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USFSP Faculty Among Recognized by USF World

Three USF St. Petersburg faculty members were recognized at the USF World inaugural Global Achievement breakfast on Nov. 13.

Drs. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, associate professor of Political Science and founding director of USFSP's Center for Civic Engagement, Tiffany Chenneville, associate professor and department chair of Psychology, and Martine Fernandes Wagner, associate professor of French and associate chair in the Department of Society, Culture, and Language, each received the 2015 Honorable Mention for Global Engagement faculty award.

The inaugural Global Achievement awards were given to faculty, staff and administrators around the USF System. The award is given to faculty who demonstrate active participation and promotion of student success in the global environment.

"This recognition speaks to the quality of our Institution's faculty and their incorporation of a broad, global perspective in their research and instruction," said V. Mark Durand, interim regional vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. "We are proud to have these three scholars among the growing number of our faculty whose work is having an international impact."

"There are a lot of really exciting things happening throughout the USF System to help develop global citizens," said McLauchlan, whose work in globalizing course curricula was recognized during the ceremony. "Teaching overseas has changed how I teach here: I try to incorporate a comparative element in all of my courses now."

McLauchlan was recognized for her work in several classes that connected USFSP students with others from around the world. In Spring 2013, her civil liberties class partnered with a class in Romania on human rights issues. In another class, she connected students with others in Moldova on issues of human trafficking. And when students can't travel outside the U.S. she brings to world to her classes by helping them to interact with people around the world.

"I'm still teaching American politics classes, but I help give them an international perspective in those classes," McLauchlan said.

Wagner, who was nominated for her global research on Francophone and Lusophone cultures and for her teaching and student mentoring, also has a strong focus on helping students study

abroad. She helped co-design a summer study abroad program in France in collaboration with the Study Abroad Office.

She said she was surprised and proud to learn that she had been nominated for the USF World award by some of her students.

“USFSP students nominated me for the award without my knowledge,” she said. “It was an excellent surprise.”



From left: Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Tiffany Chenneville, Martine Fernandes Wagner and Jeffrey Cornelius, interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

