

**FALL 2023 WELCOME**

**RECOGNIZING USF FULBRIGHT & VISITING SCHOLARS**

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ALL AT ONCE**

**Friday, August 25, 2023**

**4:30-7:30 PM**

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**FULBRIGHT**

Mid-Florida Chapter of  
the Fulbright Association

# EVENT SCHEDULE

**4:30 - 5:30 PM**

**WELCOME RECEPTION:** Patel Center Lobby

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

## OPENING REMARKS

- Kiki Caruson, Ph.D., Vice President, USF World
- Sanyandeb Basu, Ph.D., Director, USF Office of National Scholars
- Rodney Kite-Powell, Director, Touchton Map Library, Tampa Bay History Center
- Joseph McAuliffe, Educational Manager, USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## HISTORY OF TAMPA BAY

- Ron Weaver, Shareholder, Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson

## THINGS TO DO IN TAMPA BAY

- Don Clark, Instructor, USF Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

## RECOGNIZING FULBRIGHT & VISITING SCHOLARS

- Darlene DeMarie, Ph.D., USF Fulbright Faculty Advisor and Professor, Educational Psychology, USF College of Education
- Brandon McLeod, Ph.D., Sarasota-Manatee Campus Director. USF World

**6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**CLOSING RECEPTION**

## USF RECOGNIZES THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF:

Visiting Fulbright Scholars and Students

Visiting Scholars

Fulbright Returning Alumni - Faculty and Students

Fulbright Applicants from 2022 and 2023 - Faculty and Students

Mid-Florida Chapter of The Fulbright Association Board Members

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**USF WORLD** leads the university’s engagement with the world by providing resources that empower members of the university community to function as global leaders and global stewards. The goals of USF World are to promote a global culture at USF, globalize student success, enhance global initiatives within the university system and deepen local engagement with the Tampa Bay community. USF contributes to solutions for the world’s most pressing challenges. Visit USF World at [www.usf.edu/world](http://www.usf.edu/world) to learn more about the strategy for USF World and USF’s global activities.

**USF JUDY GENSHAFT HONORS COLLEGE** offers remarkable learning experiences that combine the resources of one of the nation’s top research universities with the personal attention and close-knit community you’d expect from a smaller, private institution. Locations in three unique communities throughout Tampa Bay ensure that students can find the right fit for their own personal and academic goals while living out our shared values of intellectual curiosity, global citizenship, and service.

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Rhea Law is the president of the University of South Florida, serving more than 50,000 students. She has deep ties within the USF community. She earned an undergraduate degree in management from USF, putting herself through school while working as the university research project administrator for the Office of Sponsored Research. She is one of the founding members of the USF Board of Trustees, where she spent five years as vice chair and four years as the first (and only) female chair, contributing significantly to USF's growth and evolution as a Research 1 public university. Law is also a member of the USF President's Council Society which honors donors who have made a lifetime commitment of \$100,000 or more or a legacy gift to USF. ([Full bio here](#))



## PROVOST & EXECUTIVE VP, PRASANT MOHEPATRA, PH.D.

Dr. Prasant Mohapatra is the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs for the University of South Florida. Before joining USF in 2023, Dr. Mohapatra was the Vice Chancellor for Research at the University of California, Davis. He was also a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Computer Science. He served as the Dean and Vice-Provost of Graduate Studies at the University of California, Davis, from 2016 to 2018. He served as an Associate Chancellor from 2014 to 2016 and the Interim Vice-Provost and CIO of UC Davis from 2013 to 2014. He was the Department Chair of Computer Science from 2007 to 2013 and held the Tim Bucher Family Endowed Chair Professorship during that period. ([Full bio here](#))

# SPEAKER BIOS

## IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE



### **KIKI CARUSON, PH.D., VICE PRESIDENT, USF WORLD**

Dr. Kiki Caruson leads USF's global engagement across the Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Sarasota-Manatee campuses, including study abroad programming, international student and scholars services, the management of international partnerships, the Global Discovery Hub, initiatives that support research and scholarly mobility, Peace Corps programming, international alumni outreach, as well as global development activities. Dr. Caruson is an expert regarding the best practices for promoting strong relationships between university research and international offices and the data and metrics associated with successful global engagement across faculty, students, alumni, and global partners. Dr. Caruson is an alumna of the USIEF India Fulbright Program for senior international education administrators (2013) and is an active faculty member in the School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies within the College of Arts and Sciences. ([Full bio here](#))



