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Lisa Starks-Estes has loved Shakespeare from her first visit to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Ontario on a class field trip. An inspirational high school theater teacher and a senior year at Interlochen Arts Academy cemented her love of theater and literature – and she never looked back. She has spent her entire academic career studying violence and sexuality in Renaissance literature.

Starks-Estes’ colleagues in the Department of Verbal & Visual Arts Department at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg will honor Starks-Estes and the publication of her new book on September 10 at 4:30 – 6:00 pm at Harbor Hall at USFSP.

*Violence, Trauma, and Virtus in Shakespeare’s Roman Poems and Plays: Transforming Ovid*, published by Palgrave Macmillan, is the culmination of Starks-Estes’ work. In the book, she explores how Shakespeare uses Ovidian mythological subjects and poetic methods to explore the interrelationship between lovesickness, trauma and subjectivity in his poems and plays.
Lisa Starks-Estes is an Associate Professor of English at USFSP where she directs the MLA in Liberal Studies Program. She has published articles, edited journals and co-edited book collections on sexuality and violence in Renaissance drama, Shakespeare on screen and other topics.

The public is welcome to join the celebration, but reservations are requested by contacting Professor Thomas Hallock at thallock@mail.usf.edu or 727-873-4954.