

# PROMOTING WELL-BEING



Annual Report  
2019-2020



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College of Behavioral & Community Sciences



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# Points of Pride

## COLLEGE SUCCESS

### Opioid epidemic research

state, national, and international research for the reduction, treatment, and prevention

### 4 AAAS Faculty Fellows

for outstanding contributions to research

CBCS completed revision of the college Governance Document per Consolidation.

### New Approved Master's programs

Marriage & Family Therapy - Fall, 2020  
Applied Aging Sciences - online Fall, 2021

approximately  
**\$30M**  
in funding annually from  
**new grants**

**16**  
**researchers**  
*in the top* **100**  
**grant awardees**  
across all of USF

**Top 10**  
in the United States  
by most rankings

**Criminology and Criminal Justice programs**

Home to the  
*Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute,*  
a national leader in behavioral health research

## Conducts high impact research, mainly in community settings Research and Community Engagement

We research some of the most pressing societal issues of our time.

- Behavioral Health
- Mental Health
- Disabilities
- Disparities
- Substance Abuse
- Crime
- Criminal Justice
- Juvenile Justice
- Social Inequality
- Violence
- Guns
- Cybercrime
- Education
- Hearing
- Speech
- Language
- Aging
- Veterans
- Child Welfare
- Trauma
- Quality of Life
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Language & Literacy
- School Success
- Positive Behavior Support
- Multi-tiered System of Supports
- Systems of Care
- Autism
- Opioids
- Homelessness
- Aphasia
- Dementia
- Caregiving
- Palliative Care
- Teen Pregnancy
- Sleep Health
- Obesity
- Stepped Care
- Trauma Recovery
- Presbycusis

# Points of Pride

## STUDENT SUCCESS

**96% freshman retention rate**

**92%**

of students graduate without excess hours

Graduate Headcount

**1119**

highest in college history

**75% 4-year graduation rate**

**SCH 84,232**  
highest in college history

**320,000**

hours of student community service valued at over

**\$8 million**  
per year

**406 graduate degrees**

**86% second year retention rate**

**First cohort of PhD students**  
in Behavioral & Community Sciences enter doctoral candidacy.

graduate students have a **higher total pass rate** than the national average on **Social Work license examination**

**100% graduate employment rate**  
**100% national certification exam pass rate**

MS in Speech-Language Pathology and Doctor of Audiology programs

Research Council sponsored the **Hillsborough County STEM Fair** and awarded four elementary, one junior division, and one senior division award in a new category of behavioral sciences.



# Research & Scholarly Activity

- Contract and Grant proposals continues at high level with \$151,686,276 in 2018-19.
- Contract and Grant awards continues to grow with \$30,975,976 in 2018-19.

## Child & Family Studies

- Dr. Chih-Chin Chou was selected to be a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar to conduct a research project in Taiwan during the year of 2018-2019.
- CFS had 9 researchers in the top 10 grant awardees across all of USF.
- CFS had 6 researchers in the top 10 grant awardees in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences.
- Dr. Heather Peshak George provided Keynote Address at the Behavior Education Technology Conference.
- Dr. Svetlana Yampolskaya was elected Chair of the Quantitative/Qualitative Café for the 2020 AEA Conference.
- Dr. Ray Miltenberger provides Keynote Address at Behavior Analysis Conference in Brazil.
- Dr. Rose Iovannone is serving as the President of the Association for Positive Behavior Support.
- Lise Fox, Jolene Ferro, Myrna Veguilla, and Meghan von der Embse are collaborating with Vanderbilt University and Hillsborough County School District early childhood classrooms to design and evaluate an effective teacher coaching approach for the use of evidence-based practices.
- Levin BL, Hanson A (Eds). Foundations of Behavioral Health. Switzerland: Springer Nature, 2020. (Book)

## Communication Sciences & Disorders:

- CSD cooperates with premier research and clinical facilities both at USF and in the surrounding community. These partnerships include: USF Health Department of Neurology, USF Health Department of Otolaryngology, USF Health Byrd Alzheimer's

Institute, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, James Haley Veterans' Hospital, and Bay Pines VA Healthcare System.

- So far this year, CSD has proposed \$9,491,616 for extramural funding. This funding follows an already \$2,235,199 awarded during this year. Our awards include:
  - Arnold, Michelle: "Development and Assessment of a Spanish-Language Toolkit for Hearing Loss Self-Management"
  - Bourgeois, Michelle: AphasiaBank: A Shared Database for the Study of Aphasic Communication
  - Chisolm, Theresa: Aging, Cognition, and Hearing Evaluation in Elders (ACHIEVE) Randomized Trial
  - Eddins, David A.: Efficient Measures of Central Auditory Processing; Toward a More Intelligent Hearing System: Making Sense of the Wearer's Head Movements; Electroacoustic and Quality Evaluation; Pediatric Dysphonia: Multidisciplinary Advances to Improve Voice Quality Outcomes; Aging Auditory System: Presbycusis and Its Neural Bases (Project 1); Aging Auditory System: Presbycusis and Its Neural Bases (Core A - Human Subjects)
  - Lister, Jennifer J.: Preventing Alzheimer's Disease with Cognitive Training: The PACT Trial
  - Lutfi, Robert: Individual Differences Listening in Noise in Clinically Normal-hearing Adults
  - Muscato, Nancy: RERC on the Tech for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing
  - Ozmeral, Erol: Bose Device Comparison 2.0; A Multi-Modal Streaming Approach to Understanding Aided Speech Perception in Noise
  - Walton, Joseph P.: Developing a Novel Therapeutic for Treating Tinnitus; Aging Auditory System: Presbycusis and Its Neural Bases (Core B); Aging Auditory System: Presbycusis and Its Neural Bases (Project 2); Aging Auditory System: Presbycusis and Its Neural Bases (Project 3)

- Over the year, more than 45 articles were published with more than 35 invited presentations scheduled. Some of the presentations were canceled as a result of the pandemic. These presentations include those given at numerous national and international professional conferences, as well as keynote speaking opportunities. At the ASHA conference alone, USF CSD contributed more than 25 posters, presentations, and invited talks.