### **SANYADANEB BASU, PH.D., DIRECTOR, USF OFFICE OF NATIONAL SCHOLARS**

Dr. Sayandeb Basu joined the Office of National Scholars (ONS) as its new director in May 2016 from the University of the Pacific in California, where he was faculty in Physics and the Honors College. Dr. Basu is a theoretical physicist and has published on quantum physics, and on the physics of black holes for more than a decade. He experienced a global education, including in India, at the University of Cambridge UK, and at the University of California, Davis, where he obtained his Ph.D. At the University of South Florida, he brings this enthusiasm and commitment to the ONS, to make his office one of the key hubs of achievement and intellectual accomplishments for USF students. ([Full bio here](#))



### **RODNEY KITE-POWELL, DIRECTOR, TOUCHTON MAP LIBRARY, TAMPA BAY HISTORY CENTER**

Rodney Kite-Powell is the Director of the Touchton Map Library and Florida Center for Cartographic Education at the Tampa Bay History Center, where he joined the staff in 1995. He received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Florida and a Master of Arts from the University of South Florida—both in the subject of U.S. history. Born and raised in Tampa, Fla., he has written and lectured extensively on the history of Tampa, Hillsborough County, and Florida. ([Full bio here](#))



### **JOSEPH MCAULIFFE, EDUCATIONAL MANAGER, USF OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE**

Joseph R. McAuliffe is the Educational Programming Manager for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of South Florida. He has been an adjunct faculty member in the History Department at USF and the Hillsborough Community College, teaching U.S. and European history. He was the Eastern European and Central America director for the International Church Relief Fund, published the award winning BusinessGram Newsletter, and has worked for several radio and television networks as a political and cultural commentator. He is from Syracuse, New York; received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. ([Full bio here](#))

# SPEAKER BIOS

## IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE (CONTINUED)



### **RONALD L WEAVER, SHAREHOLDER , STEARNS WEAVER MILLER WEISSLER ALHADEFF & SITTERSON**

As a Land Development & Zoning attorney at Stearns Weaver Miller, Ron helped transform and develop the landscape of Tampa over the past 40 years. He worked on countless city landmarks that spurred growth and drew people to the area, including the 1905 federal courthouse conversion into a four-star hotel, five regional malls, a dozen industrial parks, four downtown high-rises, four Westshore and Rocky Point mid-rises, numerous condominiums, apartments, mixed-use buildings and hotels, and affordable housing projects throughout Tampa Bay. ([Full bio here](#))



### **DON CLARK, INSTRUCTOR, USF OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE**

Don Clark often can be found promoting OLLI-USF at fairs and expos around town. He enjoys sharing his discoveries of the well known and the unique from around Tampa Bay. Mr. Clark has led “Discover Tampa Bay” courses for OLLI-USF since 2002. ([Full bio here](#))



### **DARLENE DEMARIE, PH.D., USF FACULTY FULBRIGHT ADVISOR, PROFESSOR, USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Dr. DeMarie earned a Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from the University of Florida. She researches children’s memory development, with emphasis on the strategies children use for learning new information. She also uses photography with preschool and elementary school children as a way to reveal their school experiences through their own eyes. From 2007 to 2009, Dr. DeMarie was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Limpopo, a historically Black university located in the northern, rural part of South Africa. There she co-created a child care center that currently enrolls 52 children between ages 2 and 6. She was the Program Coordinator for Educational Psychology from 2006-2012 and has conducted teacher professional development in South Africa, India, and Jamaica. ([Full bio here](#))



### **BRANDON S. MCLEOD, PH.D, SARASOTA-MANATEE CAMPUS DIRECTOR, USF WORLD**

Brandon S. McLeod, Ph.D. has nearly fifteen years of progressive experience in higher education as an administrator, advisor, instructor, and immigration officer. He loves working with, and learning from, the diverse international community and is always looking for opportunities to promote and engage in internationalism. He has taught students from more than 60 countries and advised students and scholars from over 95. His doctorate is in Higher Education from the University of Mississippi with a graduate minor in Applied Statistics. ([Full bio here](#))

# USF IS A CONSISTENT TOP PRODUCER OF FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS



## WHAT IS THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION?

In 1976, the Board of Foreign Scholarships (now the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board) convened regional meetings of Fulbright Alumni to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Fulbright Program. The Fulbright Association grew out of resolutions adopted at those meetings.

