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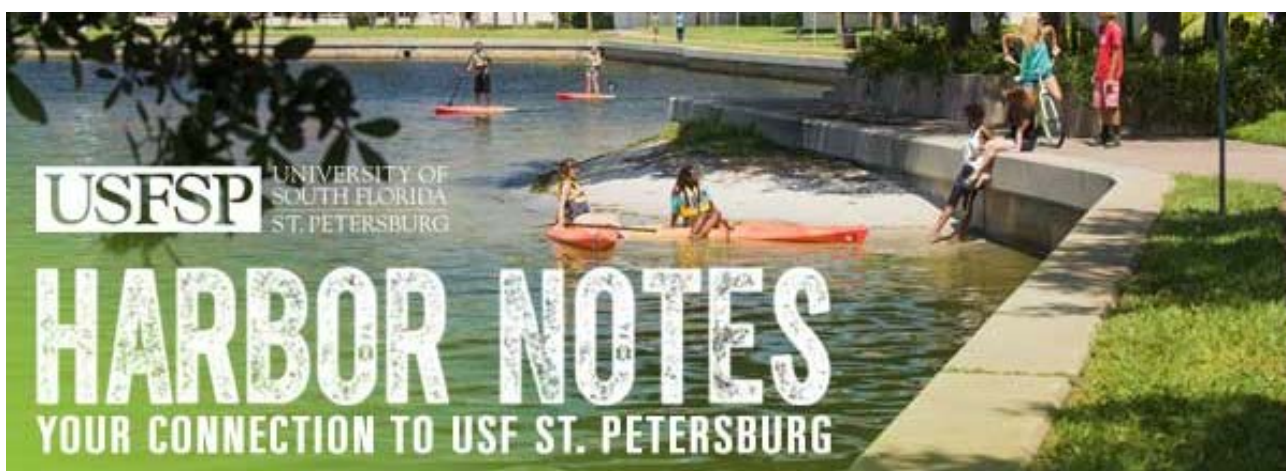
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History Chair Featured in National PBS Documentary "Secrets of Spanish Florida"



The history of Spanish Florida - from the earliest expeditions to the region's admittance as a U.S. territory - is the subject of the PBS documentary "[Secrets of Spanish Florida](#)." It premiered on all PBS stations throughout the country on December 26, 2017. J. Michael Francis, an internationally-known expert in the history of Spanish Florida and chair of the history department at USFSP, appeared extensively throughout the two-hour long feature and worked with the production crew for nearly three years on the project.

[Read more on Francis' involvement in the most ambitious and comprehensive documentary on this period and place in history.](#)

Online MBA Ranked No. 3 in Florida, No. 30 in the Nation

U.S. News & World Report ranked the Online MBA Program at USF St. Petersburg among the nation's top 15 percent and No. 3 in Florida in its 2018 survey of Best Online MBA Programs. Of the 267 ranked universities, USFSP Kate Tiedemann College of Business ranks No. 30 in the nation and only behind the University of Florida and Florida State University within the state.

[Learn why the Online MBA Program is nationally ranked.](#)



Handshake Improves Student Success with Greater Internship and Job Opportunities



A new online database is transforming job searches for USFSP students and recent alumni while improving chances for landing a coveted position.

"We review and vet each posting for job location, company reputation and possible scams so students and recent alumni are only seeing the most relevant and best opportunities," director of the USFSP Career Center Lesa Shouse said.

"Handshake should be our students number one

place to search for jobs."

[Read about the exponential growth in job and internship opportunities with the new platform.](#)

Japanese Researchers Turn to USFSP to Learn About Data Governance and Accreditation

Japanese researchers are turning to the University of South Florida St. Petersburg to learn about best practices in U.S. higher education. During the Fall 2017 semester, two separate delegations visited the campus to meet with leadership and learn about the details of institutional performance metrics, data governance and accreditation practices. Hosting such international delegations exposes USFSP staff and faculty to counterparts across the globe and new ideas in higher education.



[Check out how hosting such delegations furthers USFSP priority of enhancing international efforts on campus.](#)

Salt Creek Journal Reception, Reading to Celebrate Nature and Community in the Heart of St. Petersburg

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg will celebrate the publication of *Salt Creek Journal* with a reception and reading on January 19 from 6-7:30 p.m. The event will be held at The Edge in Coquina Hall, on the USFSP campus. *Salt Creek Journal*, a self-produced book edited by USFSP graduate student alums, brings together essays, poems, photographs and historic archives from a fragmented stream in south St. Petersburg.

[Read more about the publication and event.](#)

New Research Award to Help Adults with Communication Disabilities

Researchers with the University of South Florida St. Petersburg and Voices of Hope for Aphasia were awarded a \$235,000 research grant that will assist adults with communication

disabilities, like aphasia, that are a result of stroke or other neurological conditions .

[Delve deeper into research to benefit those with communication difficulties.](#)

News Coverage

[After 100 Years, St. Petersburg's Green Benches Evoke History and a Mixed Legacy](#)

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[A Florida Weekly's Quest to Keep Local News Alive](#)

Salon Magazine

[Area Nonprofits and Volunteers Announced as Finalists for 13th Annual WEDU Be More Awards](#)

WEDU News

[Riverview High Educator Named 2018 Teacher of the Year for Sarasota County Schools](#)

Sarasota News Leader

Upcoming Events

Sustained Outrage: Public Lecture with Pulitzer Prize Winning USFSP Alum Eric Eyre

January 25, 5 p.m. at The Edge, USF St. Petersburg

WUSF Public Town Hall: What's the Solution? Delivering Health Care To Uninsured Floridians

February 1, 6:30 p.m. at Davis Hall 130, USF St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg Conference on World Affairs

February 20-23, at University Student Center, USF St. Petersburg

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