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Students present published research on Moldova



Left to right: Students Marissa Wyant, Lauren Shumate, Sebastian Osorio and Jared Smith with Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan at the Student Research Colloquium.

Instead of hitting the beach during Spring Break, eight students headed to Eastern Europe to study the political dynamics of Moldova in a **study abroad course** led by Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D. Six of the eight students published their research in a scholarly journal in Moldova, *Student Scientific Bulletin*. On Wednesday, four of the students presented their findings during the monthly Student Research Colloquium Series at the **Nelson Poynter Memorial Library**. Their research focused on Moldova's path to joining the European Union, the country's judicial system and the struggle for national identity. They also **blogged about their experiences** in Moldova and share photos. The Student Research Colloquium Series is held **on the third Wednesday of the month**. It is free and open to the public.

Students, faculty complete city candidate forums



USF St. Petersburg students helped organize **two general election candidate forums** this week at St. Petersburg City Hall. Both forums were sponsored by USF St. Petersburg at the request of the St. Petersburg City Council. A forum for mayoral candidates (photo above) was held Monday night and another for four City Council districts was Wednesday night. The forums were moderated by **College of Arts and Sciences** Dean Frank Biafora, Ph.D. Political Science Professor Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D., coordinated questions from students and the public. USFSP

sponsored similar forums before the city primary elections. The general election is Nov. 5. | [St. Petersburg Tribune](#)

Debbie Sembler honored as Distinguished Citizen



Four Distinguished Citizens from the same family pose at the University Student Center, left to right: Ambassador Mel Sembler, his wife, Betty; Debbie Sembler and her husband, Brent.

Debbie Sembler, USF System Trustee and chair of the USF St. Petersburg Campus Board, was honored with a Distinguished Citizen Award Thursday night by the West Central Florida Council Boy Scouts of America. Sembler received the award during the council's 16th Annual Award Banquet, held for the first time at the University Student Center Ballroom. Sembler is the fourth member of her family to win the award, which recognizes leaders who have made a substantial impact on the community. The fountain at Harborwalk is named in honor of Sembler and her husband, Brent.

Festival of Reading to feature more than 40 authors



The 21st Annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading returns to USF St. Petersburg Saturday,

Oct. 26, featuring talks and book signings by nationally renowned authors, including USFSP's own Ray Arsenault, Ph.D., the John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History. This is the ninth year in a row USFSP has hosted the free festival, which **draws thousands of fans** of the written word to numerous venues across the campus and the adjacent Poynter Institute. Arsenault will discuss *Dixie Redux: Essays in Honor of Sheldon Hackney*, a collection of original essays by former students and colleagues of Hackney's honoring the renowned historian and academician. **Read more.**

Students raise awareness of domestic violence



PEERS Leader Tara Little (right) discusses the Clothesline Project with Amy Cheng, a junior biology major.

PEERS, a student leadership organization focused on health and wellness issues, brought the Clothesline Project to Harborwalk on Thursday to raise awareness of domestic violence. **PEERS**, which stands for Providing Education, Empowerment, Resources & Support, partnered on the project with CASA, the St. Petersburg domestic violence shelter, and the USFSP **Wellness Center**. The project displays hand-decorated clothing with messages written by victims of domestic violence and members of their families. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Upcoming Events

USFSP Waterfront
St. Petersburg Science Festival and MarineQuest
Saturday, Oct. 19
10 a.m.

Times Festival of Reading
Saturday, Oct. 26
10 a.m.

Undergraduate Admissions
Transfer-A-Bull
Saturday, Oct. 29

6 p.m.

Student Life and Engagement

A Champion's Mindset: Athletes in the Business World

Wednesday, Oct. 30

6 p.m.

Journalism and Media Studies

Forum on African and African-American Journalists and Journalism

Friday, Nov. 1

6 p.m.

Honors Program

Violence, Memory and New Heritage: Social Justice in Rosewood

Thursday, Nov. 7

3:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Admissions

Open House

Saturday, Nov. 16

9 a.m.

Honors Program

Agata Tuszynska

Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture

Monday, Nov. 18

3:30 p.m.

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