

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarship

Dr. AnnMarie Gunn

COE – Associate Professor – Literacy Education



Dr. AnnMarie Alberton Gunn is an Associate Professor for Reading and Literacy Studies in the College of Education. Dr. Gunn is committed to working with children and families who have been traditionally marginalized by society. Her passions include supporting teachers and future teachers to teach children in Pre-K-12th grade classrooms and serving the larger community. Recently, due to this commitment, she authored and co-authored four grants to potentially fund a project where she is working with colleagues to design a robust literacy program to support children and families at two different St. Petersburg Police Athletic League Centers.

Dr. Gunn has numerous publications in journals and books as well as international and national conference presentations that focus on culturally responsive literacy practices within teacher education and for students in Pre-K-higher education. Examples of this research include examining and utilizing multicultural literature

for teacher education, early childhood education, and adult males who were incarcerated. To uphold this work, Dr. Gunn received funding from various sources: National Science Foundation, Florida State Appropriations, University of South Florida St. Petersburg, and local organizations. In addition, USFSP and AERA (a prominent international education organization) honored Dr. Gunn's work with awards for teaching and research.

[Dr. Gunn's faculty page](#)

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement

Dr. Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan

CAS – Associate Professor – History & Politics



Judithanne Scourfield McLauchlan, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Political Science and Founding Director of the Center for Civic Engagement. As Founding Director of the Center for Civic Engagement (since Fall 2006), McLauchlan has worked to develop the Citizen Scholar Program and to expand civic engagement across the curriculum. USFSP received the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's Community Engagement Classification in 2010. McLauchlan led the team that prepared the 2010 application as well as the successful re-classification application for the 2020 cycle. McLauchlan's civic leadership was recognized when she was appointed by Governor Crist to serve on the Florida Commission on Community Service. While a Commissioner, McLauchlan worked to promote volunteerism and civic engagement across the state of Florida. McLauchlan is a Fellow of the Florida Joint Center for Citizenship and has conducted teacher trainings for civics teachers across the state of Florida, pursuant to the implementation of the Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act. Recently McLauchlan was awarded the Graham Frey Civic Educator Award by Florida Campus Compact. McLauchlan is the Lead Instructor for the USFSP YMCA Civic Fellows Program, a statewide civics education initiative that is a partnership between USFSP and the YMCA Youth in Government Program. McLauchlan is an active contributor to the scholarship of teaching and learning. She has published numerous articles and book chapters about the effects of integrating civic engagement into the curriculum and has presented those findings at regional, national, and international conferences.

During Spring 2019, McLauchlan led efforts to collect data for [USFSP's 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement re-classification application](#).

McLauchlan was called upon by the American Political Science Association to contribute to the [APSA's "Political Science Now"](#) about how to promote civic literacy in this time of COVID-19 pandemic.

She has also authored an article about [civic engagement in the online classroom](#) which is relevant during this crisis.

[Dr. McLauchlan's faculty page](#)

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Global Engagement

Dr. Tiffany Chenneville

CAS – Professor – Psychology



Dr. Chenneville is a Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department at USFSP and the Marie E. and E. Leslie Cole Endowed Chair in Ethics. She holds a Joint Appointment in the Department of Pediatrics where she serves as a Behavioral Health Consultant for the Pediatric and Adolescent Infectious Disease Program. Dr. Chenneville's program of research is in the area of pediatric and adolescent HIV with a focus on the psychosocial issues affecting youth with HIV and ethical issues related to HIV prevention, treatment, and research. Dr. Chenneville is recognized as an international expert in this area with ongoing projects in Kenya and South Africa, the latter of which was funded, in part, by a Fulbright Specialist Award. Dr. Chenneville also has done work in India. She has published extensively in the area of HIV.

[Dr. Chenneville's faculty page](#)

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service

Dr. Deanna Michael

COE – Associate Professor – Teaching and Learning



I taught my first course at USFSP in the Spring semester of 1999. It was a graduate history of education course where I met the unique students at USFSP for the first time. The next year, I was appointed a visiting professor and in 2000, I joined the faculty on a tenure earning line. I have been here through the changes and growth of USFSP since that time. Professionally, I published a book in 2008, "Jimmy Carter As Educational Policy Maker," participated on National Science Foundation Reviews, participated in the Professional Leadership Development cohort, and have been active in national and international History of Education professional organizations. I have also had the pleasure of serving on the USFSP COE College Council, chairing the Curriculum and Program committee, serving on several Strategic Planning Committees, presiding over the Faculty Senate, serving as the President of the Faculty Council, and representing the faculty on the USF Board of Trustees. My service to this growing and engaging community has enriched my career and

I look forward to many more years serving USF St. Petersburg.

