



# Hello February!

## Graduate Studies Tip



**Graduating? Last chance to apply for the Spring 2023 Commencement Ceremony.**

- Late graduation applications are open until February 3rd. The hybrid Graduation Fair is open February 23-24.

**Congratulations to Dr. Brent Cunningham on his appointment as the Dean of the College of Business and Industry!**



Have exciting graduate information or news to share? Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to submit.

### Important Upcoming Dates

- **March 1st** is our Spring 2023 Graduate Programs Fair.
- **April 6th** is the Faster Master's Launch Party.
- **April 29th** is the Spring Commencement Ceremony.

## Happy 144th Birthday Jacksonville State University!

**Did you know that JSU was founded on February 22, 1883?**

JSU has known many names since it was founded in 1883: Jacksonville State Normal School, Jacksonville State Teachers College, Jacksonville State College, and in 1966 assumed the name of Jacksonville State University. JSU has seen 13 presidents, with Dr. Don C. Killingsworth Jr. serving as the current president.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

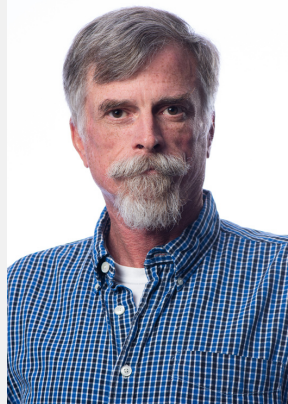
"Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year. Ours is not the struggle of one judicial appointment or presidential term. Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part." -John Lewis

"History has shown us that courage can be contagious, and hope can take on a life of its own." -Michelle Obama



## Graduate Faculty Spotlight

## DR. PAUL BEEZLEY



"In my 18 years here at JSU it has been my pleasure to work closely with numerous graduate students as an instructor, thesis director, and informal advisor. The wonderful thing about the History Master's at JSU is the ability to work closely with and to get to know students in our program. Over the years, I have learned a great deal about a variety of events, from forgotten WWI camps to the history of the Birmingham Water Works. In the best cases, I increase my own historical knowledge while guiding students through the process of historical research. Graduate school is clearly an education for the student, but also benefits the faculty member greatly by expanding our own knowledge. The department welcomes everyone who shares our interest and fascination with the past, and our curiosity of how societies around the world arrived at where we are today."



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This is a very special "Dean's Corner." Dr. Stone has accepted a new position on campus as our new Vice Provost.

Congratulations, Dr. Stone!

## Dr. Staci Stone, *Vice Provost for Academic Affairs*

"Hello! My name is Staci Stone, and I first joined JSU in 2018 to serve as the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities. My disciplinary background is in English, and I specialized at the doctoral level in nineteenth-century British literature, along with minor fields of women's studies and film studies. My areas of expertise were chosen due to my interactions with engaging faculty who were working in those areas. These professors shared interesting research topics and career advice with me. In fact, one professor even gave me a "cache" of letters in the Liverpool Record Office, and that became the focus of my dissertation. An added bonus was the need for me to travel to England to conduct the research!



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The College of Arts and Humanities offers several options for further study, including a terminal degree in visual communication and masters programs in English, history, integrated studies, and music. We also began offering graduate micro-credentials with an emphasis on pedagogy, so that those who want to teach at the college level may easily obtain the necessary eighteen hours in the content disciplines of English and history. Another interesting option in arts and humanities is the opportunity to study abroad. In fact, I just returned from London, where I taught Gothic literature to several undergraduate students and three JSU graduate students.

The College of Arts and Humanities also houses the Writing Center, which provides one-on-one writing assistance for graduate students- in person or online. That is only one of the myriad ways that JSU supports students. If you need help- with tutoring, counseling, food, healthcare- please reach out to a JSU faculty or staff member, who will point you toward these free resources. Above all, enjoy your studies and connect with your professors as you progress towards graduation. Good luck with your graduate school journey."

## College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Programs

The College of Arts & Humanities houses a large variety of graduate programs. See one that you are interested in? Click on the program to visit each program's page!

- [Visual Communication Design \(MFA\)](#)
- [Music- General Music: Instrumental \(MA\)](#)
- [Music- General Music: Vocal-Choral \(MA\)](#)
- [Music Education P-12: Instrumental \(MA\)\\*\\*](#)
- [Music Education P-12: Vocal-Choral \(MA\)\\*\\*](#)
- [Integrated Studies \(MA\)](#)
- [English \(MA\)](#)
- [History- Teaching College U.S. History\\*](#)
- [History- Teaching College World History\\*](#)
- [English- Teaching College Literature\\*](#)
- [English- Teaching College Writing\\*](#)
- [History \(MA\)](#)



(\*) Graduate Certificate (\*\*) Alternative Class A option offered