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## Points of Pride: Academic Affairs News and Accomplishments

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### Letter from the Interim RVCAA



"Change is constant." Nowhere does that statement ring more true than our experience in the last academic year and now---leadership changes and transitions, consolidation, reaffirming USFSP's identity, and joining the ranks of a pre-eminent university. All these bring both excitement and anxiety as we ask what our place is in the "new order." How do we see the challenges as opportunity and create a robust institution where students remain at the center of what we do? How do

we move forward and yet remember the past as a way of identifying those core values that we must retain in the ever changing terrain of American higher education? In the face of change, we remain firm in our commitment to teaching, research and public service. In this edition of Points of Pride, we highlight and celebrate the resilience and dedication of our faculty and staff, and their commitment to putting students at the center of our enterprise.

This academic year, USFSP welcomed 1,137 new FTIC and transfer students, 2,839 continuing/returning undergraduate students and 531 graduate students. The class of 2022 was formerly inducted at two convocation ceremonies in June and August, while we also held our first-ever Summer Commencement for new

graduates . The campus welcomed 8 new tenure track faculty, many from R-1 institutions, to join the ranks of our dedicated student-centered and community-engaged faculty who are doing impactful research and creative work.

Our Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Allyson Watson, was honored as the STEM Woman of the Year by Girls Inc of Pinellas County. Dr. Ray Arsenault, the John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History, made national rounds discussing his newest book "Arthur Ashe: A Life," an extensive biography of the tennis legend and civil rights icon. You can listen to interviews with Dr. Arsenault on NPR, PBS, and other media outlets, as well as on WUSF, where he was interviewed by USFSP student Dinorah Prevost. And our Kate Tiedemann College of Business launched its Consumer Insight and Sales Lab, providing students the unique opportunity to learn from and participate in professional consumer focus groups.

Our Student Advising Center under the leadership of Ms. Cynthia Collins received the highest marks on the USF System 2016/2017 Graduating Senior Survey. USFSP students rated highly their access to advisors, quality of academic advising services and the time advisors are willing to spend with students. The students also gave high marks to advisors for encouraging them to explore campus resources related to career options and their majors.

Great accomplishments are happening, initiatives in swing and more are on the horizon. It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you to the 2018/2019 Academic Year.

Sincerely,  
Olufunke A. Fontenot  
Interim Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

### **Pilot Project: USFSP Open Access Publication Fund**

Made available through the Office of Academic Affairs and in collaboration with the Research Office and the Library, the [USFSP Open Access Publication Fund](#) is a pilot project supporting open access fees when article publication charges (APCs) are not covered by grants or other funding sources. The Office of Academic Affairs will support up to \$2000 per article, regardless of the number of USFSP co-authors, until the fund is expended. An author is limited to funding for one article per fiscal year.

### **Ready for an Emergency**

Is your Canvas course ready for an emergency? [Watch our latest video](#) to make sure you're prepared. The [Emergency Preparedness for Your Course](#) document shares information



and tutorials that enable faculty to use Canvas to teach and communicate with their students if campus is closed for an extended period of time due to an emergency.

## International Student Welcome



Global Initiatives Coffee Social welcomed new and continuing international students as well as study abroad alumni. Faculty and staff joined the campus community to talk about the students' experiences while being abroad. New and continuing international students also had the chance to speak on their experiences. Global Initiatives seeks to host more events to promote community, inclusion and cultural connectivity.

## Staff Spotlight: Cyndie Collins

Cyndie Collins is the first and only Director of USFSP's Academic Advising Center. Under her leadership, the Advising Center received the highest marks in the System from students who completed the 2016/2017 Graduating Senior Survey. USFSP students rated highly their access to advisors, quality of academic advising services and the time advisors are willing to spend with students. The USFSP students also gave high marks to advisors for encouraging them to explore campus resources related to career options and their majors.



