The School of Aging Studies at the University of South Florida is an outstanding example of our commitment to innovative interdisciplinary research and education. The School's outstanding applied research and educational programs in aging studies address issues of concern to Tampa Bay, Florida, and the world. Aging Studies is one of our top priorities and is one of USF's beacons of excellence. We thank you for your interest in the USF School of Aging Studies.

Judy Genshaft
President,
University of South Florida

The School of Aging Studies has a dual mission: excellence in applied aging research and education; and promotion of aging activities throughout the USF campus. Our gerontology education programs are among the oldest and largest in the United States. USF's M.A. in Gerontology program, which began in 1967, was one of the first graduate programs in Gerontology in the US. Our Ph.D. in Aging Studies program, which began in 1994, has gained national prominence. Graduates of the Ph.D. program are now taking top jobs in academia, government, and private industry. We have also shown tremendous growth in our undergraduate programs—we currently reach about 3,500 students who take a gerontology course every year, from nearly every major on the campus.

Our extramural funding has also steadily grown, exceeding $1.0 million in expenditures during the last fiscal year. We now have 13 full time faculty lines, including one in aging and auditory neurosciences that is a joint position with the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. Our faculty continue to produce high quality, high impact scholarship. We routinely publish in top journals, and our faculty serve on major editorial boards and review panels. All of our senior faculty are Fellows in the Gerontological Society of America, and several have received awards such as the American Society on Aging Gloria Cavanaugh Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Margret Baltes Award for Outstanding Research.

As the Director of the School of Aging Studies at the University of South Florida, I hope that you will find this brochure to be an informative overview of the activities of the School of Aging Studies. The primary mission of the School of Aging Studies is excellence in applied aging research and education. Our emphasis is on research that is aimed at improving the lives of older adults and their family members. Areas of research include aging and health, cognitive aging and Alzheimer's disease, public policy and long-term care, and aging and health disparities.

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We have a number of unique assets that contribute to the success of the School of Aging Studies. We have received strong and consistent support from the USF administration, and the University and the Tampa Bay area provide us with a rich environment for aging research and education. We are fortunate to be able to partner with many outstanding programs and faculty throughout USF, as well as the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, The USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's Institute, and the VA Medical Center. We also work closely with community agencies including the Alzheimer's Association, Area Agency on Aging, and local hospices and retirement communities. We have also been fortunate to receive support from generous donors who have helped us endow scholarships and awards for deserving students.

During the summer of 2008 the School of Aging Studies became part of a new college at USF that is dedicated to the development and implementation of innovative solutions to the complex problems that affect the behavior and well-being of individuals, populations, and the communities in which they live. The College of Behavioral and Community Sciences focuses on multidisciplinary teaching and research collaborations, which have been a strength of the School of Aging Studies since our establishment. I hope that you will be motivated to learn more about our research and educational programs, to enroll in our courses, and to work with us in our goal of improving the lives of older adults and their family members.

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