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Florida Joint Center for Citizenship

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Four-day training in Pasco County with 7th Grade teachers in June

I was recently appointed a Fellow with the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship.

The Florida Joint Center for Citizenship is a joint effort among the Lou Frey Institute at the University of Central Florida, the Bob Graham Center at the University of Florida, and the University of South Florida.

In May I participated in a 3-day workshop at the Lou Frey Institute to learn more about the Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act and its implementation in Florida.

Occasionally I will be conducting teacher trainings (as the Content Expert) with new teachers of civics around the state.

Tropical Storm Debby which brought road/bridge closures, flooding, sandbagging, a water main break in the training facility could not keep these dedicated teachers from the professional development workshops.

I am absolutely delighted to be a part of this vital effort to improve civics education in Florida.

About the blogger



Dr. Scourfield McLauchlan is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, where she teaches courses in American Government and Public Law. Her latest book, *Congressional Participation as Amicus Curiae before the U.S. Supreme Court*, explores how Members of Congress attempt to influence Supreme Court decision-making in specific cases. In addition to her scholarly activities, Professor McLauchlan has extensive experience in American government and politics. McLauchlan worked at the US Supreme Court, the US Senate Judiciary Committee, the US Department of Justice, and the White House. A veteran of several presidential campaigns, she has managed statewide operations across the US, from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. During the 2010-11 academic year Dr. McLauchlan was a Fulbright Scholar in Moldova.