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USF St. Petersburg Program of Distinction
Hires Environmental Policy Expert

July 1, 2003 (St. Petersburg, Fla.) - Our world is changing. The threat of biological weapons, the spread of modern-day plagues and mutating viruses – once absurd and merely Sci-Fi fodder – are becoming all too real. Infectious diseases not known to exist some 25 or 30 years ago are ravaging mankind and spreading fear on a global scale.

Scholars and researchers are viewing our shrinking globe at a microscopic level as well as a macroscopic one. Experts in environmental, political and microbiological studies are joining forces and overlapping as never before as they review policies, examine worldwide effects of various issues and study prevailing political trends and repercussions.

With the development of USF St. Petersburg's Environmental Science, Policy and Geography Program of Distinction, the university will be producing the future movers and shakers of the environmental and planning fields. Graduates from this benchmark program will be among those controlling our planet’s future.

Andrew T. Price-Smith, who is joining USF St. Petersburg as an assistant professor of environmental policy, is the newest expert the university is tapping. Price-Smith has had an illustrious career as a professor, researcher and analyst of environmental change, the far-reaching effects of infectious diseases, and international policy and stability.

He earned his bachelor’s degree from Queens University, in Canada, his master’s from the University of Western Ontario, and his doctorate in political science is from the University of Toronto. His research areas have included national and international politics of the environment, health policy, and international development, affairs and relations.

His most recent book is The Health of Nations: Environmental Change, Infectious Disease and its Effects on National Security and Development. He also authored Plagues and Politics: Infectious Disease and International Policy. Other publications include articles and book chapters on such topics as HIV/AIDS, infectious disease and global stability, environmental change, public health and the analysis of complex biological/political relationships.

Price-Smith comes to USF St. Petersburg from the university’s Tampa campus where he was an assistant professor in the Department of Government and International Affairs and Environmental Affairs of the Globalization Research Center. Prior to teaching in Tampa, he taught at the University of North Dakota’s Department of Political Science and Public Administration in Grand Forks, Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs in New York City as well as on their Palisades campus. He also held teaching and research positions at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, the University of Toronto’s Centre for International Studies’ Program on Health and Global Affairs, and at the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

He is an internationally sought after expert who has been invited to speak at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington D.C. where the topic was HIV/AIDS and its effects on prosperity and governance in Zimbabwe. He has also made presentations at UCLA, George Washington University, the CBACI/WHO conference on health and international security in Geneva, Switzerland, the Columbia Earth Institute and the International Peace Research Institute in Oslo, Norway.

In addition, he received grants to conduct research projects from the Lounsbery Foundation (administered by the Chemical and Biological Arms Institute), the Harrison Program on the Global Future, and the Environmental Change and Security Project at the Smithsonian Institute examining infectious disease and its effect on national security.

Price-Smith is multi-lingual and speaks English, French and Spanish.