### Criminology:

- Ranked number eight with respect to publication productivity by faculty.
- In 2019, faculty published two books, four book chapters, fifty-four peer-reviewed articles (of which fifteen were clearly community engaged) and four technical reports. These publication appeared in eight of the top ten journals in the discipline; moreover, tenure-earning faculty were authors on all of these.
- The Department is home to three journals – The Journal of Crime & Justice (George Burruss, ed.) Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies & Management (Lorie Fridell, ed.), and Justice Quarterly (Bryanna Fox, ed.).
- Dr Lorie Fridell is continuing her \$100K grant from the US Dept. of Justice, Office of Community Policing Services on “Expanding the Reach of Fair and Impartial Police Training.”
- Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. John Cochran are continuing their \$500 Bureau of Justice Assistance grant to the City of Tampa and

the Tampa Police Department on evaluating the effectiveness of gunshot detection technology.

- Dr. Bryanna Fox and Dr. Joan Reid awarded CBCS Internal Grant for their proposal entitled Profiles of Child Sex Traffickers: A Forensic Behavior Analyst.
- Dr. Ráchael Powers and Dr. Bryanna Fox were awarded a \$750,000 grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to develop and evaluate a new crime gun intelligence center.

### Dean's Office

- Dr. Howard Goldstein was awarded a \$1.4M grant from the US Department of Education: Professional Development of an MTSS for Early Childhood Educators to Prevent Reading Disabilities.

### Mental Health Law & Policy

- Dr. Khary Rigg has been invited by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) to serve on an expert advisory committee to serve on an expert advisory committee tasked with completed the development of the Opioid Misuse Community Assessment Tool.
- The Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center convened an expert panel for CJMHSR Reinvestment Grantee Hillsborough County. The panel discussion focused on Adult Drug Courts and Medication-Assisted Treatment. MHLP faculty member Roger Peters, PhD, and national





expert Robert Schwartz, MD, presented to an audience that included Hillsborough County Problem-Solving Court judges; the Public Defender's Office; the State Attorney's Office; Court Administration; and Hillsborough County's Strategic Initiatives, Human Resources, and Grants Management Office.

- Joshua T. Barnett, MHS, MA, ICCDP-Diplomate, a PhD Student was invited by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) to present to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to present to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as part of a Local Opioid Overdose Prevention and Responses Grant and in partnership with the Florida Department of Health.
- In collaboration with Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and the Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS), Drs. Kathleen Moore (Co-PI), Holly Hills (Co-I), Khary Rigg (Co-I) and Ms. Amanda Sharp (Graduate Research Assistant) continues a three-year \$2.25 million Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant to examine novel ways to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Dr. Zev Schuman-Olivier (Co-PI) from Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) has conducted pilot studies of a technology-based mobile device application called MySafeRx.
- Dr. Kathleen Moore and Dr. Roger Peters continue as Principal Investigators for an R25 grant received from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to provide a Summer Research Institute (SRI) on addictions at USF/FMHI for undergraduate students (rising seniors).
- Hillsborough County was one of eight communities recently awarded funding from SAMHSA's Law Enforcement and Behavioral Health Partnerships for Early Diversion Grant Program. This funding will allow for continued funding of Hillsborough County's Pre-Arrest Intercept Jail Diversion Program (PIP). Annette Christy will serve as principal investigator of the evaluation under contract with Hillsborough County.
- Scott Young, PhD and Deborah Heller, MA, received another year of grant funding from the National Center on Homelessness among Veterans (VA) for \$41,641 to review, maintain, and update the Community Integration Specialist online training program (<http://vatrainer.cbcs.usf.edu/>).

## School of Aging Studies

- The faculty published or had in press almost 100 peer-reviewed articles, most in high-impact journals, with a large proportion of the published articles including graduate students as first authors or co-authors.
- Faculty and graduate students presented their research at national and international conferences, including more than 30 presentations at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America alone.
- Faculty submitted or were part of 17 grant proposals in 2019, mostly to federal funding sources, for a total of over \$19 million.
- Faculty continued their success conducting funded research, including a R01 from the NIH to Dr. Kathy Hyer to study outcomes of evacuation during hurricanes in skilled nursing facilities, a Donoghue Medical Research Foundation grant to Dr. Lindsay Peterson, and the Florida Department of Health Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Research Foundation award to Drs. Daniel Meng and Debra Dobbs, and a subcontract from the NIA to study cognitive outcomes in older Puerto Ricans.
- Overall, there are 10 active externally funded projects at the School of Aging Studies.
- Participation as co-PI or Investigator on almost \$10 million in grant funding to other units in the University.
- Annual research expenditures directly to the School of Aging Studies were over half a million dollars.



