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When the space shuttle Discovery blasted off Aug. 10, it took ovarian cancer into space for the first time. USF cell biologist Jeanne Becker, who will study the cells upon their return in late November, says that space-based technology will provide a unique approach to understanding the biology of this devastating illness.

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Graduate student Livio Tornabene found evidence of an asteroid that hit Panama, possibly 20 million years ago. Only 177 similar sites have been identified.

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The group elected Richard A. Beard III as chair and Rhea E. Law as vice chair. Beard, a real estate adviser with R.A. Beard Co., and Law, an attorney with Fowler, White, Gillen, Boggs, Villareal & Banker, will guide the board as it establishes the policies and assessment measures to effectively govern the 35,500-student university.

The board’s primary mission will be to work with USF President Judy Genshaft to help the university achieve its goals in research, teaching and service. It will help develop and refine the school’s strategic plan and other goals. It will also review legislative budget requests, determine when to establish and discontinue bachelor’s and master’s degree programs and, as stewards of the university’s resources, make decisions about property and finance. Additionally, the board will oversee the university’s personnel program and have the ultimate responsibility for recruiting, retaining, compensating and terminating employees. It is responsible for ensuring academic freedom at the university, and it will establish codes of conduct for students and student organizations.

Because USF has regional campuses with unique missions, the statewide reorganization law established regional campus boards, each of which will include one member from the Board of Trustees. The law does not require a campus board for USF Lakeland, but Genshaft and Beard have said one will be created to ensure consistency for all campuses.

'At the end of the day, performance is what counts, and USF’s performance shows we can emerge as one of the nation’s truly premier public...

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Colloquium

Faculty and Staff Notes

Honors, Awards and Appointments

Rita Ciresi, English, was a finalist for the Paterson Fiction Prize for her linked short-story collection *Sometimes I Dream in Italian.*

Ciresi

Wiley P. Maugum, Gerontology, has been elected a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America and appointed program chairman for the annual meeting of the Southern Gerontological Society in Orlando next May.

Muhammad M. Rahman, Mechanical Engineering, received the Society of Automotive Engineers' Service Recognition Award for his contributions in organizing the 34th Interindustry Energy Conversion Engineering Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Arthur L. Schwartz Jr., Finance, USF St. Petersburg, was the 2001 recipient of the International Real Estate Society's Bert Kruijt Service Award and he was the meeting planner for the First World Congress of the International Real Estate Society, in Girdwood, Alaska in July.

Curtis Wienken, Anthropology, was selected as an honorary member of the Cuban Society of Biological Anthropology; he received the honor during the opening ceremony of the VTHA Luis Montane Symposium at the University of Havana in Cuba in February.

Presentations


Kyle Campbell, Florida Center for Community Design and Research, presented "ArcIMS Watershed Atlas Educates through Technology Integration" on July 10 at the 21st Annual ESRI International User Conference in San Diego. His co-author was Shawn Landry.


Wilma J. Henry, Student Affairs, and Carolyn Brighttarp presented "Women of Color Leading Cross-culturally in the 21st Century" at the 83rd annual convention of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Seattle in March.

David Himmelgreen, Anthropology, recently presented "Are Changes in Lifestyle of Latinos Associated with Obesity for Recently Arrived Latinos?" at the Society for Applied Anthropology's 61st annual meeting in Merida, Mexico.

Himmelgreen also presented "Length of Time in the U.S., Acculturation Status and Overweight and Obesity among Latinos in Two Urban Settings" at the American Association of Physical Anthropologists' annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo.

Laurel A. Land, Center for Urban Transportation Research, recently presented "Public Transit Access to Private Property" at the 2001 TRB Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Jerry Lander, Accounting, and Arthur L. Schwartz Jr., Finance, USF St. Petersburg, presented "Audit Committees: An Asset to Real Estate Developers" at the First World Congress of the International Real Estate Society in Girdwood, Alaska in July. Lander and Schwartz wrote the article with Alan Reinstein of Wayne State University.