Always taking extra steps to meet student needs, Cyndie and her team established a system of loading individualized plans for students to graduate within four years and structured checkpoints to ensure that they stay on track. Cyndie says she "is proud to work with an exceptional group of professionals who are dedicated to our students' success."

Cyndie currently serves on the Student Success Consolidation Work Group as well as on numerous committees that range from addressing student academic petitions through the Academic Regulations Committee to working with Institutional Technology on developing programming for student degree audits.

## New Faculty

### College of Arts & Sciences



#### **Dr. Sean Doody, Assistant Professor of Integrative Biology**

Dr. Sean Doody received his Ph.D. in Applied Ecology from the University of Canberra in Australia in 2002. Subsequently, he held three different postdoctoral research fellowships, held visiting assistant professor positions, and worked as an environmental consultant. Dr. Doody divides his time between conservation biology, community ecology, and behavioral ecology. While his research focuses on reptiles, he also works with amphibians, birds, and mammals. He has received numerous research grants and published over fifty journal articles. At present, he is writing a book titled "Social Behavior in Reptiles" that will be published by Johns Hopkins University Press in 2019.



#### **Dr. Yasin Elshorbany, Assistant Professor of Environmental Chemistry**

Dr. Yasin Elshorbany received his Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Wuppertal in 2010 and worked until 2014 as a postdoctoral fellow at the Max-Planck Institute for Chemistry—both in Germany. He spent three years as a Research Scientist at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center and the University of Maryland in College Park and, most recently, as a Research Scientist at the Cooperative Institute for Research and Environmental Sciences (CIRES) at the University of Colorado in Boulder. His research interests include arctic climate feedbacks, climate risks on the economy, land-atmosphere interactions, air quality, and climate change. He is an author on twenty-one peer-reviewed articles and arrives with an active grant.



#### **Dr. Alison Gainsbury, Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences**

Dr. Alison Gainsbury received her Ph.D. in Integrative Biology-Ecology, Evolution and Behavior from the University of Texas in Austin and spent one year as a postdoctoral fellow at Tel Aviv University working with a macroecology working group. Her research seeks to understand the interplay between ecological and evolutionary mechanisms shaping patterns of biodiversity across multiple spatial scales.

The goal of her research ultimately is to enhance the ability to predict which species are most vulnerable to extinction by uncovering new principles and applications for biodiversity conservation. She is an author on four peer-reviewed articles.



**Dr. Erin Stewart Mauldin, Assistant Professor of History**

Dr. Erin Mauldin received her Ph.D. in Environmental History from Georgetown University in 2014 and comes to USFSP from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. She studies the intersection of race, environment, and economic inequality in the nineteenth-century U.S. South. Her monograph, "Unredeemed Land: An Environmental History of Civil War and Emancipation in the Cotton South," was published by Oxford University Press in October 2018. She also holds an associate editorship with the journal, *Agricultural History*, serving as its Book Review Editor. She co-edited the Wiley-Blackwell Companion to "Global Environmental History"

and has published three articles and two book chapters. In addition, she has book chapters forthcoming in "The Oxford Handbook to Reconstruction" and "Perspectives on Environment and Social Justice in the Age of the Anthropocene."



**Dr. Shelly Wagers, Assistant Professor of Criminology**

Dr. Shelly Wagers received her Ph.D. in Criminology from the University of South Florida in 2012 and comes to USFSP from Radford University in Virginia. She brings real-life experience to the classroom, having worked as a sexual and domestic violence prevention trainer and served as a sworn law enforcement officer. The blend of academic scholarship and practical experience means that she has firsthand knowledge of the organizational behaviors of the criminal justice system and a philosophical knowledge of the social forces that influence our theories regarding the intersection of law, crime and the justice process. She has published four papers and has two additional forthcoming journal articles.