Senator J. William Fulbright also encouraged alumni to create an active constituency for the Fulbright Program. He wanted alumni to educate members of Congress and the public about the benefits of advancing increased mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. He also wanted U.S. alumni to welcome and to exchange ideas with Fulbrighters from abroad. Senator Fulbright traveled from Arkansas to the United Kingdom on a Rhodes scholarship and valued the welcome and support he had received while outside the U.S.

The Fulbright Association continues the Fulbright Program international exchange experience by promoting opportunities for life-long learning, collaborative networking, and service at home and abroad for alumni, supporters and friends of the Fulbright program. Fulbright Association members form the active constituency helping to promote and preserve Fulbright exchanges to ensure that they continue to benefit future generations. Established on February 27, 1977, the Fulbright Association is a private, nonprofit and nonpolitical organization whose members are Fulbright Program alumni and friends of international education. The Association supports and promotes international educational and cultural exchange, and the ideal most associated with the Fulbright name -- mutual understanding among the peoples of the world.

The University of South Florida is one of approximately 150 institutional members of the Fulbright Association. The Mid-Florida Chapter of the Fulbright Association is one of the 60+ local affiliate chapters. In 2018, the Mid Florida Chapter received the Fulbright Association Committee's Choice Award for strong programming and its partnership with USF. Each year, the Mid-Florida Chapter hosts many programs for

Fulbright Alumni and visiting Fulbrighters. Programs range from educational events, panel sessions, and music and art presentations to local networking and numerous other interesting events/ initiatives from year to year. A tentative list of programs for 2021-2022 is provided on the next page. Those who are members of the Fulbright Association may attend many events free of charge or for a nominal fee, and when grant funds permit, those who take visiting Fulbright Students to events are awarded a small stipend.

## HOW DO I JOIN THE MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER?

To join the Mid-Florida Chapter, go to:  
<https://fulbright.org/membership/>

Note that your chapter affiliation is the Mid-Florida Chapter, and should select. The cost depends on your level of your career/age. When you return from a Fulbright Award, your first year is free! The category "Friends of Fulbright" is for those who have not had a Fulbright Award, but who wish to join the chapter and participate in events. The cost of membership is:

- **Individual:** \$80 annually.
- **Friend of Fulbright:** \$80 annually. Supporters of the program and international exchange.
- **Young Professional:** \$30 annually. Individuals age 34 or younger.
- **Senior:** \$30 annually. Individuals age 65 or older.
- **Lifetime Membership:** \$1,500. Payments may also be divided into three annual installments of \$500.
- **Newly Returned:** Free for the length of and up to one year after the completion of your first Fulbright program.

# MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE FULBRIGHT ASSOCIATION

FALL 2023

Dates and times are tentative. Members of the Mid-Florida Chapter of the Fulbright Association will receive email invitations with registration details for each event. Members or Visiting Fulbright Students/Scholars can attend for free or for a minimum charge. Guests pay for events. For more information, contact Mark Lane-Holbert (mholbert@usf.edu).

- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Tour of Tampa Bay Theatre and History
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Tour of the Dr. Anthony L. Griffon Research Library and Learning Lab, and Art Gallery
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>** - Lunch with Georgian Scholars pre-Global Studies Panel Event
- **December 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Kosovar Cultural Evening and Wine Tasting
- **December 29<sup>th</sup>** - Holiday Lights Tour of Hyde Park

Stay tuned for Spring 2024 event dates!

## USF VISITING SCHOLAR EVENTS

FALL 2023

Dates and times are tentative. Please stay tuned to receive updates regarding event details, and upcoming occasions.

**Wednesdays with World:** Enjoy casual networking events for visiting scholars and their faculty hosts. Events will run from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. , and will be hosted at rotating locations around the USF Tampa campus. Save the following dates:

- **September 20<sup>th</sup>**
- **October 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 15<sup>th</sup>**
- **December 13<sup>th</sup>**

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