## School of Social Work:

- Jerome Galea co-led a training in June that taught community health workers living in coffee plantations in the State of Chiapas, Mexico how to deliver the depression intervention “Problem Management Plus” (PM+).
- Dr. Galea also traveled to Dubai, in June for the launch of a multi-national implementation study called “EQUIP” (Ensuring Quality in Psychological Support). In August he led a delegation of four physicians from USF Health to Lima, Peru to explore a collaborative relationship with the Peruvian branch of the international nonprofit organization Partners in Health (known locally as “Socios En Salud” or SES). Dr. Iraida Carrion conducts collaborative comparative research with the Dr. Tania Estapé and Dr. Jorge Estapé of the Foundation for Public Education and Information about Cancer in Barcelona, Spain pertaining to older adults. Dr. Iraida Carrion works in partnership with Dr. Miriam Hurtado Pomares at the University of Miguel Hernandez (UMH) in Alicante, Spain regarding cancer among immigrant women. Dr. Pomares was awarded an International Mobility Grant from UMH and visited USF for seven weeks.
- A newly created lab harnesses the strengths and skills of inter-professional teams at USF School of Social Work and the USF

College of Public Health Harrell Center to study international and domestic issues related to gender-based violence and women’s health. The lab emerged from the long-time involvement of Dr. Guitele Rahill and Dr. Manisha Joshi (School of Social Work) in Haiti’s Cité Soleil and from outcomes of the GCE Round 20 Healthy Minds for Adolescent Mothers, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A recently discovered covert form of non-partner sexual violence against girls and women in Haiti’s Cité Soleil slum that results in unplanned teen pregnancies, depression, anxiety, and trauma for teens experiencing such pregnancies, served as the current impetus for the lab.

- Social work faculty continue to be engaged in research to learn better ways of improving the lives of others. Research sponsors include: the National Institute of Mental Health, the United States Department of State and University Grants Commission (UGC) India, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, University of Southern California, Baylor Medical School, University of Texas-Austin, Florida State University Child Welfare Institute, Norwegian Center for Violence & Trauma, St. Petersburg Catholic Charities, Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Guardian Ad Litem Program, Heartlands for Children and CBCS HIV RIG Special Funding.





# Faculty Talent Acquisition

- Mateus Santos, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology. His areas of interest include crime and criminal justice trends and testing macro-level criminological theory.
- Micah Johnson, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Mental Health Law & Policy. His areas of interest include epidemiology focused on adolescent substance misuse.
- Nicoleta Zenn, EdS, Instructor, Department of Mental Health Law & Policy. Her areas of expertise include trauma-informed practices, crisis intervention, behavioral threat assessment, positive behavior supports, social justice, and children's behavioral system of care.
- Gizem Hueluer, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Aging Studies. Her areas of research interests include cognitive development and aging; subjective well-being; metacognition; social cognition; technology use in older adults; quantitative methods of longitudinal data analysis.
- Matthew Moore, PhD, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work. Dr. Moore's primary research interest is in the assessment and treatment of stress and the long-term effects of cancer treatment. In particular, in the application of mHealth technologies to aid in treatment delivery and reduce disparities in treatment access.
- Pam Alvarez, DM, MSW, Instructor, School of Social Work. Her research and advocacy areas of interest include social work leadership, nonprofit leadership, juvenile justice, and gender equity.
- Hannah Gospodinsky, AuD, CCC-A, Clinical Instructor, Communication Sciences & Disorders, Hearing Clinic; specialties include diagnostics and treatment, cochlear implants.
- Ms. Kelli Gorajec, M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinical Instructor, Communication Sciences & Disorders, Speech-Language Clinic.
- Ms. Natalie Mikkelson, M.S., CCC-SLP, Clinical Instructor, Communication Sciences & Disorders, Speech-Language Clinic.



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# Community Engagement

## Child & Family Studies:

- Anna Abella and Monica Landers were scheduled to attend the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in March to present on outcomes from a Police Mental Health Collaborative/Care Coordination model from our Evaluation of the Pinellas Integrated Care Alliance.
- Much of the ABA student's research is with the clients served by our community partners. The research produces new knowledge, but it is applied research so it often benefits the clients that participate.
- Marilyn Stern is PI of grant NOURISH-T+: A Randomized Control Trial Targeting Parents Promoting Healthy Eating and Exercise Behaviors in Pediatric Cancer Survivors with Overweight/Obesity at four pediatric oncology clinics.
- Marilyn Stern is PI of grant ADAPT+: Optimizing an Intervention to Promote Healthy Behaviors in Rural, Latino Youth with Obesity and their Parents, using Mindfulness Strategies
- Marilyn Stern is PI of Mindfulness in AYA patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation: A Pilot Project with H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute.
- Tina Dillahunt-Aspillaga is Chair of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine Military Veterans Networking Group International Program Planning Committee, Member
- Tina Dillahunt-Aspillaga is a member of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) Academic Advisory Council
- Tina Dillahunt-Aspillaga is a member at large of the National Rehabilitation Association Board
- Tina Dillahunt-Aspillaga is a board member of the Florida Rehabilitation Association
- Rick Weinberg gave an invited talk at the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, entitled, Positivity for Survivors.
- Rick Weinberg gave a presentation/workshop for Starting Right, Now entitled Starting Right Relationships, Now and Forever More.

