



Welcome New CBCS Director of Development

Karen Griffin has joined the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences serving as the Director of Development. Karen comes to USF with 14 years of higher education and not-for-profit fundraising experience. She began her career in fundraising while serving as the director of victim services at a health center in East Tennessee in 1996. Karen, a native of Bartow Florida moved back to her home state in 2001 where she worked for Stetson University (DeLand) and Stetson University College of Law (Gulfport) in various fundraising roles focusing on foundation and corporate relations, major gift fundraising, and government grants.

Karen received her B.A. from Auburn University (Psychology) and her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee (Education, Counseling Psychology and Leadership Studies). Her academic research has included cross cultural attitudes towards women, cross cultural perceptions of childless couples, and the psychosocial mentoring of graduate students. She is an active member of various fundraising organizations including CASE and AFP. She also volunteers in the local community and serves on the Board of Directors for Neighborly Care Network. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, reading, and traveling.

