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# Memorial Service for Professor David R. Carr

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St. Petersburg, Fla. February 8, 2010 – USF St. Petersburg will host a memorial service for David R. Carr on Friday, Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library.

Please join us in honoring our colleague, teacher and friend. For more information, please call (727) 873-4842. [View a campus map here.](#)

David R. Carr was a husband, professor, university leader and a community volunteer whose contributions to the field of history enriched our university in ways that his colleagues and students will remember for years to come.

Carr joined USF St. Petersburg in 1971, moving to St. Petersburg for his first faculty position after receiving his doctorate in History from the University of Nebraska. By 2009 he held rank as the most senior faculty member in terms of service at USF St. Petersburg and joined a small group of USFSP employees with more than 35 years of employment. His primary areas for teaching and research were medieval, Renaissance, and Reformation history, as well as urban, social, intellectual, and constitutional history.

Carr witnessed the growth of USF St. Petersburg and his service grew along with the boundaries of the university. He offered sage guidance to the USFSP Library Committee, University Library Council, the Lecture Series Committee, the Honors Program, Faculty Senate, and the University Undergraduate Council, among other bodies, from the mid-1970s into the 1980s. Carr attained the rank of Associate Professor in 1989.

He oversaw the USFSP Honors Program from 1992 to 1995. From 1999 until 2002, he served as director of the USFSP College of Arts and Sciences and took an important administrative role in directing USF St. Petersburg's independent accreditation efforts beginning in 2001. Carr earned rank as a full Professor of History in 2004.

His work extended beyond USF St. Petersburg through his involvement with cultural and historical organizations in Pinellas County. A member of the Pinellas County Historical Commission from 1975 through 1978, he played an important role in the establishment of Heritage Village, Pinellas County's open-air museum. Carr served as a founding officer of the Pinellas County Historical Society and provided guidance for early exhibits and collections at the museum, offered fieldwork and practicum opportunities for students in historic preservation, and helped to establish a successful foundation for the museum. He served on the board of the St. Petersburg Historical Society, as a commissioner and chair of the St. Petersburg Planning Commission (1982-1987), and as a commissioner on the St. Petersburg Historical Preservation Commission (1985-1987).

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