*Kate Tiedemann College of Business*

**Dr. Fang-Chun Liu, Assistant Professor of Accounting**

Dr. Fang-Chun Liu received her Ph.D. in Business Administration from Temple University. Before joining USFSP, she served as a faculty member at Stevens Institute of Technology. Professor Liu's research investigates emerging questions spanning across accounting and information systems, especially the interaction of these two disciplines. Her research interests include strategic cost and performance management, corporate governance, intangibles, executive compensation, financial reporting quality, and the financial implications of information technology investment. Professor Liu has presented her research at the most prestigious international conferences in Accounting and Information Systems areas. Her work has been published in *International Journal of Operations and Production Management*, *Information & Management*, and the *Proceedings of International Conference on Information Systems*.



**Dr. Huijian Dong, Associate Professor of Finance, Director of the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Center and Department Chair for Finance, Economics, Entrepreneurship**

Dr. Huijian Dong received his PhD in financial economics from the University of Delaware and earned the chartered financial analyst (CFA) designation in 2015. His primary teaching includes Fixed Income Asset Pricing, Derivatives, and Advanced Topics in Finance. As Director of the Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Center he will be responsible for the Student Management Investment Fund. Students from his investment classes will be helping manage the fund. His current research interest focuses on investment strategies and asset valuation. He has more than 20 publications on research journals including *Journal of Business*, *International Business Research*, *Journal of Finance and Investment Analysis*, *British Journal of Mathematics & Computer Science*, *Economics Research International*, and *Journal of Computations and Modeling*.



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**Theresa Burress, Science Librarian**

Ms. Burress provides research assistance, library instruction, and collection development support for the faculty and students in biology, geospatial, and environmental science programs as well as their associated chemistry,

physics, and mathematics courses. Most recently she worked at New College where she led the library's data science efforts. She was a science librarian at the USGS Coastal & Marine Science Center and has been the co-Chair of the St. Petersburg Science Festival. Theresa's research has focused on data literacies and using Wikipedia as a tool for library instruction. In 2017, she was nationally recognized by *Library Journal* as a "Mover & Shaker" for her innovative efforts on digital scholarship and public science events. She has a Masters in Library Science from the University of Maryland and a B.A. from Florida State University.



**David Shedden, Special Collections Librarian**

Mr. Shedden leads the Special Collections and University Archives and provides research assistance, library instruction, and collection development support for journalism, history, political science, and Florida Studies. David was a researcher and the Director of the Library at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies. In the recent past, he conducted research and compiled an extensive resource guide about the history of civil rights, social justice, and equality related to Pulitzers for a special Poynter Institute event marking the 100th anniversary of the Pulitzer Prizes. Earlier in his career, he was

the archivist who created the Nelson Poynter Archives, one of the Library's core special collections. David received his Master of Library & Information Science and an MA in history from USF.

## **Projects & Events Involving Community Engagement**

### *College of Arts and Sciences*

Dr. Barnali Dixon, PI and Executive Director of iCAR, and Dr. Rebecca Johns, Director of Community Outreach and Education for iCAR, are organizing a community climate education series that launches on October 2nd. This is a once a month series of topics related to climate change and our local area, and will be held at the Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in St. Petersburg. The project is a collaboration between the Parks & Recreation Department of the City of St. Petersburg, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve and USFSP iCAR. The series runs through April, 2019. More information can be found at:

<http://www.usfsp.edu/icar/community-outreach-and-education/>

### *Kate Tiedemann College of Business*

KTCOB Beta Alpha Psi Chapter (Honors Organization) made Superior Chapter status, for the tenth year! Professor Patty Gaukel and five students attended the BAP Annual meeting in Washington DC and participated in the Community Service event "A Day of Literacy"



### *College of Education*

COE will be hosting a sneak preview of its new STEM INQ Innovation Lab for all USF St. Petersburg faculty and staff on October 17 from 6-8pm on the second floor of Coquina Hall. Faculty and staff are also invited to the Open House of the Lab during the St. Petersburg Science Festival on October 20 between 10am-4pm.

