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## 5 Things to Know About USF St. Petersburg



November 13, 2015

### Community Leaders Celebrate Vet Center Opening



Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska led the commemorative ceremony for the new Military and Veterans Success Center.

On Nov. 10, a few hundred people came out to celebrate the grand opening of the new [Military and Veterans Success Center](#) at USFSP. The group included members of the local and state leadership as well as the University community.

The center will provide student veterans with services specific to their needs. "We know that veteran students bring unique experiences and perspectives to our academic community, and that transitioning from military life to civilian life can be challenging," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "We're here to help make that transition positive."



Pinellas County elected officials joined USFSP leaders for the ceremony.



Anthony Cook

"The center is a great asset to the school, the community, and to us veterans," said Anthony Cook, 28, a junior History major at USFSP who served in the U.S. Army as an infantryman.

Cook, who attends classes with the help of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, added that other veterans should not hesitate to take advantage of their education benefits. "You've earned it, so use it."



#### Save the Date

*Food for Thought Lecture*

Monday, Nov. 16

7 p.m.

Studio@620

[More Information](#)

*GIS Day at USFSP*

Tuesday, Nov. 17

9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

USFSP

[More Information](#)

*Thinking Through...  
Rights With Dr. Hugh  
LaFollette*

Tuesday, Nov. 17

4-5 p.m.

Nelson Poynter Memorial  
Library, Poynter Corner

*Science Cafe*  
Tuesday, Nov. 17  
6-7 p.m.

Dali Museum

[More Information](#)

*Town and Gown Fall  
Reception*

Thursday, Nov. 19

5:30-7 p.m.

USC Ballroom

[More Information](#)

*Modern Dance Workshop*  
Sunday, Nov. 22

## Nov. 18 Event Will Explore Impact of Title IX



Judithanne Scourfield

USFSP Associate Professor [Judithanne McLauchlan](#)'s Women and the Law class, in partnership with the [USF Women in Leadership & Philanthropy](#) (WLP) and USFSP's Women Empowerment Club, will host "A Leveled Playing Field? An Exploration of the Impact of Title IX" on Wednesday, Nov. 18. The event aims to explore the importance of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits exclusion or discrimination on the basis of sex.

McLauchlan

Betty Castor, chair of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, former USF President and the first woman elected as Florida's Education Commissioner, will serve as moderator for the panel of three Tampa Bay area leaders.

"It will be a wonderful opportunity for students and members of the community to explore the significance of this landmark legislation and its impact on the lives of women and girls," said McLauchlan, founding director of the Center for Civic Engagement at USFSP.

[Learn more](#) about the event.



Betty Castor

## Professor Focuses on Birmingham in Lecture Series

USFSP Professor of English [Julie Buckner Armstrong](#) spoke about Birmingham as part of the Lunchtime Lectures series at the Museum of Fine Arts.

The event coincided with opening of artist John Scott's exhibit "[I Remember Birmingham](#)," a collection of seven hand-pigmented glass blocks and seven relief prints that is on display. The exhibit, which runs Nov. 14-Feb. 28, commemorates the bombing of a Baptist church that killed four young African-American girls and injured more than 20 others in 1963.



Julie Buckner Armstrong

"The 16th Street Baptist Church Bombing was a national tragedy, and Scott is one of many artists and writers to respond. Beauty helps make a path through mourning," said Armstrong, an author and editor of multiple books on the civil rights movement. She currently is working on a series of essays about memory and race titled "Birmingham Stories."

## Research Leads Student, Professor to Cameroon

Research on the impact of climate change led USF St. Petersburg graduate student Adam Flanery and [Dr. Richard Mbatu](#), assistant

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
USFSP Fitness Center -  
Studio A

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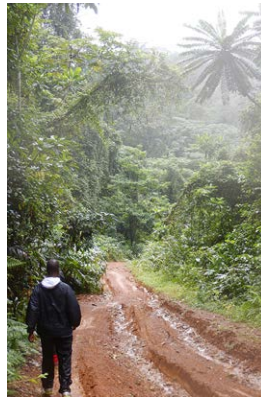


From left: USFSP graduate student Adam Flanery and Dr. Richard Mbatu

professor of Environmental Science, Policy and Geography, a quarter of the way around the world to Cameroon.

At the beginning of the Fall semester, Flanery, 34, and faculty advisor Mbatu out to the central African country on a 20-day trip to collect data for his thesis "Forest Community Integration and Collective Agency in Korup National Park, Cameroon: Interactions with Forest Policies and the REDD+ Mechanism."

The thesis looks at the societal structures of the highly heterogeneous forest communities in Cameroon's southwest region near Korup National Park that have been impacted by a number of agricultural and environmental policies in recent years.



Dr. Richard Mbatu walks a road in Cameroon.

"By understanding the nature of these communities and their interactions with past and current policies, I want to understand how they can be affected by the climate change mitigation strategies known as REDD+," Flanery said.

[Learn more](#) about their trip and research.

## 'It's On Us' to Stand Against Sexual Violence



USFSP students cover their mouths with tape in representation of the sexual assault victims who often feel silenced about their victimization.

USF St. Petersburg and its Student Government organization are standing with others from around the USF System against sexual assault and violence. The effort falls in line with the "[It's On Us](#)" national week of action.

"We're calling on everyone to join in support of this campaign to end sexual violence," said Gardiner Tucker, USFSP interim regional

ssociate vice chancellor of Student Affairs. "This national initiative invites everyone to recognize a solution begins with us."

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