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### Promising student research focuses on insider threats



MBA student Chris Brown (left) and Associate Business Dean Alison Watkins, Ph.D.

Chris Brown wants to find the next Edward Snowden before he strikes. The USF St. Petersburg [College of Business](#) graduate student is researching a new way for government agencies and businesses to identify potential insider threats like Snowden, the former National Security Agency contractor who admitted leaking classified information. "The NSA has the ability to track what people do on computers but they're not making sense of all that data," Brown explains. Brown is working closely with Alison Watkins, USFSP professor of information systems and associate dean for graduate and certificate programs. They have published three research papers for national conferences and are in discussions with a major U.S. bank about testing the method.

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### St. Petersburg mayoral candidates appear at forum



More than 120 people turned out Tuesday for the [first mayoral forum](#) of the St. Petersburg general election, held at the [University Student Center](#). The forum, moderated by USFSP Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D., focused on economic development and small businesses and featured incumbent Mayor Bill Foster and challenger Rick Kriseman. It was the latest in a series of candidate forums sponsored by USF St. Petersburg. Frank Biafora, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will moderate televised forums at St. Petersburg City Council Chambers on Oct. 14 for Mayoral candidates and Oct. 16 for City Council candidates.

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Poynter Library presents Banned Books Week talk



[Journalism and Media Studies](#) Professor Bob Dardenne, Ph.D. (left), and [Honors Program](#) Director and Political Science Professor Thomas Smith, Ph.D., will explore "[Surveillance & Censorship in a Changing Culture](#)" on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m. at Poynter Corner at the [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#). The event is free and open to the public as part of the library's annual Banned Books Week discussion series. The discussion will include topics such as how technology affects journalism and whether the government keeps too many secrets.

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## Guy Harvey shark film draws big crowd to USC



The ballroom at the [University Student Center](#) was filled with more than 300 Guy Harvey fans Wednesday night for a [special free screening](#) of his new documentary film, *Tiger Shark Express*. Harvey (photo above), who has a Ph.D. in marine biology, is best known for his colorful paintings of sportfish on clothing, posters and prints. After the screening, Harvey answered questions from the audience and signed autographs. | Student photo by Tommy Boyd

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## Students present research on Ethiopia, technology



The [Student Research Colloquium Series](#) kicks off at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#) with presentations about Ethiopia and near-infrared spectroscopy technology (NIRS). William Nicks, a graduate student in Psychology working with Psychology Professor Christina Salnaitis, Ph.D., will discuss "The Effectiveness & Operation of NIRS Technologies." Elizabeth Southard Razzouk, a December 2012 Anthropology graduate who worked with Anthropology Professor John Arthur, Ph.D., in Ethiopia during the past two summers, will discuss "Ethiopia Experiences: Field School in the Gamo Highlands." The colloquium series continues on the third Wednesday of each month at noon at Poynter Corner.

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## Upcoming Events

### [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#)

Student Research Colloquium

Wednesday, Sept. 18

Noon

### [Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#)

Surveillance & Censorship in a Changing Culture

Thursday, Sept. 19

3:30 p.m.

### [USFSP Campus Board](#)

Regional Chancellor's Welcome Reception

Thursday, Sept. 19

5:30 p.m.

### [Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Pinellas County College Fair

Sunday, Sept. 22

1 p.m.

### [USFSP Campus Board](#)

Campus Board meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 24  
9 a.m.

[Undergraduate Admissions](#)

Open House  
Saturday, Sept. 28  
9 a.m.

[Nelson Poynter Memorial Library](#)

Reflections from Vietnam Summer Study Abroad  
Tuesday, Oct. 8  
4 p.m.