joe Bove from The Stellar Group to tour Olin College of Engineering, Autocad Maker Space, James Madison University, and Nestle Idea Generation Space as they continue to plan & develop the new STEAM Institute. You can view more at our new STEAM webpage. www.ju.edu/steam

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Dr. Dorcas Kunkel, Assistant Professor of Nursing, and Dr. Mary Garner had their manuscript accepted in the

. The manuscript involves Dr. Garner's DNP project which was titled: "Quality Improvement of Pastoral Care for Major Depression in the Community of an African American Religious Organization."

Prof. Ron Edelen, Assistant Professor of Art in Graphic Design, and **Prof. Nick McNally**, Assistant Professor of Art in Illustration collaborated on research titled "

which was accepted into the competitive ICON11 Symposium. The event