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The Chancellor's Award for Academic Services Faculty

Patricia Pettijohn

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library – Associate Librarian –
Collection Development & Technical Services



Patricia Pettijohn is the Head of the Department of Collection Development & Access Services at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library. Much of her work is unseen by many in the university but is essential in ensuring that USFSP faculty and students have access to the print and electronic collections available at or through our library. Collection development is her passion, and she has nurtured generations of librarians in this field as well as building our library's collection of books that are current, relevant, and important to the research and instruction conducted at USFSP. Or as she likes to put it – “that our books go out on many dates!” If you know Patricia, you also know that issues of equity, diversity, and inclusion are also dear to her heart. In 2019, she was a member of the Chancellor's Advisory Council on Issues of Diversity and Inclusive Community (CADIC), the USFSP Working Group on Sexual Harassment, and was until recently, the Chair of the Library's Diversity Committee. In 2019, Patricia was heavily involved with Faculty Governance, representing USFSP in Faculty

Senate, Faculty Senate, in various consolidation committees, and as a faculty representative in the UFF. Her careful reading of documents and policies throughout the process brought clarity to issues and strengthened the voice of both USFSP and USFSM in the process.

[Patricia Pettijohn's profile page](#)

The Chancellor's Award for Teaching Excellence The College Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Adrian O'Connor

CAS – Associate Professor – History & Politics



Adrian O'Connor is an associate professor in the Department of History & Politics. He received his Ph.D. in 2009 and has been at USFSP since 2010. An historian of early modern and modern Europe, his research focuses on eighteenth century France and the French Revolution.

Dr. O'Connor teaches a wide range of courses at all levels of the USFSP curriculum, from General Education courses in History and the Humanities to upper-level lectures and seminars, as well as occasional graduate sections. He frequently offers courses in modern European history and historical theory, as well as thematic courses on the history of protest and politics, the history of terror and terrorism, the Enlightenment, and the history of assassination.

His courses are designed around ill-structured problems that give rise to questions about the past, the present, and the relationship between the two. In the design and instruction of his classes, Dr. O'Connor hopes to stimulate students' interest in a broad array of ideas, events, issues, and ways of thinking; challenge them to think more critically about their own ideas and how those are expressed across various genres and media; and to encourage students to develop their own voices, interests, and ambitions.

[Dr. O'Connor's faculty page](#)

The College Award for Excellence in Teaching

Dr. David Rosengrant

COE – Associate Professor – STEM Education



Dr. Rosengrant has been with the USFSP family now for nearly four years. Prior to USFSP he was at Kennesaw State University for nine years where his research area was in Physics Education. He received his BS in Astro-Physics as well as his Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of Pittsburgh and his doctorate in Science Education from Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. He has taken those experiences in both science and education as well as his time in the Pennsylvania public schools to not only enhance his own teaching practices but also to prepare the next generation of science instructors. His research and teaching are intertwined with one another. Investigating educational technologies such as augmented and virtual realities as well as the effects of experiential and service learning activities by having students work with Girl Scouts to enhance the idea of STEM for all are just two examples of how they get merged. As the program coordinator for STEM Education he has worked with staff and faculty to improve the quality of not just STEM

Education but all programs here at USFSP.

[Dr. Rosengrant's faculty page](#)

The College Award for Excellence in Clinical Faculty Teaching

Dr. Christina Salnaitis

CAS – Instructor I – Psychology



Dr. Christina Salnaitis is an instructor in the Department of Psychology. She teaches two sections of Research Methods and a third rotating class of Cognitive Psychology, Physiological Psychology, or Perception. She is experienced in teaching in multiple modalities, including online, hybrid, and in-person formats. She has earned Quality Matters certification for Cognitive and Physiological Psychology. In the summer, she teaches the Teaching of Psychology to the Masters students in Psychology. She also mentors masters and undergraduate students in independent research. The research topics include stress, anxiety, and cognition, as well as bilingualism. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and 15 month old son.

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The College Award for Excellence in Clinical Faculty Teaching

Amanda Darcangelo Tompkins

COE – Graduate Program Advisor



Amanda Tompkins has experienced many perspectives of teaching through informal and formal education. Her experience includes teaching from a boat as a Marine Life and Environmental Educator at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, creating the scientists of tomorrow as a 6th and 7th grade Life Science teacher in Pinellas County and Orange County, and counseling medical students in learning strategies at the USF Morsani College of Medicine's Academic Support Center. Amanda graduated from the University of Central Florida with her Master of Arts in Teaching with a focus in biology and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Science Education at USF Tampa.

In fall 2018, Amanda became the graduate advisor and adjunct instructor for USF St. Petersburg's College of Education. She has since had the privilege of enhancing the academic and social integration of USF St. Pete's freshmen, transfer, and FTIC student populations in the University Success courses. More recently,

Amanda taught Elementary Biology and Ocean Sciences, a course providing content knowledge, innovative pedagogy, and experiential classroom activities to K-5 in-service teachers. Amanda's engagement in student success, enthusiasm for learning, and passion for teaching will continue to inspire innovation and creativity in her past, present, and future students.

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The College Award for Excellence in Clinical Faculty Teaching

Dr. Patricia Gaukel KTCOB – Instructor II – Accounting



Accounting runs in the family for Patricia Gaukel. “I am married to an accountant, and the mother of another,” says Gaukel. “But we do not talk about debits and credits at dinner.” Patricia Gaukel has taught accounting courses at the KTCOB since 2004. She has been the faculty advisor of the USFSP Beta Alpha Psi (BAP) chapter, the accounting and finance honor society, since its inception thirteen years ago. The chapter has received recognition as a superior chapter every year since its formation.

