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(St. Petersburg, Fla.) December 23, 2009 - Erika Greenberg-Schneider, adjunct instructor in studio art at USFSP, has been nominated by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in Miami to receive the honor of Chevalier des Arts et Lettres, or Knight of the Arts and Letters. The award can be compared with the British system of knighting.

Greenberg-Schneider is being nominated for this award from the French government for the work that her Tampa studio and gallery, Bleu Acier, has accomplished promoting French culture in Florida.

As part of the nomination, Bleu Acier will be honored with its inclusion in an exhibition entitled "The French Ateliers of Florida," to be held in Miami in Fall 2010. This show will honor the savoir-faire of three artisan-based businesses practicing in the state of Florida, with Bleu Acier being the only Tampa nominee. Greenberg-Schneider is the only woman nominated. She and her studio are in company with the Miami atelier of Olivier Haligon, great grandson of the fabricator of the Statue of Liberty and the third generation of the best mold makers and sculpture fabricators in France. The third nominee, Buffet Crampon, is an important fabricator of woodwind instruments specializing in clarinets. The company's North American operations are based in Jacksonville.

The recipient of the award will be chosen in February or March 2010.

Greenberg Schneider began teaching at USFSP in 2005 as a Visiting Professor of Art. During her first year at USFSP she earned the Undergraduate Teaching Award from the College of Arts and Sciences. She has been an adjunct instructor since 2006. In Fall 2009 she taught Beginning Drawing and Beginning Painting. In Spring 2010 she will teach Concepts and Practices and Intermediate Drawing.

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