## Accolades & Accomplishments

### *College of Arts and Sciences*

Dr. Marie Leite, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, is the Co-Organizer of an IEEE competitively selected workshop: The 2nd Data Engineering Meets Intelligent Food and Cooking Recipes (DECOR 2019) workshop to be held in conjunction with the 35th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering, Macau SAR, CHINA, April 2019.

Dr. Frederic Leveziel, Assistant Professor of French and Spanish, was a Visiting Research Scholar in the Department of Film, Television and Digital Media at University of California Los Angeles during the Summer of 2018.

Dr. Jill McCracken Associate Professor of English, is currently holding a Fulbright Specialist position in New Zealand on "The Impact of Sex Work Legislation on Violence and Trafficking."

Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Associate Professor of Political Science, will be escorting a bi-partisan delegation of political leaders from the U.S. to Australia for the American Council of Young Political Leaders in conjunction with the U.S. Embassy in Australia and the U.S. Department of State.

Dr. Adrian O'Connor, Associate Professor of History, was a 2018 NEH summer seminar fellow. The fellowship supported Dr. O'Connor's participation in a three-week seminar at the Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago. The seminar, entitled "Invisible Bonds: the Enlightenment Science of Society from Mandeville to Hegel," brought together eighteen scholars from a range of disciplines and from across the country to discuss critical works and themes in Enlightenment thought. The work for this seminar was closely related to Dr. O'Connor's current book project, "Sentiment, Society, and Statecraft in Revolutionary France."

### *Kate Tiedemann College of Business*

Dr. Maria T. Caban-Garcia, Associate Professor of Accounting, served as a panelist in the "Keeping it Real Discussion" session, at The PhD Project Accounting Faculty Alumni Association (AFAA) Conference in Washington, DC, on August 5, 2018.

Dr. Mike Sinclair, Instructor of Accounting, serves on the Delta Sigma Pi National Fraternity's Finance Committee. The chapter received several awards, such as the "Most improved collegiate chapter of the Southern Province" and "Outstanding Alumni Relations for a collegiate chapter of the southern province.

The KTCOB received confirmation that the AACSB peer review team recommendation to extend accreditation for the degree programs in accounting offered by USFSP was concurred with by the Accounting Accreditation Committee (ACC) and ratified by the Board of Directors.

KTCOB is on track for 100+ internships for credit for calendar year 2018.

The Program of Accountancy successfully started the Online Accounting Program for the USF System with 25 students enrolled for Fall 2018.

### *College of Education*

Dr. Allyson Watson, Dean of the College of Education, was recognized as the 2018 Girls Incorporated of Pinellas STEM Woman of the Year. Watson was recognized for her many contributions to educating children in the fields of science, technology, education and math (STEM) locally.

Dr. Bill Heller, Director of the Bishop Center for Ethical Leadership, received the prestigious Dr. Landis M Stetler Award on August 16th, 2018 for his years of service to special education in the state of Florida. Dr. Stetler was Director of Special Education for Florida from 1973 to 1992.

### *Nelson Poynter Memorial Library*

Tina Neville, Librarian, was honored as the 2018 Florida Librarian of the Year by the Florida Library Association.

Tina Neville and Deb Henry were awarded the 2018 Edward R. Swanson Best of LRTS Publication Award by the Library Resources & Technical Services, Association of College & Research Libraries.

## **Publications**

### *College of Arts and Sciences*

Bundrick, S. (2018). "Reading Rhapsodes on Athenian Vases," in J. Ready and C. Tsagalis, eds., *Homer in Performance: Rhapsodes, Characters, and Narrators*. University of Texas Press, pp. 76-97.

Cecil, D.K. (2018). "Newsworthiness of reform: prison news stories in an era of change." *Journal of Crime and Justice*.

