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## HarborNotes Weekly

Five Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg  
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### USFSP Student Wins Coveted White House Internship

Tyler Lewis, a Junior in USFSP's Political Science program, is interning at the White House this spring. Lewis is working alongside students from some of the nation's top universities, including Columbia, Harvard and Cornell. He is a student of Judithanne Scourfield-McLauchlan, associate professor of Political Science and founding director of the Center for Civic Engagement.

"Tyler's opportunity to work at the White House is a rare and treasured internship placement," said Dr. Scourfield-McLauchlan. "It is with a special pride as one of his professors that I congratulate Tyler on this prized and exceptionally competitive internship opportunity."

"What an incredible leadership training experience!," added Frank Biafora, dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**. "The White House Internship is one of the most prestigious of its kind, and we are very proud to have Tyler represent us with his Green and Gold Bull's Pride!"



USFSP's Tyler Lewis is living his dream at the White House.

Lewis is an Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America and an active member of the Pinellas County Democratic Party. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a master's degree in political science or public administration. "Going to work every day at the White House complex is a dream come true, and I could not be more ready to take on the challenges and experiences that await me," he said.

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### USFSP Announces Gary Mormino Fund



Dr. Gary Mormino

The fundraising momentum continues: USF St. Petersburg has announced the creation of The Gary Mormino Fund. This new fund will support the **Florida Studies Program**, which Mormino co-founded. More than 25 individuals have already contributed or pledged their support. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to endow and operate it.

"It's easy to pay tribute to Gary Mormino! Once you get to know Gary and his dedication to teaching, writing and to this institution, it's easy to speak from the heart," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska during a reception at Nelson Poynter Memorial Library to celebrate Mormino and the fund. "Thank you, Gary, for your scholarship and service to USF St. Petersburg. Thank you for continuing to represent us so well, for contributing to the excellence that is Florida Studies."

Mormino is the Frank E. Duckwall Florida Professor of History Emeritus at USF St. Petersburg. He is a frequent contributor to the Tampa Bay Times and has written several books, including "Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida." Last month, he was awarded the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing by the Florida Humanities Council.

For more information, or to contribute to the Mormino Fund, please contact Alexis Searfoss, asearfoss@mail.usf.edu or 727-873-4519, or visit [www.usf.edu/ua/DM](http://www.usf.edu/ua/DM), access code SPXFL15.

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## USFSP Design Students Win ADDYs



Several **USFSP Graphic Design** seniors took GOLD at the regional ADDY Awards ceremony, advancing to the next level of competition to be held in Orlando later this spring. Eight students won the ADDY, the American Advertising Federation's top award.

"The student work comes through our regular course work, across the curriculum, and can include package design, graphic identity programs, and illustration, among others," said John Stanko, assistant professor of Graphic Design and program coordinator. "The assignments lend themselves to competitions like the ADDY Awards and AIGA's Flux student design competitions."

Stanko says graduates of the program are being hired upon by agencies, in positions ranging from entry-level designer to art director. Stanko works closely with instructor Elizabeth Herrmann and Erika Greenberg-Schneider, assistant professor and Master Printer.

Left: Kati Lacker's "Lanterns" was among USFSP's ADDY award-winners.

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## Dance Marathon to Raise Funds for All-Children's

Along with college and high school students across the country, USFSP will host a Dance Marathon to benefit hospital members of the Children's Miracle Network. The event will take place tonight and tomorrow, from 4:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. And here's the great news: You can register as



Dwayne Isaacs, one of USFSP's "marathon" event organizers  
Photo: USFSP Connect

late as midnight tonight.

"This is one of the largest student-driven fundraisers in the country and a great opportunity for us to get involved with the community," said Dwayne Isaacs, assistant director, Student Life and Engagement. "Students dance for kids who can't."

The marathon will be held in the University Student Center Ballroom. Proceeds from this inaugural USFSP event will benefit All Children's Hospital. For more

information about sponsoring a team, or to register yourself, please visit the [official website](#).



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## Getting to Know You ... John Arthur

Meet **Dr. John Arthur**, Associate Professor of Anthropology in the USFSP College of Arts and Sciences. Arthur currently is working with groups of students at Tampa Bay's Weedon Island. Their excavations are the first systematic studies on the indigenous practices of shellfish subsistence -- and the evolution of Tampa Bay estuaries. Arthur is married to Kathryn Arthur, also an associate professor of Anthropology at USFSP. The husband and wife team won a competitive National Science Foundation grant leading to groundbreaking research in Ethiopia.



**What is your favorite book?**

Depends on the period of my life: childhood was any book by John Steinbeck; fieldwork in Ethiopia were Carl Hiaasen books because I needed to laugh; and lately it is "The Magic Children" by Roger Echo-Hawk.

**Where is your favorite destination in the world?**

Japan, Hawaii and Ethiopia.

**What is your favorite movie?**

"Lawrence of Arabia" in 70 mm.

**What was your least favorite subject in college?**

Liked them all, but the most difficult course was osteology.

**What skill or talent would you like to have that you don't have?**

Fluent speaker of many languages.

**What do you do to relax?**

Riding bikes with my family, running and swimming.

**What is something people would be surprised to learn about you?**

Since 1977, I have been listening to the world's greatest rock and roll band, the Grateful Dead.

**What USFSP project or activity are you currently working on that excites you the most?**

My Ethiopian and Weedon Island research and the new USFSP non-degree program in the Brewing Arts.

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## **Upcoming Events**

**USFSP Dance Marathon to Benefit All Children's Hospital**

Friday, March 13th  
4:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.  
USC Ballroom

**Lecture Series: The Great Society in Florida at 50**

March 16-23

**Cars and Coffee**

Saturday, March 21  
7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
USFSP Parking Areas

**The Debbie and Brent Sembler Florida Holocaust Museum Lecture: Evgeny Finkel**

"Pre-War Politics and Jewish Resistance in the Ghettos"

Tuesday, March 24  
2:00 - 3:15 p.m.  
Davis 130

**USFSP Florida Food Conference**

Saturday, April 18  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
USC Ballroom

For more information about these and other USFSP events, please visit our **Public Events Calendar**.

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