## Communication Sciences & Disorders:

- Dr. Mike Barker (in collaboration with Dr. Howard Goldstein) conducts research to improve reading outcomes for at-risk students within the school systems in the Tampa Bay area.
- Dr. Michelle Bourgeois (in collaboration with doctoral students Vanessa Burshnic, MS and Alyssa Lanzi, MS) conducts research on effective clinical interventions to improve the quality of life of persons with cognitive-communication impairments and their caregivers.
- Dr. Nathan Maxfield conducts research on novel interventions for people who stutter that integrate findings from studies of both language and cognitive processes with investigations of brain electrophysiology.
- Clinical instructors engage in in-depth evidence-based interactions in Florida area schools. These interactions result in numerous levels of academic and non-academic presentations, both in the schools and in professional settings. For instance, clinical and academic faculty partnered to present several evidence-based presentations at the ASHA convention in Orlando.
- Other presentations were offered to groups such as Tampa BRIDGE, Tampa Stuttering Association, Bradenton Sertoma, and the Florida Department of Health.
- ASL Interpreting and Deaf Studies instructors presented on the collaboration between Deaf and Hearing instructors in all settings, including in community settings.

## Criminology:

- Dr. George Burruss - "Understanding the Impacts of Policing Strategies and Practices (Beyond Crime Reduction)". Consultant. Champaign-Urbana Police Department.
- Dr. Richard Dembo Health Coach Services at the Tampa Juvenile Assessment Center. Funder: ACTS.
- Dr. Richard Dembo - "Culturally Modified Family Based Therapy for Haitian Youth and Their Families in South Florida". Co-Investigator. NIH/NIDA.



- Dr. Bryanna Fox “Addressing Prolific Violent Offenders and High Level Drug Distribution Networks through Intelligence Led Policing and Social Network Analysis”. PI with the Pasco Sheriff’s Office. U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Smart Policing Initiative.
- Dr. Lorie Fridell - “Advancing Fair and Impartial Policing Through Training”. Director. Funded by the US DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.
- Dr. Kathleen Heide - Office of the Public Defender - 13th and 5th Judicial Circuits, Florida, as well as services provided to Indiana, and County of San Diego, CA. Office of the District Attorney, Lehigh County, PA. Consultant.
- Dr. Ráchael Powers - “Shotspotter and the Tampa Police Department”. With Tampa Police Department representing the Middle District of Florida. US. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- Dr. John Cochran - Shotspotter and the Tampa Police Department”. With Tampa Police Department representing the Middle District of Florida. US. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

### **Mental Health Law & Policy:**

- The Florida Medicaid Drug Therapy Management Program for Behavioral Health monitors psychotherapeutic medications prescribed to children/adolescents and adult Florida Medicaid recipients. The Program is legislatively mandated (Ch.409 Florida Statutes).
- MHLP hosted three days of training on the OnTrack evidence-based model of early psychosis treatment. To our knowledge, this is the first OnTrack training in the State of Florida and was attended by



representatives from DCF - Tallahassee, Central Florida Behavioral Health Network and Aspire Health in Orlando, along with Tampa’s new early psychosis team (Healthy Minds) based at Success for Kids & Families in Tampa.

- Florida’s Twelfth Judicial Circuit, which includes Manatee, Sarasota and Desoto Counties is implementing a Trauma-Informed Community known as “Peace 4 Manasota.” Joshua T. Barnett, PhD Candidate in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, fund-raised and organized a Continuing Medical Education/ Continuing Educational Unit (CME/CEU) event for local physicians, nurses and clinicians to learn more about trauma-informed care practices. Amber Gum, PhD presented the 1.5 hour CME/CEU to 33 attendees on the topic of “Adverse Childhood Experiences in Healthcare Settings: Trauma-Informed Care Practices.
- In honor of his retirement, Mark Engelhardt received a Commendation from the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners at their December 4th meeting.
- The Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center (TAC) facilitated a Sequential Intercept Mapping (SIM) in Martin County in January.
- MHLP professors Amber Gum and Larry Schonfeld were recently awarded a two-year grant from the Retirement Research Foundation. Other collaborators include Co-Investigators Kyaïen Conner (MHLP) and Kevin Kip (Public Health), consultant Ohad Green (Oxford University), MHLP’s Policy and Services Research Data Center, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and the National Association for Area Agencies on Aging.
- In November, the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy spotlighted rural health with a twitter chat on rural substance use disorders, as part of National Rural Health Day. Khary Rigg was one of five panelists selected to participate in the twitter chat on substance use disorders and take part in promotional activities.
- MHLP houses the Policy and Services Research Data Center (PSRDC), directed by Charles Dion. The PSRDC informs state and local public policy and program development through the timely compilation, integration, and analysis of large-scale administrative and other data.

- The Child Welfare Training Consortium provided 10 cycles of pre-service training with 177 case management trainees. There were also 136 In-Service training sessions with 894 attendees, for a total of 264 hours of training. The Trainer Coaching and Competency Program, within the Training Consortium, held 6 classes of “Train the Trainer” with 61 statewide child welfare trainers. Six classes of In-Service workshops for child welfare trainers were also facilitated with 46 child welfare trainer attendees statewide. Three trainers from the Training Consortium conducted conference presentations at the annual child protection summit in December of 2019.
- Nicole Williams, Jessica Carter, and Erika Williams were selected and presented at the 2019 Child Protection Summit hosted by the Florida Department of Children and Families in Orlando in December. All three trainers are with the USF Child Welfare Training Consortium.

### School of Social Work

- Dr. Jerome Galea’s research and scholarship is notably community-engaged. Dr. Galea is Chair of “Socios En Salud-II,” a new non-profit organization in Peru which will provide future service, research and training capacity at the global level. He is a Volunteer researcher (coaching agency staff on the implementation of depression screening) for the NGO Epicentro in Lima Peru; SOMOSGAY in Asuncion, Paraguay; and the Bridge Clinic at USF. He is a Member of International Rectal Microbicides Advocates, an Advisor for Gay Latino, a health and social rights advocacy group. He is Co-chair for The Union – TB/Mental Health Working Group. He is a member, The Latin American Task Force for PrEP Scale-Up. Dr. Galea is Academic Editor for the peer-reviewed journal PLOS ONE.
- Dr. Manisha Joshi continues to provide advisory support to Research Institute of Worlds Ancient Traditions Cultures and Heritage in Arunachal Pradesh India.
- Dr. Manisha Joshi is in the task group of South Asian Social Workers, a newly established network primarily comprised of social work faculty of South Asian origin in US-based universities.
- Dr. Manisha Joshi is working with USF’s Country Advisor in India to put together write-ups about the MSW and MSW/MPH programs

at USF that can be posted in higher education supplements published by leading newspapers in India.