Shawn Landry, Florida Center for Community Design and Research, presented "Stormwater: From Data Collection to Interface Development" on July 10th at the Twenty-First Annual ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, California. His co-authors were Kyle Campbell and Naomi Oliver.

Barbara Leoding, USF Lakeland, presented "Educational Interpreters and English/Spanish Computer Translators: Will We Need Both in the Future?" at the CAID Conference Aug. 10 in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Shaunau Morency, Carol Cummins, Elainne Vendrone, Rodney Arcenas and Raymond Widen, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, presented "Evaluation of the Organon Teknika Nuclisens Extractor for Preparation of RNA from Plasma Samples for the Detection of HIV and HCV Viral Load Assays" at the 17th Annual Clinical Virology Symposium at Clearwater Beach, April 29-May 2. Joseph C. Horvath and Joseph G. Sinclair, also from the same department also presented "New Developments in the Virus Therapy of Human Cancer" at that symposium. Slavovics and Horvath also presented "How Advanced Retinotropines Become Endogenous or Exogenous Retinoviruses" and "How SIV Acquired Its New FVU Sequence to Become HIV-1." John H. Richmond, Music, presented "Legal Issues in Arts Education: Coping with Duties, Technologies and Constraints" at the Annual State Convention of Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education in Orlando on July 16.

Jay Sokolovsky, Anthropology, USF St. Petersburg, presented a paper on his work on aging and family in rural Mexico and served as an adviser to a planning group establishing a major research agenda on aging in that country. He spoke at the Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City in March.

John Swinton, Economics, presented "Phase I Completed: An Empirical Assessment of the 1990 CAAA" at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Economics Association in Cleveland, Ohio, in March.

Kenneth Ugen, Medical Microbiology and Immunology, C. Dickey, M.N. Gordon and David Morgan, Pharmacology and Therapeutics, presented "Therapeutic Vaccination against Alzheimer's Disease" during the Fourth Annual Conference on Vaccine Research in Arlington, Va., in April.

Thomas Weller, Electrical Engineering, presented several papers at the MTTS-International Microwave Symposium in Phoenix on May 20-25. They include "6GHz Coplanar Waveguide Couplers and Slotline Transition on Polished Beryllium Oxide," written with B. Lakshminarayanan and M. Oldenburg; "A Micromachined Tunable CPW Resonator," written with T. Ketterl and D. Fries; and "K-band Direct Detect MMIC SI Micromachined Radiometers," written with Matt Smith, Jim Culver, Bob Roeder, Chris Trent and Jason Naylor.

Publications


Warna Gillies, Education, published "Leadership for Gender-equal Education" in the March issue of Principal Leadership.

Lagretta Tallestsen Lenker, Educational Outreach, recently published the book Fathers and Daughters in Shakespeare and

IN THE NEWS

Robots to the rescue

The Aug. 16 *New York Times* featured USF Engineering Professor Bobbin Murphy in a story about robots tested in mock searches for urban disaster victims. It's a brave new world, and the state of the art is still fairly primitive, she said, but a robot could "go into a collapsed building, take pictures and map the rubble and structural conditions, a job that can be highly dangerous and slow for a human rescue worker."

The mystery of memory

The very emotion that locks in one memory can often wash out others, according to a feature on the Aug. 6 ABC World News. USF Psychology Professor David Diamond devised a simple experiment to demonstrate this behavior in rats.

First, the rodent swims through a water maze, searching for a safety platform. After a few tries, it remembers the location. But when the ultimate stress, close proximity to a cat, is introduced, strong hormones flood the rat's brain and it forgets the platform's location.

Like rats, humans will also forget their memories when they get such a shock, Diamond said. "It appears to be pre-wired that we remember important events extremely well and in the process of remembering other events extremely well, other memories basically get kicked out."