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USF St. Petersburg's Search For Excellence Reaches Across Continents

- Dr. Christopher Davis Brings His Expertise to America

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USF St. Petersburg has not only scour ed the nation for outstanding educators – the search has reached across oceans and national boarders to accomplish its goal of providing the highest educational experience possible. In order to find the leading information systems expert, the search led all the way to England.

Dr. Christopher Davis, currently a professor of information systems at Brunel University in West London, is an internationally known expert in his field. He will join the faculty of USF St. Petersburg in the fall.

"I look forward to contributing to the program in the College of Business where I will teach System Analysis and Design," said Davis. "Although I am an experienced university teacher, I anticipate that my accent may set me apart a little in the early days."

Davis has been a lecturer at the University of Bristol, the University of the West of England, and the University of Glamorgan Business School. In addition to his teaching career, Davis has worked for Hewlett Packard Laboratories, Avon and Somerset Police Authority, and the Ministry of Defense.

"My research interests in the organizational impacts of information systems will enable me to quickly engage with colleagues in the Information Systems and Data Services Department and the university more widely," said Davis. "I anticipate extending my previous work on biometric, forensic, health and defense systems by engaging in collaborative research with the business communities in Pinellas County and beyond. In this way, I hope to contribute to the College's Programs of Distinction and USF St. Petersburg's research mission."

"Dr. Davis has established himself as an outstanding scholar," said Gary Olson, interim associate vice president for Academic Affairs. "Students at USF St. Petersburg will be learning from one of the leading experts in this field. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have hired someone with his expertise and his extensive research background," said Olson.

Besides his teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses, Davis is a prolific writer and has had several book chapters and numerous articles published worldwide. Among his works are Making a Mark: The National Automated Fingerprint Identification System, Anthropological Reflections on Systems Engineering: Seeing is Believing, and The Intrinsic and Extrinsic Valuation of Information Systems.

He was session chair of the Ninth European Conference on Information Systems in Bled, Slovenia, and the Fifth Annual Conference of the United Kingdom Academy for Information Systems.

Davis received his bachelor's of arts degree in police studies and his master's degree in information technology from the Council for National Academic Awards. He received his post-graduate certificate in higher education and his doctorate in philosophy at the University of the West of England in Bristol.

"My family and I are very excited about relocating to St. Petersburg," said Davis. "My new position offers an ideal combination of opportunities for all four of us."

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