

Quarterly Issues Report

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University Beat

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[Best Florida Matters Stories from 2012 \(December 20, 2012\)](#)

Florida Matters takes a look at our best stories of 2012. The Republicans came to town in August, but Democrats won the day in November. Meanwhile, a group of intrepid environmentalists trekked the length of Florida. We take an in-depth look at why some students drop out of high school, talk with former Gov. Jeb Bush about education and why some disabled veterans are learning to *water ski*. In this special Florida Matters, we bring you some of our best stories of 2012.

[Downtown St. Petersburg: The Comeback City \(December 16, 2012\)](#)

We're talking housing, baseball, the Pier, the creative class and more. This week's show was recorded on location at the [Saturday Morning Market](#) -- a downtown St. Pete tradition for 10 years.

[Dave Brubeck Remembered \(December 11, 2012\)](#)

If someone is writing a book on jazz, you can be sure Dave Brubeck will be in it. He was the second jazz artist ever on the cover of Time Magazine, after Louis Armstrong. He is an accomplished pianist and composer, to say the least, but be careful not to pigeonhole him. Brubeck has released a classical album, which we'll hear. He's also written two ballets, a musical, an oratorio, four cantatas and a mass. Dave Brubeck recently died of heart failure, just one day short of his 92nd birthday. Music took him all over the world, but in his later years, he liked to spend his winters on Sanibel Island in southwest Florida. Today, we remember Brubeck in conversation with one-time WGCU reporter Ryan Warner.

[Making Sense of the Media \(December 3, 2012\)](#)

Smartphones, I-pads, Twitter, Facebook – we live in a media-saturated society. How can we make sense of it all?

Luckily for all of us, we've got an institution right in our backyard that's devoted to making sense of the media – The Poynter Institute.

This year, WUSF has embarked on a special project with the Poynter Institute's Sense-making Project to help decipher our new media landscape. In this special Florida Matters, you're invited to hear some of our best conversations with the Poynter Institute's Kelly McBride.

[Looking Back at the Election - And Forward \(November 27, 2012\)](#)

Florida Matters takes a look at the impact of the nation's shifting demographics on the election, and why that has some Republicans scrambling to change their image. We also take a look at how this will play out in the upcoming 2014 and 2016 contests. We talk with USF political science professor Susan MacManus, Tampa Tribune political reporter William March and Republican consultant April Schiff.

[Thanking Our Veterans: An Off the Base Special \(November 16, 2012\)](#)

At WUSF, our project [Off the Base](#) brings you the stories of veterans, members of the military and their families. In this special program, reporter Bobbie O'Brien brings us some of their struggles and successes.

[A Blank Check to America: Mike Prendergast of Florida's Department of Veterans' Affairs \(November 13, 2012\)](#)

Now that the election is over...what can our veterans expect? As part of our Newsmakers series on Florida Matters, WUSF's Bobbie O'Brien interviews the man who runs Florida's agency for veterans, retired Colonel Mike Prendergast.

[Florida Election Preview: Which Way Will We Go? \(October 29, 2012\)](#)

USF St. Petersburg political scientist Seth McKee and StateImpact Florida reporter John O'Connor give us their take on the presidential race, Nelson versus Mack, the race for Congress, the amendments, and other Florida election issues.

[The Impact of the Affordable Care Act in Florida \(October 25, 2012\)](#)

WUSF's project Health News Florida takes an in-depth look at the impact of the Affordable Care Act in our state. We speak to one uninsured woman and her doctor and two health policy experts.

[One for the Books: 20th Annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading \(October 16, 2012\)](#)

For two decades, the Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading has celebrated books with author talks, a street festival and book sale. This year's main event is Saturday, Oct. 20, at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. Join Carson Cooper for a conversation with Tampa Bay Times book editor Colette Bancroft. We'll also hear readings from three participating authors, visit Inkwood Books in South Tampa and hear what's on the nightstands of WUSF listeners. To see the full schedule, go to festivalofreading.com. And to see a slideshow of local librarians' favorite places to curl up with a good book, [click here](#).

[Deciphering Florida's Proposed Constitutional Amendments \(October 9, 2012\)](#)

There's more than just the contest for president and local races on the ballot in November. There will be 11 proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution. And every single one was put there by lawmakers in Tallahassee.

