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Susan Fernandez, Ph.D., has been honored as Associate Professor Emeritus of History for her outstanding achievements over nearly four decades in the USF System, including the past 15 years at USF St. Petersburg.

Fernandez, who earned a B.A. and an M.A. in History from USF Tampa, wore many hats over the years: Academic Adviser for Undergraduate Studies at USF Tampa, Director of the Freshmen Learning Community at USFSP, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Founding Chair of the Department of History and Politics, Chair of the Arts and Sciences Faculty Council and Associate Professor of History.

“Dr. Fernandez will be most remembered as an engaging classroom teacher and mentor to countless students and for her important scholarly contributions in the
“fields of Caribbean and Florida History,” said Vivian Fueyo, Regional Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

John Hope Franklin Professor of Southern History Ray Arsenault, Ph.D., the current chair of the Department of History and Politics, praised Fernandez’s contributions to USFSP community. “We will miss her dry wit and hard-earned wisdom, but it is our hope that as an emeritus professor she will stay in close touch, interrupting her well-deserved retirement from time to time with visits to the institution that she served so well,” he said.

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