Jackson, K., Southard, E., O'Donnell, S. and Arthur, J. (2018). Estimating Crown

Conch (*Melongena corona*) Tissue Weight from Archaeological Shell Measurements: An Allometric Methodology for Coastal Historical Ecological Research," *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, 21: pp. 107-116. This article was just published in the top-tier archaeology journal. The first three authors are former USFSP Anthropology Undergraduates who began working on this research in 2012.

Leite, M., Chen-Charpentier, B. & Augusto, F. B. "Maximizing tree harvesting benefit from forests under insect infestation disturbances." *PLoS ONE* 13(8): e0200575.

Leveziel, F. (2018). "La Grande Illusion, retour aux sources." France and the Memory of the Great War, Special Issue of *Lingua Romana*, vol. 13.

Loughran, Thomas A. & Reid, Joan. A. (2018). "A Longitudinal Investigation of Trauma Exposure, Retraumatization, and Post-Traumatic Stress of Justice-Involved Adolescents", OJJDP-Sponsored, *NCJ* 252015.

Michael, M. C., ed. (2018). "21st-Century-Fiction and the City." *Literary Urban Studies Series*.

Michael, M. C. "Chapter 1: Introduction" and " Chapter 3: "The Cosmopolitan Potential of Urban England: John McGregor's *If Nobody Speaks of Remarkable Things*." In *21st-Century-Fiction and the City*.

O'Shea, T.J., Takeuchi, N.Y., Weijs, L., Marsh, H. (2018). Ecotoxicology of the Sirenia in the Twenty-First Century In M.C. Fossi and C. Panti (Eds.), *Marine Mammal Ecotoxicology* (pp. 429-456).

### *Kate Tiedemann College of Business*

Wadlinger, N. & Pacini, C., Stowell, N., Hopwood, W., and Sinclair, D. (2018) "Domestic Asset Tracing and Recovery of Hidden Assets and the Spoils of Financial Crime," *St. Mary's Law Journal*: Vol. 49 : No. 3 , Article 3.

### *College of Education*

Brice, A., & Swartz, J. (2018). "Linguistic and cognitive deficits in autoimmune encephalopathy." In R. Branski & S. Molfenter (Ed.s), *Cases: Speech-language pathology*.

Rosengrant, D., Strieker, T.S., and Callahan, B., (2018). "Promising Practices in Teacher Induction by Means of Structured Coaching & Mentoring Conducted Face to Face or Virtually." *Athens: ATINER'S Conference Paper Series*, No: EDU2018-2450.

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Clark, M., & Burrell, T. (2018). "Modeling Scholarship for Sound Students Through Wikipedia." In *Information Literacy in Music: An Instructor's Companion*, edited by Beth Christensen and Erin Conor, 68-74.

Dunleavy, C. (2018). "Report on data review & communication during Florida academic libraries' catalog migration." In Bernhardt et al (Eds), *What's Past is Prologue: Charleston Conference Proceedings*.

van Beynen, K. & Burrell, T. (2018). "Debris, Diatoms, and Dolphins: Tracking Child Engagement at a Public Science Festival." *International Journal of Science Education, Part B*.

## Faculty Grants and Awards

Brice, A., & Hinckley, J. (2017-2018). BRIDGE: Building Research Initiatives by Developing Group Effort. Patient Centered Research Outcomes Initiatives. \$225,714.

Ambush, H. Renewal of Juvenile Welfare Board Grant for Prep for Middle School Success Program. \$235,000.

## Conference Presentations

### *College of Arts and Sciences*

Armstrong, J B. Participant in "We Who Believe in Freedom: A Symposium on Teaching Civil Rights" at Ohio State University.

Keeler, J. "Inhospitable Chairs: Everyday Insults That Negatively Impact Higher-weight Individuals" at the Sixth Annual Weight Stigma Conference in Leeds, UK.

