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2005 Open Enrollment | Sept. 15, 2004 to Oct. 15, 2004. The USF St. Petersburg Benefits Fair is Wednesday, Oct. 6 in CAC from 9 am to 4 pm. Contact Michele Holton at 3-4105 for more information.

Automatic fire sprinkler systems will be tested Thursday, Sept. 23 in the following buildings: CRL, KRC, CAC, Williams House, and Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. The inspection, by DaBo Fire Inspection & Service, includes complete visual walk through and silent testing of alarms. This is a requirement enforced by the State Fire Marshall. Please call the Physical Plant with any questions at 553-4134 or 553-4135.

Florida Studies is sponsoring a lecture, "Changes in Florida's Rivers Over the Past Century: What the Average Person Doesn't Know," by Joann Mossa, PhD, a University of Florida geographer. The lecture has been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 30 at 7:30 pm in DAV130. The event is free and open to the public.

Save the Date: The USF St. Petersburg Fall Open House is Oct 23 from 10 am to 2 pm in the CAC. To participate, please call John Vassel at 553-4002.

University Relations Hosts First Final Friday
As the first month of the Fall semester wraps up, staff and faculty are invited to the first Final Friday of the year, hosted by the Regional Chancellor and University Relations this Friday, Sept. 24 from 5 - 6:30 pm at the Williams House.

During this Final Friday, take a break from the recent hurricane-related stress and socialize with other campus members while enjoying post-hurricane comfort food and "hurricane punch."

Final Friday receptions are the last Friday of each month and are sponsored by different departments on campus.

This month's sponsor, University Relations plans strategic marketing and public relations for USF St. Petersburg including media relations, special events, the campus Web site and eNews. For more information, see: Flier

Musical Conversations Features Regional Chancellor
USF St. Petersburg’s Town & Gown's first event of the year, "Musical Conversations," is a musical extravaganza featuring a performance by Karen A. White, USF St. Petersburg regional chancellor, Wednesday, Sept. 29 at 7:30 pm.

The event, free and open to the public, will be held at the Palladium Theatre located at 253 5th Ave. North. It will also feature Kay Lowe, soprano, and James Johnson on piano. Town & Gown was established in 1999 to promote understanding and friendship between the
The executive board of Town & Gown is extremely enthusiastic to host Dr. White’s recital and is privileged to be honored by this presentation, said Judy Altenhoff, Town & Gown president.

Get Moving with Latin Dancing Next Week
Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with the Center for Multicultural Affairs by stepping to “A Night of Latin Dancing” next Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6 pm in the CAC. The Bayou Dance Club of Pinellas Park will provide traditional Latin Dancing instruction to participants of all dance levels. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Monica White at whitem@stpt.usf.edu.

Colloquium to Honor Dr. David Stenmark
To honor his contributions to the field of psychology and to the community, the Psychological Science Program will present, “The Scholar-Practitioner: A Tribute to the Career of David Stenmark,” a memorial colloquium Thursday, Sept. 30 at 4 pm in DAV130.

Free and open to the public, the colloquium is the first of the USF St. Petersburg psychology department's 2004-05 colloquium series and will include presentations by former students and colleagues.

Stenmark was a professor of psychology at USF from 1974 to 2003, most recently teaching at USF St. Petersburg. He served as director of the doctoral program in Clinical/Community Psychology at USF Tampa, was a Fellow in the American Psychological Association and recipient of USF’s 1987-1988 Outstanding Teacher Award.

Janet Kaul, USF St. Petersburg senior, said, “He gave me the direction in my life, to search for my passion and find happiness within the things that I do.”

Professor Discusses Research on Voice of America
Andrew Price-Smith, PhD, recently spoke in a joint-interview about the affect of the AIDS epidemic on the Zimbabwe economy and government to the international Voice of America radio station. Price-Smith, assistant professor in USF St. Petersburg's Environmental Science, Policy and Geography Program of Distinction, was joined by co-author John Daly, PhD, associate professor of public administration at USF.

The interview was based on research for, Downward Spiral: HIV/AIDS, State Capacity and Political Conflict in Zimbabwe, a report for the United States Institute of Peace.

"Once regarded as the emerging star of postcolonial Africa, Zimbabwe is now a nation teetering on the brink of economic and political collapse," said Price-Smith.

"Plus, Zimbabwe has one of the highest levels of HIV/AIDS in the world – about 34 percent of their adult population is infected.”

Price-Smith and Daly’s study traces the effects of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on both the withering economy and Zimbabwe government. The authors offer a set of policy recommendations for the international community and for the U.S. government to ameliorate the spread of HIV in Zimbabwe.
Price-Smith's most recent book is *The Health of Nations: Environmental Change, Infectious Disease and its Effects on National Security and Development*. He has served as an advisor to the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Defense.

The full report is located at [www.usip.org/pubs/peaceworks/pwks53.html](http://www.usip.org/pubs/peaceworks/pwks53.html).

Forensic DNA Course for Lawyers Available on Campus

Because forensic DNA evidence has become increasingly important in the courtroom, USF St. Petersburg and the National Forensic Science Technology Center are offering, “Forensic DNA Evidence: Case Law Update & Strategy Development,” the second in a series of continuing legal education courses. The course will be held at USF St. Petersburg's Nelson Poynter Memorial Library Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 am to 1 pm.