- Dr. Joshi and Dr. Rahill are collaborating with the Hindu Family Support Service (<https://www.hfssusa.org>), a non-profit organization that works with South Asian immigrant families in the Hillsborough county region. Together with HFSS, Drs. Joshi and Rahill are designing a research study to measure the prevalence of domestic violence among the South Asian community in the Hillsborough County region.
- Dr. Joshi and Dr. Rahill are collaborating with faculty and students at the Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar (IITG), India, a prestigious technology institute in India. They led an information and advising session on “Qualitative Research Methods” via skype for three PhD students (Social Epidemiology) at the IITG.
- Dr. Rahill and Dr. Joshi, in collaboration with multiple colleges/ departments/Centers within USF (e.g., CBCS, ISLAC), organized the screening of the film “Healing a Nation (Haiti): Twoub Mantal” on February 21st, 2019 at the Patel College of Sustainability. The screening, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session, was attended by, more than 100 community members and stakeholders from the Tampa Bay region.
- Dr. Guitele Rahill continues to serve on the Cultural and linguistic competency (CLC) State committee for the Florida Children’s Mental Health System of Care (CMHSOC) Expansion Project of the State of Florida Department of Children and Families.
- Dr. Guitele Rahill continues to be a member and contributor to the Haitian Association Foundation of Tampa Bay (HAFTB).



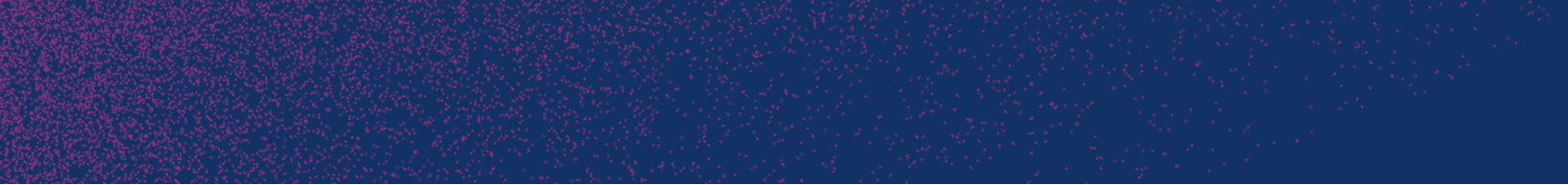


- Lori Rogovin serves on the Public Policy Committee of the United Way Suncoast and Hillsborough County Sexual Assault Response Team.
- Dr. Simmons continues as the Social Work Faculty Advisor at the USF BRIDGE Healthcare Clinic.
- Melissa Thompson continues to provide clinical supervision for social work students in the clinic. The BRIDGE clinic is an interdisciplinary student-run clinic, which brings together students and faculty from Medicine, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Public Health, and Social Work to provide free comprehensive health care to uninsured patients in the University Area Community.
- Dawn Brown served on the NASW Delegate Assembly which worked updating the NASW policy statements in Social Work Speaks.
- Dawn Brown continued to serve as the NASW-FL Legislative Committee Chair and as a member of the NASW-FL PACE (Political Action for Candidate Election) committee.
- Dawn Brown continues to serve as a mentor to an undergraduate student in the Black Faculty and Staff Association Mentoring Program.
- Dr. Sondra J. Fogel coordinated and engaged social work students in the 2019 PIT count.
- Dr. Sondra J. Fogel, a member of the Social Work Homeless Initiative, and as liaison for the USF School of Social Work to the

National Center on Excellence in Homeless Services has formed a Work Group to support and strengthen social work leadership and services for homeless adults and children.

- Dr. Sondra J. Fogel accepted an appointment to the Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care Executive Planning Committee as an At Large Member to address homeless issues in Hillsborough County.
- Dr. Alison Salloum continues to provide research consultation and workshops on Stepped Care, an evidence-based TF-CBT approach, in Norway.
- Dr. Guitele Rahill served as a consultant on the documentary film that was featured at the 2018 APA Film Festival in San Francisco, California. The film, Culture Clash comprises dialogues in United States Caribbean communities regarding immigration and its impact on second generation immigrants. Both Dr. Rahill and her daughter, Kirah Zoellner served as discussants. The American Psychological Association received a record 2,721 entries and Culture Clash was among only 23 films that were selected for screening.
- Dr. Iraida Carrion serves on the editorial boards of the Journal of Palliative Medicine, American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine, Journal of Social Work in End-of-Life & Palliative Care and Health and Social Work.