“My favorite part of being a college instructor is interacting with the students,” she said. “I find them excited, hopeful, energized and willing to work hard to achieve their dreams. They are inspiring to me.”

Gaukel received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Accounting from the University of Florida. Prior to teaching at USFSP, she was Director of Finance at Florida Progress Corporation and an auditor

for Arthur Andersen and Co. She recently was honored to receive the “Outstanding Faculty Advisor” award for BAP. Gaukel has received the Quality Matters (QM) certification for online teaching, and two of her courses are QM certified. She also serves on various college committees and local philanthropic organizations.

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Outstanding Staff Award

Reid Lesperance

Administrative Specialist, College of Arts and Sciences



Reid Lesperance joined USFSP in January 2016. She has worked in multiple areas of the university, including Cashier's and Parking, Financial Aid, and most recently the College of Arts and Sciences. In her free time, Reid enjoys playing softball, traveling, and cooking. She recently rescued a Rottweiler named Penny. Go Bulls.

Outstanding Staff Award

Thomas Gay

Program Assistant/Coordinator, Center for Civic Engagement



Thomas Gay is a graduate of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, having majored in economics & political science. Prior to joining USFSP, he worked as a Congressional Assistant for Representative Kathy Castor specializing in military and Veterans Affairs Constituent Assistance. He currently serves as the Program Assistant/Coordinator with the Center for Civic Engagement where he has helped launch the statewide Civic Fellows partnership with the Florida YMCA, assisted in drafting the university's successful application maintaining its Carnegie Community Engagement status, and actively tracks and facilitates faculty and student community/civic engagement. He also advises USFSP's Civil Liberties Union as well as Ethics & Debate where he coaches the award-winning speech & debate team.

Outstanding Administration Award

Summer Smith

Assistant Director, Enrollment Management



As the Assistant Director for Enrollment Management, Summer (Finck) Smith, M.Ed., runs the Orientation and Campus Visitation programs at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. For the past seven years, she has planned and implemented all undergraduate First-Year and Transfer Orientation sessions, in addition to coordinating the daily Campus Tours and Admissions special events such as Anchor, Honors Banquet, Scholars Brunch, and Open Houses. Her greatest professional joy is in the recruitment, supervision, and training of the Orientation Team and Navigator Tour Guides. She earned her B.A. in History from the College of William and Mary before completing her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration from North Carolina State University.

When she's not working, she is trying new restaurants, hanging out with family, playing kickball or soccer, volunteering in the community, or watching movies/TV with her husband, Taylor.



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Outstanding Administration Award

Solitaire Kelley Advisor, Academic Advising



It can't be overstated that the students make all the difference in the advising profession. I've worked in the advising office at USFSP for almost 20 years and can say for certain that I've lasted this long because of all the positive experiences I've had helping our students. Maybe it was fate or luck, but I consider myself very fortunate to have been offered a job during freshmen orientation, that led to working everyday with the most caring people, on the best campus! Go Bulls!!



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Outstanding Team Award

Casey Plastek

Assistant Director of Operations, Campus Recreation



In her role as the Assistant Director of Operations with Campus Recreation Casey Plastek finds value in creating work flows, establishing consistency and gaining traction through organization and developing intentional support initiatives. She works to establish a community of support that adapts to change and builds trust to ensure students are successful at USFSP. Casey does what she does to help the USF community build lifelong healthy habits and create a sense of calm when so much can be uncertain.



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Outstanding Team Award

Daniel Marshall

Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, Campus Recreation



Captain Dan Marshall is our Outdoor Recreation Coordinator. He oversees the boathouse, sailing and power-boating courses, and adventure trips. He is passionate about creating exciting and inclusive programs for the USFSP community. He especially enjoys taking groups out sailing in Tampa Bay. Dan can be found upstairs in the boathouse, which you should visit to schedule your next adventure.



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Outstanding Team Award

Al Gentilini

Director of Campus Recreation



As the Director of Campus Recreation, Al Gentilini enjoys leading and guiding his team members to reach their professional and personal strategic goals and aiding them in creating visions for their individual program areas. Al has been employed in the USF for 15 years with the last 3 years at USF St. Pete. He is proud to be working with a team that is passionate about their roles, have students at the forefront their decisions and who continue to provide excellent services even in this time of uncertainty.



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Outstanding Team Award

Ben Pazian

Assistant Director of Programs, Campus Recreation



Benjamin Pazian is the Assistant Director of Programs for the University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus Recreation. He has been a part of the University of South Florida's Recreation and Wellness team since 2011 at both the Tampa and St. Petersburg campuses. Benjamin has over a decade of experience as an American Red Cross Professional Rescuer and Water Safety Instructor, teaching courses throughout the country, and is passionate about student and programmatic development. He enjoys the ability to provide facilities and programs that give patrons an ability to socialize, participate in wellness activities, learn a new skill, and de-stress.



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