McCracken, J. & Brantly, J.L. "Applying Harm Reduction to HIV and Sex Worker Advocacy." A workshop conducted at the International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

McLauchlan, J. "Civic Engagement in the Online Classroom." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston.

Starks, L. "Ovidian Theatricality, Masculinity, and the Protean Stage-Jew in Marlowe's *The Jew of Malta*." International Marlowe Conference in Wittenberg, Germany. Dr. Starks also performed in a production of David Davlos's play "Wittenberg."

### *Kate Tiedemann College of Business*

Bransburger, K. & Conover, T. "Sustainability Scavenger Hunt for Use in a Classroom." American Accounting Association Annual Meeting Teaching Workshop.

Lin, W. "An Approach to Teaching Consolidation Journal Entries for Intra-entity

Transfers and Its Effectiveness Assessments." American Accounting Association Annual Meeting.

Liu, F.-C. "Role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) in the changing accounting information environment." American Accounting Association Annual Meeting.

Stowell, N., Gunn, A., Ambush, H., Moore, L., Camprise, C. "Faculty Learning Communities at University of South Florida St. Petersburg", Academy of Business Education.

### *College of Education*

Gibson-Dee, K. "Realistic mathematics education and social awareness: The Privilege Project," and poster session "Assessing Mathematics Learning Realistically." Sixth International Realistic Mathematics Education Conference in Grand Cayman.

Hensberry, K. K. R. & Roy, G. J. "Teacher Perceptions and the Impact on their Practice of a Four-pronged Professional Development Model." Presented at the Sixth International Realistic Mathematics Education Conference, in Grand Cayman.

Rosengrant, D. "Using Champions to Help Bring Cultural Awareness to K-12 Physics". Contributed Presentation, American Association of Physics Summer Meeting in Washington, DC.

Rosengrant, D., Doran, K., and Garrett, A. "School Day!" Contributed Presentation, International Public Science Events Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Rosengrant, D., Money, P., and Doyle K. "Video Game Vignettes." Contributed Presentation, Physics Education Research Conference in Washington, DC.

Rosengrant, D., Polizzi, J., Rushton, G., Criswell, B., and Head, M. "Preparing your Noyce Grant for Continued Success Upon Completion." Invited Presentation, American Association of Physics Summer Meeting in Washington, DC.

Unal, Z., Unal, A. & Bodur, Y. (2018, June). "An Online Experiment of Using Case Studies and Scenarios to Teach Preservice Teachers About the Code of Ethics." EdMedia + Innovate Learning in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Unal, A., Unal, Z., & Bodur, Y. "Using Technology to Support Common Core Based Close Reading Strategy: Preservice Teachers' Experiences with the Use of New Online Platform." EdMedia + Innovate Learning in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Unal, A. & Unal, Z. "Tracking Preservice Teachers' Placement Diversity Data for Program Improvement and Decision Making." The annual meeting of The American Educational Research Association Conference, New York, NY.

Unal, A. & Unal, Z. "Using Case-Based Instruction Strategies in Preparing Preservice Teachers for Classroom Management Research." The annual meeting of The American Educational Research Association Conference, New York, NY.

Vernon-Jackson, S. & Hensberry, K. K. R. "Problem Solving in Context: Examples from Teacher Education." Sixth International Realistic Mathematics Education Conference in Grand Cayman.

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Burress, T., & Neville, T. "From RDM to Data Literacy: The story of data-related initiatives at USF St. Petersburg." Presented at the ALA Annual Meeting, New Orleans.

Crampsie, C., Flores, A., Wos, C., & Griffin, J. "Superhero Strategies for Library Programs." Florida Library Association Annual Conference, Orlando.

Dunleavy, C. "Collection services and next-generation integrated library system design." American Library Association Annual Conference, Association for Library Collections & Technical Services Creative Ideas in Technical Services Interest Group, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Flores, A. "Instructional Librarianship: When Hero Support Isn't Enough." Florida Library Association Annual Conference, Orlando.

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