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## FACULTY SPOTLIGHT - DR. JANET BAVONESE

Dr. Janet L. Bavonese currently serves Jax State as Assistant Vice Provost for Advising and is an Associate Professor in CEPS. She teaches in the Reading Specialist Master's Program and considers it a privilege to guide reading professionals in applying theory to practice in RDG 572, 573, 574, and 575. Dr. Bavonese holds an MSE in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) from St. Thomas University, an MSE in Reading Specialist from Jax State, and an Ed.D. in Elementary Education with a concentration in Literacy from University of AL. She came to JSU as a student in 2005 after moving from FL to work at the AL State Department of Education for the Alabama Reading Initiative. Although she already had a Master's in TESOL, Dr. Bavonese wanted to engage more with the local community of educators and so she visited Jax State to enroll in the Reading Specialist Program. She earned a Reading Specialist Master's Degree and began adjunct teaching in the CEPS. Dr. Bavonese joined the faculty several years later and went on to serve in multiple administrative roles at the college, including Department Head of Curriculum and Instruction, Associate Dean, and Interim Dean. From there, she went to her current position of Assistant Vice Provost for Advising where she is currently managing the revision of undergraduate academic and career advising across campus.

Dr. Bavonese has a range of experience and knowledge relating to student success. As part of the Jax State Student Success Team, she contributes to improving student persistence and retention. She is the recipient of multiple state and federal grants and served as content area expert on others. Under her direction over the past two and a half years, the university flipped from an undergraduate faculty-based advising model to a professional advisement team. Managing a large team across the five colleges, she actively leads to build advisement protocols that benefit Jax State students. The initiative is aligned with NACADA, the global community for advising and resides in Student Success. Professional development is a large component of the advising initiative and many faculty/staff are engaged with the team. Dr. Bavonese regularly presents Jax State advising at national and state conferences. She is the recipient of the NACADA Assessment Institute Scholarship, serves as a NACADA Administrative Mentor, is in process for two specialized NACADA micro credentials, one focusing on advising theory and another on advanced professional development, and is under consideration for NACADA faculty at the Administrators and Assessment Institutes.

Dr. Bavonese is married and has one daughter who lives abroad in New Zealand. Her husband is retired. While they have no grandchildren, they do have a very spoiled cat (Noel) and dog (Kringel), both of which have plenty of toys and treats. She enjoys reading and talking about books with others. She recently read, "The Measure," "Critical Conversations," and a trilogy about ancient Rome's Vesta temples and its priestesses. Her Kindle is always close by! While she reads multiple genres, historical fiction is her favorite. She and her husband also enjoy watching historical fiction shows and documentaries. They travel widely and have been to New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii, Alaska, Greece, Sicily, Turkey, Canada, and multiple destinations in Europe. More travel is upcoming as she and her husband are planning a trip this summer to London and then on to Norway to learn more about the Vikings and Nordic life.



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