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From the Dean

Academic success is important, of course, but so is taking some time to stop, reflect, and give thanks, especially at this time of year. Currently on the first floor of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library is a remarkable photo exhibit of members of our own community—“[USFSP Vets: Portraits in Black and White](#).” Former Air Force photographer Stacy Pearsall took the photos on campus last spring as part of her series the [Veterans Portrait Project](#). USFSP journalism students then wrote brief biographies to accompany most of the portraits, which offer viewers a chance to learn more about the individuals behind the photos and their service. I encourage you to take a break and visit this remarkable exhibit.



As we head into the final weeks of the semester, remember that the Library can help students finish strong:

- At the [Student Technology Center](#), students will find an academic computing helpdesk as well as assistance and training in software and virtual platforms.
- [Librarians](#) are poised and ready to help students find information and complete research projects.
- The Library has textbooks, laptops, calculators, and more on [reserve](#) to support student success.
- We are open until 2:00 am, Mon-Thurs. USF ID cards are needed for entry after 8:00 pm.

With gratitude,
Cathi Cardwell



Scholars Corner



Augment your Reality in the Library

With *Merge* goggles and a *Holocube*, the Student Tech Center at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library has the equipment for you to experiment with virtual and augmented reality.

Come to our *Virtual Reality Experience* on Thursday Nov. 15th, from 12 – 2:00 pm to experience and learn how to create your own virtual and augmented realities.

Or, check out the work of Dr. David Rosengrant, from the USFSP College of Education, who created an augmented reality application to teach Physics to elementary school students using a *Holocube*.

Visit his work at the [Rosengrant STEM Lab Page](#) or download it from the [Google Play Store](#).

Event sponsored by the Innovation Lab [SolutionSpace @ SPC] and the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida St. Petersburg.



Tapestry



As Concepcion sat weaving, USFSP students gathered around to hear her story. One of eight “Human Books” in the Third Annual Living Library at USFSP, a Diversity Week event sponsored by the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, she shared her unique life experiences as one of the last traditional weavers from her village in Guatemala. In the Living Library, Books are People, and Reading is a Conversation.

Books included USFSP students, such as Jonathan, a Navy vet who overcame personal hardships to create a life he titled *Lucky at Every Turn*; Joy, a mother of two children on the Autism Spectrum; and Niya, who shared her experiences as a young black girl and woman growing up with mental illness. Each Book felt strongly that by sharing their experiences they might help others that were struggling. Each Book described their life story, sharing personal insight and clarity of purpose.

The evening challenged stereotypes about race, gender, ethnicity, age, and background. A self-described fourth generation Cracker is now a Sikh community acupuncturist devoted to political activism; a married Trans Lesbian, the parent of two children, says that, “People regularly see me as a man which becomes a problem for them--which they often make into a problem for me.” The Living Library raised awareness of issues of diversity on campus and in the wider



community by creating a dialogue around issues of prejudice and intolerance, and engaging participants in structured, but open dialogues.



Spotlight



Collection Development and Technical Services

Collection Development and Technical Services hires several student assistants. Here are a few thoughts from them:

Dinorah Prevost digs up back issues of periodicals, such as SPIN and Vanity Fair, when she shelves new ones. And, as a mass communications major, she wants to write a major magazine one day. This just may help her with ideas.

Katie Greco loves making the Library work for patrons to fully experience what we have to offer them.

Tatiana Johnson is the newest member of the team and we are excited to have her.



Did You Know?



Tech on Reserve

In addition to our popular Textbooks on Reserve collection, USF students, faculty, and staff can check out items from the Library's Tech on Reserve Collection. These are the items we have available for checkout in the Library:

- Mac and PC laptops
- Headphones
- Flash-drives
- HDMI cables
- AV Adapters
- Chargers and power banks, and
- An assortment of calculators

So, if you've lost your tech, visit the Library with your USF ID, and check-out our Tech of Reserve at the Library's front desk.

Special Collections Trivia

This image from the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's Special Collections and University Archives comes from the Jacobs collection of Francis Wagner photographs.

Question:

Where was this 1920s downtown St. Petersburg photo taken? It looks the same today.



Answer:
[Digital Collections](#)



Spaces

The next time you visit the library, take the time to visit the exhibit: *USFSP Vets: Portraits in Black and White*, photographed by Stacy Pearsall, Air Force Combat photographer (ret.) and founder of the Veteran's Portrait Project.

While the faces in the photographs may be familiar to many around campus, the stories of the USFSP Vets, as documented by Janet Keeler's USFSP Journalism students, intimately outline their continued struggles, successes, and dreams.

Photos from the opening Reception: co-sponsored by the USFSP Military and Veterans Success Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.



Upcoming Event Reminder



OLITS is preparing for the *4th Annual Bay to Bay Learning Symposium: Diversity in Action* on February 8, 2019.

This year's theme is engaging underrepresented populations and promoting learning through diverse experiences. We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker will be Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of University of Maryland Baltimore County USMBC. To learn more about Dr. Hrabowski watch his [TED talk](#).

This year we will be selecting three faculty presenters as well as calling for poster presenters for our happy hour. For more information and to submit (by **Friday, November 16th**), please visit the [Bay to](#)

[Bay Website.](#)

We hope to see all of you there. And, if you know any faculty who would be perfect to present, please encourage them to apply!



Events

Moving Toward Freedom: African-American Mobility and the Ecology of Emancipation in the American South
November 14th at 4pm-6pm

The Flipped Classroom: Strategies to Overcome Student Resistance and Increase Student Engagement
November 15th at 10am-11am

Virtual Reality Learning Experience
November 15th at 12pm - 2pm

Impact Explained: Article, Journal, Researcher Metrics
November 16th at 10am-11am

International Development from the Perspective of a Foreign Service Officer by Foreign Service Officer Caryle Cammisa
November 27th at 2pm-3pm

Project PUP - Therapy Dogs
December 4th at 3:30pm-4:30pm

[See our Full Calendar](#)

Exhibits

Jack Davis and The Gulf
Library 1st Floor
September 14th - December 21st

International Education Month
Library 1st Floor
November 1st - November 30th

Weekly Challenger Display
Library 1st Floor
November 5th - December 21st



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