# Institutional Reputation

## Program Rankings

- The Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling program ranked 27th among U.S. News & World Report’s Best Graduate Schools for Rehabilitation Counseling.
- The Department of Criminology ranks among the Top 10 Criminology and Criminal Justice programs in the United States, number 8 with respect to publication productivity by faculty, and #22 in US News and World Report.
- CBCS Faculty Most Influential Criminologists in the World: According to Ioannidis, et al. (2019, PLOS - Biology), Drs. Michael Lynch and John Cochran (Criminology) and Dr. Norm Poythress (MHLP) were listed among the “most influential criminologists in the world”. Out of 6,880,389 scholars worldwide across 22 fields and 176 subfields, they were among the approximately 105,000 identified as the most influential, 269 of whom were other criminologists. This placed them in the top 1.5 percent (98th percentile) of all scholars across all disciplines worldwide.
- The School of Social Work program was ranked #19 out of 361 schools nationwide and #1 out of 10 colleges in the state of Florida by College Factual. In 2019 the BSW program was cited in the list of the Best of the Best by Human Services Edu. In 2019 U.S. News

& World Report ranked the School # 70 (tie) out of 262 Graduate Schools. The online MSW program is featured in the Top 25 2019 national online college rankings (#22 for Best MSW Online Degrees and #21 for Most Affordable MSW Degrees) by Guide to Online Schools. The MSW online program has been ranked in the Top 10 by the Criminal Justice Degree Hub. Human Services Edu included the MSW at USF online program on the list of the 25 Best Fully-Accredited Online MSW programs in the nation.

- US News and World Reports continues to list the USF AuD program as #17 and our Master’s in Speech Pathology as #55.

## Faculty Awards

- Dr. Michelle Bourgeois was elected AAAS Fellow in the Psychology Section for distinguished contributions to the field of cognitive communication disorders, particularly for pioneering research and development of therapies for dementia patients and their caregivers.
- Dr. Julianne Serovich was elected AAAS Fellow in the Medical Sciences Section for distinguished contributions to the medical sciences, particularly for the discovery and development of interventions to reduce the spread of HIV. Dr. Elizabeth Cass received the CBCS Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.



- Dr. Ryan Henry received the CBCS Outstanding Service Award.
- Dr. Michael Leiber received the CBCS Outstanding Service Award posthumously.
- Dr. Khary Rigg received the CBCS Outstanding Research Accomplishment Award.
- Dr. Howard Goldstein received the CBCS Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award.
- Dr. William Haley received the 2019 Outstanding Faculty Award.
- Dr. Kathy Hyer started to serve her one-year term as President of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in Fall 2019.
- Dr. Kathy Hyer was awarded the USF Outstanding Research Achievement Award for 2019.
- Dr. Kathy Hyer was awarded the America College of Health Care Administration 2019 Educator Award.
- Dr. Ross Andel received the 2019 Outstanding Faculty Award.
- Dr. Debra Dobbs started to serve her one-year term as Secretary of the Social Research Policy and Practice Section of GSA.
- Dr. Bill Haley received the Editor's Choice Award from the Rehabilitation Nursing Journal for 2019.
- Dr. Soomi Lee is the recipient of the 2020 USF Junior Faculty Excellence Award by the Women in Leadership & Philanthropy.
- Dr. Brent Small received the Wiley P. Mangum Outstanding Service Award in the Field of Gerontology.
- Dr. Lindsay Peterson received the Sue V. Saxon Outstanding Teaching Award in the Field of Gerontology.
- Dawn Brown, MSW, received the NASW Tampa Bay Unit Educator of the Year Award.
- Dr. Sondra Fogel received the Spring 2019 CBCS Internal International Collaboration Award.
- Dr. Manisha Joshi and Dr. Iraidia Carrion are recipients of the Academic Excellence Award presented at the Annual USF Student Success Luncheon.
- Dr. Chris Simmons, Ms. Lori Rogovin, and Dr. Iraidia Carrion were accepted as a Global Faculty Fellows for the Fall 2019 semester.
- Dr. Kathleen Heide received the 2019 USF Outstanding Faculty Award for her accomplishments as an AAAS Fellow.
- Dr. Bryanna Fox received the 2019 USF Outstanding Research Achievement Award.
- Dr. Yunmei (Iris) Lu received the 2019 Outstanding Article Award from the American Society of Criminology.
- Dr. Richard Dembo received the Distinguished Service Award from the Florida Sheriff's Association.
- Dr. Rose Iovannone received the Internal Research Grant from the







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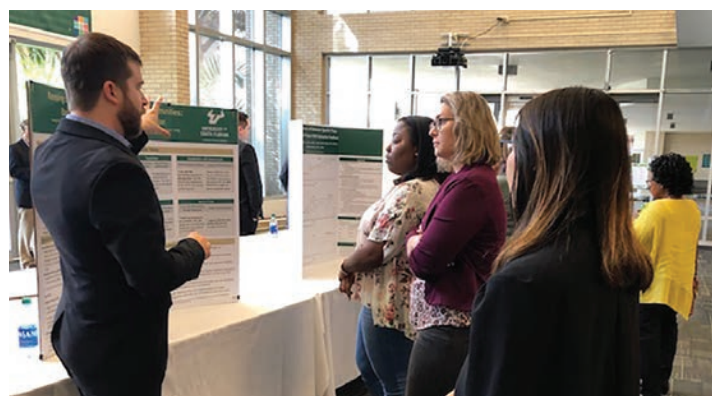
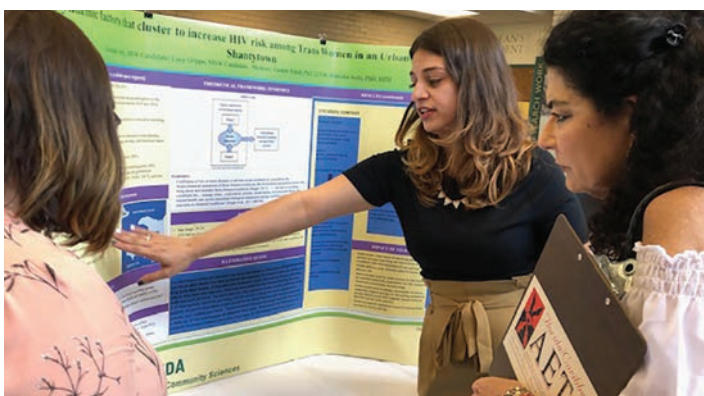
- Dr. Tina Dillahunt-Aspillaga received the Dean's Outstanding Research Award April 2019.
- Dr. Supraja Anand received best paper of 2019 from the Journal of Voice for her work: Anand, S., Kopf, L. M., Shrivastav, R., & Eddins, D. A. (2019). Objective indices of perceived vocal strain. *Journal of Voice*, 33(6), 838-845.
- Dr. Khary Rigg was recently presented with the Early Career Achievement Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Program.

