

The Graduate Voice

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Graduate Student Spotlight!

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As the Graduate Voice for the University of South Florida, we here at GPSC would like to acknowledge and commend students on their academic achievements and milestones. While the GPSC Newsletter is open to feature all students who would like to share their awards, this month features **Ms. Jessica Kennedy**, a Doctoral Candidate in the Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology (CMMB) Department. Let's take a look at what Jessica had to say as she celebrates her recent publication in a high impact factor journal and continues to impress with her outstanding research feats.



Tell us a little bit about your research

My lab is invested in discovering mechanisms for controlling genome instability in yeast. My protein of interest, Sgs1, has human homologs that, when deficient, cause increased rates of cancer, growth defects, and early death.

What is your primary target of investigation?

I am particularly interested in describing how transient structure in disordered protein-protein interaction areas of Sgs1 contributes to instability. I intend to use a combination of NMR spectroscopy with traditional yeast fitness assays to get an idea for how loss of structure and protein-protein interaction affects cell health.

What has your hard work lead to?

I am very happy that my research has recently been published in **Nucleic Acids Research** and was represented at the Keystone Symposia and Biophysical Society annual conferences. I am currently working on a second first-author manuscript that furthers that work as well.

How does your work affect the community?

I'm delighted that my position as a graduate student allows me to do some great volunteer work in the Tampa Bay area where I've lived my whole life. This year, I participated in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk, the Great American Teach-In, science fair judging at a local middle school, and weekly assignments to the intensive care unit at Florida Hospital Tampa. I look forward to continuing all of my work in my last years at USF and I am proud to represent the Bulls community here and abroad.

The Mission of the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) is to foster interactions between Graduate and Professional students through community service, social, academic, and professional events. GPSC also provides a voice for the graduate and professional students through representation via university committees as well as advocating student academic and professional interest to university administration.

Upcoming Events

"The Academic Village: How to Utilize Campus Resources to Improve Your Writing During Graduate School" Thursday, November 21st, 2013
3:00 - 4:30 pm in Cooper Hall CPR 122

The Tampa Heart Walk through the American Heart Association
Saturday, November 2nd 8:00 a.m. at Raymond James Stadium
"Scholarship Seminar" Presented by Lauren Chambers
Wednesday, November 6th MSC 3711 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Graduate End of the Semester Social
Wednesday, December 4th (Time and location TBA)

The Great American Teach-In
November 21st McDonald Elementary. Contact Lillian Doerfler at liland@mail.usf.edu

Recent Events

GPSC recently held their second writing workshop "Write Right: Never Abandon Writing Fundamentals" presented by Dr. Vernetta Williams. She presented to students ways to recognize proper uses of punctuation as well as correct writing styles when writing papers and their dissertations.



Monthly Meetings:

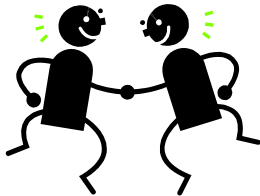
Monthly meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month for the Fall 2013 semester in MSC 3711 from 4pm to 5 pm.

Specific dates are as follows:

November 6th, 2013

December 4th, 2013

GPSC Collaborations



GPSC loves to collaborate with other organizations! Check out some of the other events happening on campus. Come out and show your support and learn a few things along the way!

Call for Green Energy Fund Proposals!

Are you interested in making USF an environmentally sustainable campus?? If so, contribute your project proposal by Friday, November 15th. For more information contact Makarand Gawade at makarand@mail.usf.edu

Internship at Florida Hospital for Spring 2014

A number of research and internship opportunities are available!

Contact Gladys Munoz for more information at Gladys.munoz@ahss.org

The deadline for resume and cover letter submission is Friday, November 8th, by 5:00 p.m. so contact Gladys as soon as possible!

Graduate School Preparation Event hosted by the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association (BGPISA)

Proposed date: Monday, November 18th at 5:00 p.m. in the Marshall Center.

Contact Corliss Heath for more information at cdheath@mail.usf.edu

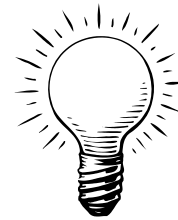
Join the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association

Contact Andenesha Kemp at askemp@mail.usf.edu for more information

Apartment Business Fair

Come to the Student Government's Annual Apartment Business Fair (ABX) November 21st from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the MLK lawn.

Did You Know?



USF offers all students the following amenities. Take advantage of them, especially for Finals week!

USF S.A.F.E Team by Student Government

S.A.F.E Team is dedicated to providing a heightened level of safety at the University of South Florida. We provide this service by constantly patrolling sectors of campus in order to deter crime, offering safe escorts to USF students and staff, and working in conjunction with local figures to provide the Alert Cab service to USF students.

Free Escort Team takes you to your car in the wee hours of the morning

Contact **813-974-SAFE (7233)** from 6:30 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. for more information or visit <http://sg.usf.edu/agencies/safe/>

USF Health and Wellness Center

Check out <http://usfweb2.usf.edu/wellness/> for information on Victims Advocacy, Stress Management, Safety Tips and more! Great resource for Exam Time!

Health and Wellness!



Do you need Health Insurance as a Student?

If so, contact Susana Perez-Field, a Program Coordinator in the Student Insurance Office of USF'S Student Health Services at sperez@shs.usf.edu or sperez@health.usf.edu.

You can also visit the website for more information and what requirements there are to qualify for health Insurance. <http://www.shs.usf.edu/insurance.aspx>

If you're a GA/RA or TA please see their website for specifics on Insurance coverage specifically for those positions.

Student Health Services also has a number of services available to students to help with General Health and Wellness.

Achievements, Recognition and Talent Call!!

Want to be recognized for your achievements and/or talents??? Then write to us and tell us your story at gpssc@usf.edu or vpersaut@health.usf.edu. You can also stop by the Office of Graduate Studies in ALN 226.

We would love to feature YOU in our Monthly GPSC Newsletter!

