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Graduate students Sheila Stewart and Monica Rowland shared the LeRoy Collins Prize for their respective essays on 1920s Weedon Island and beach nourishment on Treasure Island. Named for Governor LeRoy Collins, this prize is awarded annually to the best essay on Florida history written by a graduate student.

A third Florida Studies student, Tom Schridder, received the Carolyn Mays Brevard Prize for his essay, "The Florida Public School Teacher Strike on 1968." The Brevard Prize, honoring the memory of a beloved professor at Florida State College for Women, is awarded to the best undergraduate essay on Florida history.

Recent graduate Nano Riley received the Carolynn Washbon award for her book Florida Farmworkers in the Twenty-first Century. Co-written with photographer Davida Johns, the book was published by the University Press of Florida in 2003 in its Florida History and Culture series.

Florida Studies is a Program of Distinction at USF St. Petersburg, co-directed by Professors Ray Arsenault and Gary Mormino, and offers a broad array of interdisciplinary courses dealing with the history, culture and ecology of Florida. Located in the historic Snell House, the Florida Studies Program is the first of its kind in the state.

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