### Student Awards:

- School of Aging Studies graduate student Dylan Jester received the CBCS Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award.
- Criminology graduate student Lauren Miley received the CBCS Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award.
- Criminology undergraduate student Amanda Connella received the CBCS Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award.
- Criminology graduate student Averi Fegadel received the CBCS Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award.
- Meagan Gillespie was awarded the AAMFT Minority Fellowship Award.
- Magdha Thodhori was awarded the John A. Orphanidys Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2013 by the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) Florida Chapter.
- ABA student Karie John's research project, "Functional Analysis and Behavioral Contrast: Problem Behavior Outside of Session"

was awarded second place in the behavioral sciences category at the 2019 Conference of Graduate Schools held at Florida International University.

- ABA student Theresa Barhold received the 2019 BCOTB fellowship.
- ABA PhD student Marlesha Bell's dissertation project on teaching preschoolers consent skills won the B.F. Skinner Student Research Award from the Florida Association for Behavior Analysis.
- Natalie Mandel won best poster at Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy 8th Annual Social in April 2019 with her research on behavior specific praise.
- Christopher Marier, Ph.D. Student: USF Outstanding Graduate Paper Award.
- Rachel Severson, Criminology Ph.D. Student: USF Outstanding Doctoral Student Award.
- Joseph June, a PhD in Aging Studies Student, received Social Research and Public Policy Student Poster Award at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of Austin, TX, for a study titled "Keeping Cool in Florida Assisted Living Communities: Barriers to Power Rule Implementation".
- Joseph June also received the Social Research and Public Policy Student Travel Grant to this conference.
- Dylan Jester, a PhD in Aging Studies student, received the Behavioral and Social Sciences Travel Grant to attend the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America in Austin, TX.
- Dylan Jester also received the H. Edward and Mildred E. Greely



Endowed Fellowship in Aging Studies.

- Victoria Marino, a PhD in Aging Studies student and President of the USF Student Association for Aging Studies, also received the H. Edward and Mildred E. Greely Endowed Fellowship in Aging Studies.
- Monica Nelson, a PhD in Aging Studies student, received the university Presidential Fellowship; this fellowship will sponsor Monica for five years of her studies, providing her with a generous stipend and extra travel funds.
- Christina Mu, a PhD in Aging Studies student, received the university Graduate Success Fellowship; this fellowship will sponsor Christina for the Fall and Spring semesters of the first three years of her studies.
- Kelly McCartney, a MA in Gerontology student, received the Harold L. Sheppard Endowed Memorial Scholarship in Gerontology.
- Kristen Davis, a BS in Long-Term Care Administration, received the Kymberly Jane Harris Endowed Scholarship in Long Term Care Administration.
- Aniah Williams, a BS in Aging Sciences student, received the Tollette Family Endowed Scholarship in Gerontology.
- Anthony Suda, a BS in Aging Sciences student, received the Wiley P. Mangum Scholarship.
- Karley Deason, an undergraduate research assistant who works in STEALTH lab under Dr. Lee, received the USF Mom's Project Undergraduate Research Scholarship.
- Thalia Presa, third semester BSW student, was selected to attend The Summer Research Institute at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (SRI@FMHI).
- Joel Green, third semester BSW student, presented the poster, "The Health of Muslim Girls and Women in Tampa: A Moral and Ethical Obligation" at the 2nd Annual CBCS student research poster session in February 2020. He was mentored by Dr. Manisha Joshi.

### Staff Awards:

- Kerianne Beckford, Dean's Office, CBCS Employee Recognition Award.
- Katie Vickery, Mental Health Law & Policy, CBCS Employee Recognition Awards.
- Carolyn Jewett, USF Outstanding Staff Award.
- Maura DeJesus, Lorna Henley, Telisha McKenzie, and Selecia Watson, Child & Family Studies, 2019 USF Outstanding Staff Team Award.