A panel discussion was recently held at St. Petersburg College in Seminole. We'll hear from Tara Newsom, professor of Social and Behavioral Science, St. Petersburg College; Aaron Sharockman, a political editor at the Tampa Bay Times; Tony Carvajal of the Collins Center for Public Policy in Tallahassee; and Judithanne Scourfield McLaughlan, a political science professor at USF St. Petersburg. The moderator is Frank Alcock, a professor of political science at New College of Florida.

(This episode does *not* include the five proposed amendments dealing with property taxes. To listen to our previous Florida Matters on those amendments, click [HERE](#).)

To read more about all 11 Florida Constitutional Amendments on the ballot, including the pros and cons of each measure, go to the [Collins Center 2012 Proposed Constitutional Amendments website](#). Or, you can go to the [Florida Division of Elections website](#) to read the language that will be on the ballot.

[Youth Caregivers Fight to Finish School \(October 2, 2012\)](#)

Why do students drop out of high school, and what can be done to prevent it?

One answer to that question is that they drop out to take care of sick family members. More than 22 percent of high school dropouts left school to take care of someone else. This week's Florida Matters focuses on the problem and what help is available for these youth caregivers.

Panel members Dr. Donna Cohen with the Department of Child and Families at the University of South Florida and Elizabeth Olden, the mother of a youth caregiver, share their insight and expertise on the topic.

UNIVERSITY BEAT FOURTH QUARTER 2012

University Beat reports run on WUSF 89.7 FM every Tuesday at approximately 6:35 am and 8:35 am and every Thursday at approximately 5:45 pm. As of week of December 17, 2012, the Thursday afternoon airing moved to Tuesday afternoon at approximately 5:45 pm.

It also runs every Friday on WSMR 89.1 FM every Friday at about 7:30 pm. Each report is between two and a half minutes and three and a half minutes in length.

University Beat: Nobel Trip (week of October 1, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A recap of three USF physics graduate students' trip to attend the Nobel Laureate meeting in Germany. (Education, Science)

University Beat: Hairspray (week of October 8, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A preview of the upcoming USF School of Theater and Dance's presentation of the musical "Hairspray." (Arts)

University Beat: Festival of Reading (week of October 15, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A preview of the 20th annual Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading held on the USF St. Petersburg campus. (Education, Arts)

University Beat: Patel College (week of October 22, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A 12 million dollar endowment will help create the Patel College of Global Sustainability. (Science, Education, Environment)

University Beat: Warhol Exhibition (week of October 29, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A look at a pair of exhibitions at the USF Contemporary Art Museum exploring Andy Warhol's concepts of celebrity and intimacy captured in photographs. (Arts)

University Beat: St. Petersburg Science Festival (week of November 5, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

A recap of the recent St. Petersburg Science Festival, which gave students the opportunity to experience hands-on learning about science on the USF St. Pete campus. (Education, Science, Children, Economy)

University Beat: Suicide Prevention Workshop (week of November 12, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

USF's Department of Child and Family Studies recently presented a workshop to help school administrators and other mental health care providers recognize the warning signs and prevent youth suicide. (Education, Children)

University Beat: Iraq-Entrepreneurship (week of November 19, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

USF St. Petersburg business professor Bill Jackson shares stories from his trip to Iraq to teach entrepreneurship to educators there. (Education, Economy)

University Beat: Education in Action (week of November 26, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

USF's College of Education honors Tampa businessman Olin Mott for his support of their programs, particularly one that has USF Education students tutoring children in local schools. (Education, Children, Business)

University Beat: Student Investors (week of December 3, 2012)

By Jean Henry

Guest host, WUSF reporter Jean Henry, takes a look at a USF Business course where students investigate the best stocks to invest real money in. (Education, Business, Economy)

University Beat: Marianna Graves Update (week of December 10, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

An update on the findings of a team of USF researchers that studied a grave yard at the Dozier School for Boys in Marianna, Florida: they found signs of possibly more graves than state officials have previously acknowledged. (Education, Science, Children, Crime, Violence)

University Beat: HospitaBull (week of December 17, 2012)

By Mark Schreiner

Students in the USF Sarasota-Manatee College of Hospitality and Technology Leadership recently got the kind of 'on the job' training that most would-be chefs dream about, as they took over the kitchen of Michael's on East for the HospitaBull event. (Arts, Education, Business)

NO REPORT due to Christmas Holiday (week of December 24, 2012)

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