The course costs $95 and covers the basics of DNA, case law update on DNA evidence, strategy development, opening and closing statements and ethical considerations. The Florida Bar has approved the course for Continuing Legal Education (3.5 General Credits, including 0.5 Ethics).

Instructor Gregory L. Hill, Esquire, is a criminal defense attorney admitted to The Florida Bar, United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, and United States Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit. Mr. Hill has handled numerous jury trials including death penalty cases. DNA evidence was a litigated issue in seven of his jury trials and the subject of numerous consultations by other attorneys that did not go to trial.

For more information, or to register for the course, please visit USF St. Petersburg College of Arts and Sciences Web site at [http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/dna.htm](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/dna.htm) or call 553-4156.

I Am USF St. Petersburg: Hugh LaFollette

Eastern Tennessee State University's loss was USF St. Petersburg's gain when Hugh LaFollette agreed to accept the Marie and Leslie E. Cole Chair in Ethics in the summer of 2004. Adding assurance that he'd made the right decision to move to St. Petersburg from Johnson City, TN, was a startling coincidence. On the very same day that College of Arts and Sciences Dean Mark Durand called to offer him the Cole Chair, LaFollette's daughter Rachel phoned her parents to say that she was moving to Tampa.

"The Cole Chair provides a unique opportunity to fill an academic need and to serve the public," said LaFollette. “The challenges are substantial and the possibilities enormous.”

LaFollette's immediate agenda includes developing a variety of workshops, lectures and discussion groups. The first event is a presentation by Bryan Norton from the School of Public Policy at Georgia Tech, "Defining Biodiversity: Do We Know What We Are Trying to Save?" The event will be held Monday, Oct. 11 at 7 pm in DAV130.

>> [read more](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/dna.htm)

Nilo Cruz Kicks Off National Hispanic Heritage Month

Nilo Cruz, the first and only Latino Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, kicked-off the campus National Hispanic Heritage Month on Monday with a presentation and readings from his play, *Anna in the Tropics*. Cruz entertained a crowd of more than 100 people, including the cast and crew from *Anna in Tropics*, currently being performed at American Stage.

“I am so thrilled that Mr. Cruz was our featured speaker for National”
Hispanic Heritage Month,” said Monica White, coordinator of the Office of Multicultural Affairs. “He truly captivated the crowd and gave us all additional insight into the world of Cuban playwrights.”

Anna in the Tropics is the story of Cuban immigration and the development of Ybor City. For events during National Hispanic Heritage Month or the Office of Multicultural Affairs, contact White at 553-4845 or whitem@stpt.usf.edu.

Student Publishes First Book, Collection of Poems

Business major Heather E. Linton published her first book this month, Changing Sky: A Collection of Poems, which features an array of poems covering five years of a growing teen's life. The scope of subjects includes: love, religion and regular occurrences of teenage life and the emotions that result from them.

Linton said she began writing poetry at 14, originally for self-release, but as time passed and her love for poetry grew, she focused more on the deeper, less appreciated moments in life often neglected by her peers. She said she plans to continue writing in her spare time between school and a full-time job.

Changing Sky: A Collection of Poems is currently available at www.authorhouse.com and will be in most Barnes & Nobles, Borders and at www.amazon.com by mid-October.

See: Samples

USF St. Petersburg Cares

September Blood Drive
The September Blood Drive is Thursday, Sept. 23 with buses at two locations: Davis Hall from 10:30 am to 6 pm and FMR1 from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Donors receive a T-shirt and coupons for the Florida Aquarium.

Did you know:
- 90% of those who live to age 70 will need a blood transfusion?
- Close to 700 pints of blood are needed every day in Tampa Bay.

For more information, contact Barry McDowell at 553-4990 or mcdowell@stpt.usf.edu.

Build Homes with Habitat for Humanity
Volunteers are needed to help with the construction of a home in Pinellas County for Habitat for Humanity Saturday, Oct. 2 from 8 am to noon. Family and friends are invited to participate. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Barry McDowell at 553-4990 or mcdowell@stpt.usf.edu.

Campus Beach Cleanup Rescheduled
The Keep Pinellas Beautiful Beach Cleanup scheduled this week has been changed to Saturday, Oct. 23. For more information or to volunteer, contact Barry McDowell at 553-4990 or mcdowell@stpt.usf.edu.

Help Animals at Annual Paws on Parade Pet Walk
This year USF St. Petersburg will continue its annual tradition of participating in the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal's Paws on Parade Pet Walk. Proceeds from the event benefit the local Pinellas County SPCA, which helps
homeless and abused animals.

Festivities for the Paws on Parade Pet Walk begin Saturday, Oct. 23 at 8:30 am at North Shore Park in downtown St. Petersburg. If you would like to support the USF St. Petersburg "Tiger Team," you can register to participate or make a donation. For more information, contact co-captains Sudsy Tschiderer at 553-4842 or Barry McDowell at 553-4622.

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**Calendar of Events**

The USF Web Calendar of Events can advertise to campus-wide faculty, staff and to the general public. Events may include lectures, conferences, ceremonies, concerts, sporting events, scholarship events, fundraising events and exhibits. The best way to submit your event is to use the central news, events and announcements submission form located here: [http://www.stpt.usf.edu/news/submissions.htm](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/news/submissions.htm)

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