

Hot Topics in the Tropics

Opportunities Through Collaboration Conversations with Successful Partners

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Dr. John Arthur

USFSP Assistant Professor, Anthropology

Weeden Island Cultural Center, Progress Energy & the State of Florida State Historical Preservation Office. USFSP students perform the first systemic excavation with the research focus addressing cultural and environmental changes over the last 5,000 years.

International Researchers from Ethiopia, France and the United States. Study of the origins and development of the Gamo peoples of Ethiopia. An international team of researchers brings together experts in faunal analysis, and ground penetrating radar to identify sub-surface archaeological features.



Dr. James McHale

USFSP Professor, Psychology

Pinellas County Health Department and Mt. Zion Human Services. Needs assessment of first-time African American mothers / prenatal intervention to help promote post-natal cooperative alliances.

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office / Orient Road Jail / Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office (DACC0). Evaluation of co-parent alliances between incarcerated mothers and caregiving grandmothers / intervention to help promote post-release co-parenting alliances.

Florida Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Assessment of successes and differences encountered by post-divorce Parenting Coordinators as pilot for large scale evaluation.

Dr. Trey Conner

USFSP Assistant Professor, English

Mt. Zion Human Services. USFSP students supporting mid-town St. Petersburg youth and families through grant-writing, brochure and newsletter design, installation and maintenance of computer networking, researching and implementing mentoring programs, development of curriculum materials and assessment protocols for after-school tutoring program, and refurbishing the creative art studio.

"In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed."

Charles Darwin

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision; the ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Andrew Carnegie

Dr. Susan Allen

USFSP Assistant Professor, Social Work

Kris Nowland

*Director of Youth Education and Support Services
Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA)*

Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). Evaluation and implementation of pre-school curriculum of Peacemaker program to promote nonviolence through youth education. Peacemaker is offered in private pre-kindergarten programs in south Pinellas County. Additional collaboration to include evaluation of the elementary Peacemaker program by CASA staff, USFSP faculty and student research assistants.

Moderator:
Dr. Chris D'Elia
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Dr. Richard B. Smith

USFSP Assistant Professor, Economics

USF College of Medicine, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (CCHMC). Patient safety for hospitalized children. Examined the relationship of competitive forces in hospital and insurance markets to the incident of preventable errors in hospitals.

Florida Mental Health Institute, USF Tampa. Development of an instrument to measure mental health literacy and assess its role in mental health-care utilization. A look at the consumer as the center of health care decision-making.