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## Welcome!

The Graduate School wishes to welcome **James Agarpao**, **Amie Haverman** and **Kimberly Carter**. James is the Executive Assistant to Dean Liller, Amie is the Administrative Assistant in the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs, and Kimberly is the new Fiscal & Business Analyst in the accounting unit of the Graduate School. Please join us in welcoming these new members of the staff.

## Upcoming Events!

- FEB 11 – 12 SGS Opening Event
- FEB 23 "Oral Presentation Skills" Student Success Workshop
- MAR 29 GS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kickoff Event

## USF to Celebrate the Opening of the School of Global Sustainability February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

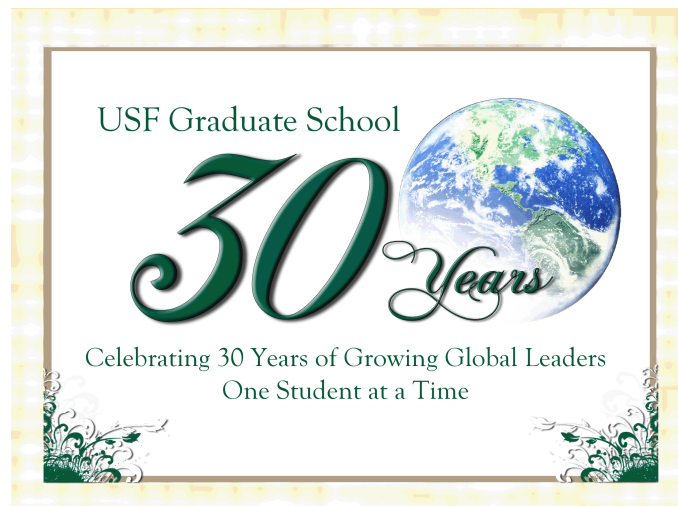
**TAMPA, FL (February 2010)** – The official opening of the **School of Global Sustainability (SGS)** will be held at the Marshall Student Center on **February 11-12**. Keynote speakers include: Dr. Lonnie Thompson, who will speak on "Global Climate Change: A Paleoclimate Perspective from the World's Highest Mountains;" Dr. George Luber, who will speak on "Climate Change and Health: the Public Health Response;" and Dr. Jerry Schnoor, who will speak on "Environmental Grand Challenges." For more information about the SGS and the opening event, please visit: <http://www.sgs.usf.edu>.

## Graduate School Launches MA in Global Sustainability Program

**TAMPA, FL (February 2010)** – The USF Graduate School has launched a new master's degree program: the **MA in Global Sustainability**. The Program will be housed in the **School of Global Sustainability** in the Graduate School, and will showcase cutting edge curricular opportunities for students interested in the field of sustainability. Information about the MA in Global Sustainability, including application and degree requirements, may be found on the MA website: <http://www.grad.usf.edu/global.asp>.

## Graduate School Celebrating 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010

**TAMPA, FL (February 2010)** – The year 2010 is a banner year for the USF Graduate School as it marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formation on March 4, 2010. During the following twelve months the Graduate School will be hosting special events to commemorate the anniversary. The first event will be held **Monday March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Marshall Student Center amphitheater**. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo is shown below and will be featured prominently in all Graduate School events and correspondence. A 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website and list of activities will be coming soon. Stay tuned!



## Graduate School Division News

### ACADEMICS

Graduate students are encouraged to visit with their Department/Program Graduate Directors for updates to policies and procedures for the 2010-2011 academic year.

### GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The Summer and Fall 2010 application deadline is February 15, 2010, for most graduate programs. February-March is the peak time for applications and applicants may experience delays in the processing of their applications. The Graduate School recommends that all applicants visit the Graduate Degree Programs webpage:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/programs/programs.asp>, for department requirements and deadline dates. To check the status of an application, please visit:

<https://www.grad.usf.edu/sonic3/status.php>

### MARKETING, RECRUITMENT, AND STUDENT SUCCESS

A full slate of **student success workshops** have been scheduled for the Spring 2010 Semester. Topics include: *Finding Funding for Research*, *Demystifying the Publication Process*, and *Oral Presentation Skill*, as well as many more. Choose the **Workshops** link found on the Graduate School website to register and find detailed information about these initiatives.

The Graduate School has updated the **Fellowships and Scholarships** website with comprehensive information about eligibility. In addition, all applications are now accepted online. Access the website via:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/grants.asp>.

### OFFICE OF POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS (OPA)

The OPA strives to foster a robust postdoctoral community, provide opportunities to enhance the postdoctoral experience and future success for its constituents, serve as a dedicated resource for postdoctoral scholars, faculty and administrators, and promote the university's dynamic program of postdoctoral opportunities while supporting postdoctoral scholars throughout their time at USF. For more information, visit the OPA website:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/postdoc.asp>

## Dr. Richard Pollenz Appointed Associate Dean of the Graduate School

Dr. Richard Pollenz, Professor in the Department of Cell Biology, Microbiology and Molecular Biology (CMMB) has been appointed as the Associate Dean of the Graduate School. Dr. Pollenz served as the Interim Associate Dean in the Graduate School since October 2008 and was previously the undergraduate and graduate program director in CMMB. He has graduated numerous doctoral and master's students since taking his first faculty position in 1994 and has published over 50 peer reviewed articles on aspects of molecular pharmacology.

## Kudos!

### 2009 Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation Awards

The Graduate School congratulates the winners of the 2009 **Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation** awards.

- Angela Gilbert, M.A., Geography  
Major Professor, Jayajit Chakraborty, Ph.D.
- Vishnuteja Nanduri Ph.D., Industrial Engineering  
Major Professor, Tapas K. Das, Ph.D.
- Matt Beekman, Ph.D., Physics, Applied Physics  
Major Professor, George Nolas, Ph.D.
- Praveen Sekhar Ph.D., Electrical Engineering  
Major Professor, Shekhar Bhansali, Ph.D.

The 2010 competition is now open and nomination information can be found of the Graduate School website:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/outstanding-thesis.asp>.

### 2010-2011 Graduate Student Challenge Grants

The **Graduate School** and the **Office of Research & Innovation** congratulate the seven winning teams that were awarded 2010-2011 **Graduate Student Challenge Grants: Building Research Partnerships Across Disciplines**. These one-year projects are designed for students to develop research skills that will allow them to excel in their chosen fields. The awarding of these grants is part of the mission and strategic plans of USF and the Graduate School to build leaders through excellence in collaborative graduate education and research. The seven teams that were awarded the grants are comprised of thirty-two students across eight colleges. To view the detailed information about the winning teams and their projects, visit the Graduate School website:

<http://www.grad.usf.edu/funding-challenge-grants.asp>.