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Art History professor wins prestigious Rome Prize fellowship



USF St. Petersburg Associate Professor of Art History Sheramy D. Bundrick, Ph.D., (above) has won a prestigious Rome Prize, a fellowship that will allow her to pursue advanced research next year in the ancient city. Recipients of Rome Prizes, awarded annually through a competitive process by the American Academy in Rome, stay at an 11-acre campus in the heart of the city. Previous recipients include architects Robert Venturi and Michael Graves; composers Aaron Copland, John Adams and Laurie Anderson; and writers Ralph Ellison and William Styron. Bundrick was awarded the National Endowment for the Humanities/Andrew Heiskell Post-Doctoral Rome Prize in Ancient Studies. "I am tremendously excited and deeply honored to be part of the Rome Prize tradition," Bundrick said. "I will be studying the reception of ancient Athenian vases and their images among the Etruscans and how these artifacts were integrated into Etruscan material culture during the 6th and 5th centuries B.C."

Graphic Design students place first, second in printmaking competition



Visiting Graphic Design Instructor Erika Greenberg-Schneider with James Foster (left) and Sierra Schneide

Two USF St. Petersburg [Graphic Design Program](#) students were honored recently by the local chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters at its annual Career Awards program at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. Sierra Schneider of New Port Richey won first place and \$3,000 and James Foster of St. Petersburg won second place and \$2,000 in a competition sponsored by the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Society of Arts and Letters. Schneider will compete nationally in Pittsburgh next month for a top prize of \$15,000. Both are students of USFSP Visiting Instructor Erika Greenberg-Schneider, an internationally renowned printmaker who has been honored by France as a Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters. Greenberg-Schneider was the keynote speaker at the April 13 awards program and discussed the intense focus and hours of work required to refine printmaking skills. "These students remind you why you teach," Greenberg-Schneider said of Schneider and Foster. "They never put thinking in their pocket. They are curious and are aware of the work that it takes to be really good at something. They take criticism as others would enjoy chocolate because they want to get better."

Freshman triumphs over USFSP leaders in "Battle of the Chefs"



Battle of the Chefs contestants (front row, l-r) freshman Darrian McRae, Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Norine Noor, Student Government President Mark Lombardi-Nelson and Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth. | Photo by Dustin Pankow.

A "Battle of the Chefs" cooking competition was waged Wednesday at The Reef, the dining facility at the [University Student Center](#). Four "chefs" competed - Interim Regional Chancellor Bill Hogarth, Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Norine Noonan, Student Government President Mark Lombardi-Nelson and freshman Darrian McRae, a freshman biology major from Miami who works part time at the Reef. They were given four secret ingredients - salmon, shrimp, polenta and beef tenderloin - and an hour to devise a dish. A panel of judges, including *Tampa Bay Times* Food and Travel Editor Janet Keeler, critiqued each dish and declared Darrian's their favorite.

Professor invited to present at China climate change conference



Joseph M. "Donny" Smoak in the Everglades.

Joseph M. "Donny" Smoak, Ph.D., associate professor of **environmental science**, is among a handful of U.S. scientists invited to present at a climate change conference in China next month. Nanchang University will cover travel expenses for Smoak to make a one-hour presentation at the International Workshop on Global Change and Aquatic Ecosystems, May 27-29. Smoak recently was **awarded a National Science Foundation grant** for research in Everglades National Park. The \$168,582 grant is part of the National Science Foundation's Water Sustainability and Climate program. The research will help scientists better understand how coastal wetlands respond to sea-level rise and climate change. The conference invited Smoak because of his "tremendous accomplishments in the field of aquatic research," according to the invitation from Professor Jinbao Wan of Nanchang University.

Florida Studies class ends the semester with some
Cracker cuisine



Students in the Rivers of Florida class gather around a fire at Ft. De Soto Park.

To mark the final class of the spring semester, students in the Rivers of Florida course in the [Florida Studies Program](#) gathered at Ft. De Soto Park Thursday to discuss what they had learned and cook some classic Cracker cuisine. They built a fire and feasted on gator gumbo, jumbo shrimp, fried mullet gizzards, hush puppies and other delicacies. The course, taught by Florida Studies graduate and *Tampa Bay Times* outdoors writer Terry Tomalin, examined the history, environment and popular culture of a dozen waterways, combining classwork with field trips along four Florida rivers -- the Hillsborough, Chassahowitzka, Wekiva and Little Manatee. The 18 students, who also gathered information for a new Waterways Website, said the chance to experience Florida in the wild made the class special - one of the hallmarks of USF St. Petersburg's unique Florida Studies Program. Tomalin will teach a Florida fishing class this summer, called Fishing Capital of the World, and an Outdoor Leadership course in the fall.

Upcoming Events

[Undergraduate Admissions](#)

April 30

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

[Transfer Information Session](#)

[College of Education](#)

May 1

10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

[Teaching & Learning Presentations by Education Students](#)

Florida Studies

May 17

7 p.m - 9 p.m.

Florida Poetry Reading