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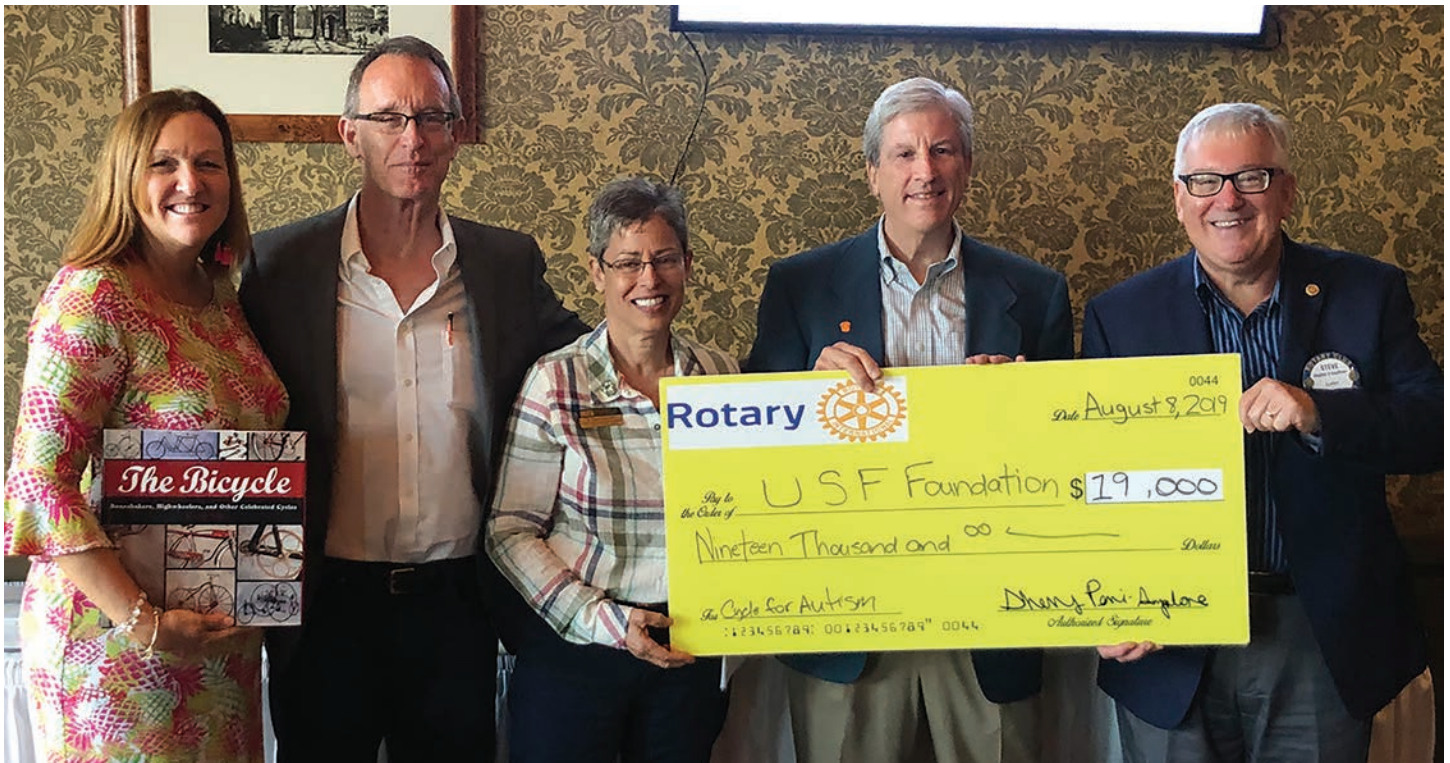
# Alumni Development

- CSD continues to connect with alumni. Our SLP and AuD programs provide CEU learning opportunities for alumni in conjunction with annual open house events (now offered online).
- The ITT program, in conjunction with CSD's Hands on USF, has begun offering an Apprenticeship Program to alumni. This program allows alumni to work for Hands on USF in low-stakes interpreting assignments.
- The Deaf Studies/ITT program partnered with the ASL Living Learning Community and the ASL Bulls student organization to host our second "International Day of Sign Language." The event hosted an international guest speaker and provided an opportunity for current students and alumni to connect with one another.
- At the ASHA convention, CSD hosted a large open house for Alumni. We had over 200 people in attendance, which doubled the number of attendees at the next largest open house.
- The School of Social Work held a Scholarship Breakfast Fundraiser raises funds for the Social Work Student Scholarship Fund. During this time alumni, friends of social work and faculty contributed to the social work student scholarship fund to build the scholarship fund past endowment level of \$34,000.
- The Department of Criminology held the eighth annual Wall of Fame event honoring 8 individuals, with over 75 persons in attendance.



# Fundraising/Development Activities

- In 2019, CARD and The Learning Academy created the Karen A. Berkman Innovation & Autism Fund through the USF Foundation. The purpose of this Foundation account (530063) is to champion innovative and special projects related to Autism. In the few months since its inception, the fund has received \$8,591.
- The Tampa Interbay Rotary Club presented a check for \$19,000 to support the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities and the Applied Behavior Analysis Program. The annual event has raised over \$200,000.
- CSD's new partner, Reliance Health, has provided a donation of \$100,000 to support research and clinical collaboration with their concierge medical services in Polk County.
- CSD was honored to receive a gift from the Fred Murray Estate in the amount of \$150k. The Frederick P. Murray Endowed Fund will be used to support research and clinical activities related to stuttering.
- The School of Social Work Student Scholarship Fund (#530047) was established in 2016. This fund was established to provide merit based financial funding to students at all program levels in the School of Social Work. This fund has reached an endowment level due to the generous support of our alumni, community partners, faculty, staff and students.
- Dr. Leonard Territo, Dr. Jamil Jreisat, Police Chief Rob Vincent, Dr. Carl and Cynthia Hawkins, and the MACJA Cohort Challenge have each renewed their annual gifts supporting graduate students in the MACJA program.





# Other Revenue Generating Activities

- The Registered Behavioral Technician (RBT) training program had 410 registrations, \$65,650 to date.
- Hands on USF, CSD's in-house interpreting agency, continues to expand the opportunities offered to our interpreting interns while simultaneously increasing the amount of revenue that the program generates.
- The college formed a Revenue Diversification Committee whose mission is to examine revenue streams in the college with the goal maximizing diversity in funding.





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