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Update From The Vice President



Welcome to the start of the 2023-24 academic year. I am pleased to share the August USF World Newsletter following a summer filled with extraordinary study abroad experiences spanning the globe from Ghana to Florence to Peru and countless countries in between.

This month, we are showcasing the work of Professor Golfo Alexopoulos from the **School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies**. As director of the **USF Institute for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies**, she was awarded a \$700,000 U.S. Department of Defense grant to study Russian speakers in online spaces, Kremlin propaganda and internet usage patterns in Russia. We are proud of her contributions to U.S. national security.

I am also excited to highlight two global alumni features about a biomedical graduate turned actor in India and Los Angeles, and an engineering graduate who founded a successful construction firm in Colombia.

On behalf of my colleagues at USF World, we look forward to welcoming you to our programs and events throughout the year and to supporting the 5,000+ international students and scholars who call our campuses home. Furthermore, we encourage USF students to register for an incredible lineup of study abroad and virtual global learning programs this year.

Stay connected with USF World and we will take you on a global journey every month, sharing our programs, events, international alumni profiles and updates from over 45 faculty-led study abroad programs! Be sure to check out our **Global Networks** and get involved with USF's activities no matter where you, we are global!

Dr. Kiki Caruson

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U.S. Department of Defense awards USF professor \$700,000 to study Kremlin propaganda and internet usage patterns among Russians

School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies Professor and Director of the USF Institute for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies (IREES) Golfo Alexopoulos has been awarded a \$700,000 grant to study Russian speakers in online spaces, Kremlin propaganda and internet usage patterns among Russians.

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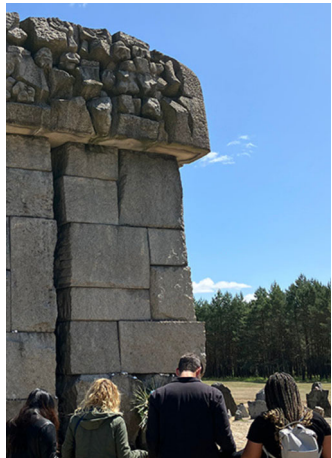
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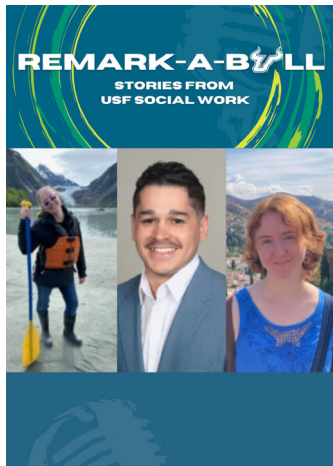
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08/25/23 Fulbright & International Scholar Welcome Reception - Patel Center for Global Solutions (Tampa campus)

09/25/23 USF Study Abroad Fair - Marshall Student Center (Tampa campus)



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