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# USFSP's Journalism Chair Awarded Fulbright

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— Dr. Deni Elliott  
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Deni Elliott, D.Ed., Chair of USFSP's Department of Journalism and Media Studies, has been awarded a coveted appointment on the Fulbright Specialist Roster. This means, that for a period of five years, Elliott is eligible to share her expertise in digital communication ethics with professional organizations and institutions of higher education throughout the world with Fulbright funding. Elliott hopes to work with universities and news organizations in Australia and African countries, but is eager for invitations from any locale. She'll be drawing from her new textbook, "Ethics for a Digital Era, (forthcoming Wiley/Blackwell), which she is co-authoring with Edward Spence, Ph.D., a media scholar with Australia's Charles Sturt University.

"Democracy's need for responsible and credible journalism is unprecedented as increasingly broad and diverse audiences seek information for self-governance," said Elliott. "Our new book will show how global standards of responsible journalism can be culturally interpreted to best meet the needs of citizens in democracies, while recognizing pragmatic considerations for journalistic practice in different places."

Elliott, who has been teaching journalism and ethical decision-making for more than 30 years, joined USFSP in 2003. Her department is recognized nationally as a pioneer in the teaching of digital journalism. She hopes that Fulbright will approve a trip to Australia in the spring.

"Fulbright programs recognize some of this country's best teaching," said Regional Chancellor Sophia Wisniewska. "This is well-deserved acknowledgment of Dr. Elliott's work, and an honor for USFSP."

The Fulbright Specialist Program awards grants to U.S. faculty and professionals in select disciplines to engage in short-term collaborative projects at eligible institutions in over 140

countries worldwide. It is a program of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.