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GOVERNMENT VETERAN COMES TO TEACH GOVERNMENT AT USF ST. PETERSBURG

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Who better to teach government classes at USF St. Petersburg than someone who has worked in all three branches of government? Dr. Judithanne V. Scourfield McLauchlan fits that bill as she has served in the White House, the US Department of Justice, the US Senate, and the US Supreme Court. She will bring her unique blend of first-hand experience and scholarly research to USF St. Petersburg when she joins the faculty as an assistant professor in government this fall.

“I am very excited to be teaching at USF St. Petersburg,” said McLauchlan. “Its reputation for dedicated faculty and quality students was critical in my decision to come here. I am very proud to be associated with such a top-notch institution.”

“Dr. McLauchlan’s unique hands-on experience in various governmental departments and agencies as well as her work with political campaigns and elections will be an invaluable resource to her students and colleagues,” said Dr. Gary Olson, interim associate vice president of Academic Affairs.

In addition to working in all three branches of government in our nation’s capital, McLauchlan has worked on campaigns and elections across this country, from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon. A veteran of several presidential campaigns, including extensive work in New Hampshire during the first-in-the-nation presidential primary, McLauchlan said she was interested in watching Bob Graham’s presidential campaign take shape.

“I’ve enjoyed working in a number of presidential campaigns both in national headquarters and as state director for several states,” said McLauchlan. “It will be interesting, once I move to Florida, to have a ‘home-state’ candidate in the race. I have been working with all of the presidential candidates over the last two and one-half years as the political and field director for the New Hampshire Democratic Party and I plan on remaining actively involved in politics after I move to Florida,” she said.

McLauchlan received her bachelor’s degree in political science from Rider University and her master’s and doctorate in Political Science from Rutgers University.

Away from her government interests, this former varsity swimmer and swim instructor says she is “looking forward to the sunny weather, the beach, and learning how to sail at the Haney Landing Sailing Center” located on campus.

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