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HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg

USFSP's Judkins Named in \$8.5 Million Grant

Dr. Heather Judkins, assistant professor in biology, received news this week that she has been named to a research consortium that is to be funded by an \$8.5 million grant from the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative. Judkins' portion of the work will generate approximately \$550,000 for USFSP.

"This is certainly among the largest grants USF St. Petersburg has received," said Dr. Han Reichgelt, regional vice chancellor of Academic Affairs. "Dr. Judkins' contributions to this important work are significant and a source of pride for the Biology department and USF St. Pete as a whole."

The project, led by Nova Southeastern University, is titled "Deep-Pelagic Nekton Dynamics of the Gulf of Mexico." Researchers from 12 organizations will study the consequences of Gulf oil spills on deep sea fauna, and current and future recovery. Dr. Judkins will focus on the affects on cephalopods.

Introduced in the Fall of 2012, USFSP's Biology program is one of its fastest-growing. There are 670 students currently enrolled in the program.

For more information about the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative, visit gulfresearchinitiative.org.



Dr. Heather Judkins

KTCOB Students Win Startup Competition (Again)



Five USFSP Entrepreneurship students combined their talents to win 1st and 3rd Prizes at the Global Entrepreneurship Week, Startup Weekend Tampa Bay. Teams of participants worked to devise, build, and pitch a startup company over a 54-hour time period. All Startup Weekend events follow the same basic model: Anyone is welcome to pitch their startup idea and receive feedback from their peers. Teams form around the top ideas (as determined by popular vote) and embark on a three-day frenzy of business model creation, coding, designing, and market validation.

"The goal of the entrepreneurship program of creating student opportunities to demonstrate their tremendous abilities was realized again by their success at Startup Weekend," said Dr. Bill Jackson, Entrepreneurship faculty, Kate Tiedemann College of Business. "We continue to attract the brightest minds into a program that allows for creative thought and execution of those ideas. Great Win!"



USFSP History Profs Recognized

USFSP's College of Arts and Sciences has some exciting news this month: double history dissertation awards. Erica Heinsen-Roach, visiting assistant professor, was awarded the Parker-Schmitt Award of the European Section of the Southern Historical Association for 2014. The announcement was made at the organization's annual luncheon meeting in Atlanta.



Dr. Elisa Minoff

Dr. Elisa Martia Alvarez Minoff, assistant professor, has been awarded the 2014 Cromwell Dissertation Prize by the American Society for Legal History for her dissertation "Free to Move? The Law and Politics of Internal Migration in Twentieth-Century America," which she completed at Harvard University in 2013. The Cromwell Dissertation Prize is awarded to one recipient annually for a dissertation focusing on any area of American legal history, including constitutional and comparative studies.



Dr. Heinsen-Roach and Southern Historical Committee Prize Chair Dr. Robert Crout

"For a department to be recognized with a single national award for best dissertation of the year would be wonderful news, but to have two in one year is extraordinary!" said Dr. Frank Biafora, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "The faculty in the College could not be more pleased with the early scholarly accomplishments of Drs. Roach and Minoff."

USFSP Heads West for Sustainability Conference

Six members of the USFSP Student Environmental Awareness Society (SEAS) recently attended the national conference of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in Portland. The AASHE conference is the largest gathering of higher education sustainability professionals and students in North America, with some 2,000 participants.

"When we found out that the conference was going to be in Portland, we were thrilled to be able to visit such a sustainably progressive city," said Brandi Murphy, SEAS president.

Murphy said there are a number of green efficiencies and technologies that the SEAS group brought back from AASHE, including a food waste digester and biodiesel vehicles. The organization will implement recycling efficiencies on campus during a spring campaign called *Recycle with the Herd, Revitalize the Burg*. -- Karlana June



From left: Dylan Canady, Cassidy McGrane, Alyssa Winston, David Vasquez, Brandi Murphy, Leeann Watson

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USFSP Sails to Second in National Championship



USFSP sailors Fernando Monllor; Reba Campbell; Will Felder, alum and volunteer coach; Ben Mohney; and Chris Stocke

The USFSP Co-ed Sailing Team placed second at the ICSC Match Racing National Championship, which took place last weekend in Oyster Bay, New York. They sailed flawlessly, making it into the finals against Georgetown University.

"After racing Yale and Charleston in our first two matches, I knew we had the best team on the water," said Will Felder, USFSP alum and volunteer coach.

"From that point, it was the mental approach and execution that would lead to success."

The win came down to the 5th race to break a tie between

USFSP and Georgetown. Boston College and Stanford were among the other competitors.

For more information, or to view video coverage of the race, visit the [official site](#).



Upcoming Events

College of Education Graduate Research Symposium

Monday, December 1

Winter Wonderland on HarborWalk

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7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

"Career Talk Tuesday"

December 2

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

C-SPAN Bus at USFSP

Wednesday, December 3

Book Talk & Reception With Jim Schur

Thursday, December 4

5:00 p.m.

USFSP Fall Commencement

Sunday, December 14

6:00 p.m.

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