

## Welcome Back !!!



Dr. Karen Liller Ph.D.

### A Word from our Dean

#### Welcome Graduate Students !

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome all graduate students to the 2008-2009 academic year at the University of South Florida. I am pleased to be serving as the interim Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation. My academic home is in the College of Public Health and my research, teaching, and service focuses on the prevention and control of unintentional injuries in children. I know USF well as I received my Masters and Educational Specialist degrees here in addition to my PhD from the College of Education with a minor in Public Health. I have worked at USF for 20 years as a professor of public health and for the last five years as Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs within the College of Public Health.

You have made an excellent choice in selecting USF for your graduate studies. USF is one of Florida's top three public research universities and has dual designations by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a very high Research AND Community-engaged University. Our student numbers in the graduate school continue to increase as we approach 20% of USF's total student body.

My vision for the Graduate School as Interim Dean is for it to be a hub of leadership for faculty, staff, and graduate students. Since I will also work with Research and Innovation, we will be more closely uniting the graduate school with research efforts and you should see in the near future new disciplinary research opportunities.

We are developing several innovative and exciting opportunities for graduate students so keep checking your emails and our website ([www.grad.usf.edu](http://www.grad.usf.edu)). Also- become involved with our Graduate and Professional Student Council to learn more about what USF has to offer you and how you can become more active with your peers and professors.

Graduates of our degree programs should not only have the ability and drive to succeed but truly serve as leaders in their fields.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the academic year ahead and truly welcome you to the Graduate School. I wish you the best in your scholarly pursuits !



Hellen Kantaras

### Who's who

My name is Hellen Kantaras and I am the President of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC). I would like to welcome all new and returning graduate and professional students to USF and to the GPSC! The mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Council is to foster interaction between graduate and professional students through community service, social and academic events. In addition, the GPSC provides a voice for graduate and student interests to the administration. We have many exciting opportunities for you to meet other graduate students, and I encourage you to explore those events and resources that the GPSC offers by signing up for our listserv at <http://www.gpsc.usf.edu/involved.html>. I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of the GPSC and our efforts to enhance graduate student success. I would like to again extend my welcome and hope to see you at our upcoming events. Best of luck as you embark on the unforgettable journey of graduate student education.



Tampa Bay Skyline

### Newcomers Welcome to Tampa Bay !

With 2.5 million residents, the Tampa Bay is one of the world's most desirable areas in which to live. There is always something to do here in Tampa. The Tampa Bay area features outstanding local beaches. Other activities include Busch Gardens, Adventure Island, the Lowry Park Zoo, the Florida Aquarium and the historic Ybor City.

In addition, we are host to several national professional sports teams such as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Tampa Bay Lightning. And, let's not forget all of our intercollegiate athletic teams, the USF Bulls, GO BULLS!

For the culturally inclined, there is the Salvadori Dali Museum in St. Pete, Ringling Brothers Museum in Sarasota, the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) just across the street from our Tampa campus, the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and the Tampa Museum of Art, and USF's own Contemporary Art Museum and Graphic Studio.

Concerts and Performances are regularly held at USF's Sun Dome, the College of Visual and Performing Arts as well as Tampa's St. Pete Times Forum and Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater.

### Our Mission

The mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is to foster interaction between graduate and professional students through community service, social and academic events. GPSC also provides a voice for graduate and professional students through representation on university committees and advocacy of student interests to the administration.

### Upcoming Events!!

- GPSC General Assembly Meeting - Sept. 10
- GPSC Fall Social at Peabody's - Sept. 12
- Graduate Student Organization Advisory Committee Luncheon - Sept 19
- Homecoming Parade float - Oct 17

For more information about or events please visit our website at [www.gpsc.usf.edu](http://www.gpsc.usf.edu)

### Spotlight

School of Architecture and Community Design  
Fall 2008 Lecture Series

#### SUSTAIN IT !

Design Discourse on **Strategies + Tactics in Sustainability in Architecture and Urbanism**  
Lectures begin at 6 pm and take place in CWY 109, the new ROTC auditorium and are free and open to the public

Please visit the website at [www.arch.usf.edu](http://www.arch.usf.edu) for more information.

### Graduate School News

Academic Policy Updates to note!  
Effective Fall 2008, there are a few policy changes to be aware of. The first is the Mandatory First Day Course Attendance Policy, More info. available at: <http://download.grad.usf.edu/FirstDayAttendanceNotice.pdf>  
**Please note this Policy is being reconsidered for the Spring.**  
Policies can be accessed directly at <http://www.grad.usf.edu/newsite/policies.asp>  
Any further questions please contact Graduate School at [chines-cobb@grad.usf.edu](mailto:chines-cobb@grad.usf.edu)  
Please put "Policy Question" in the subject line.