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## Holly Hills Appointed as Special Assistant to the Dean



Holly Hills, Associate Professor in the College of Behavioral & Community Sciences' (CBCS) Department of Mental Health Law & Policy, has been appointed as Special Assistant to the Dean for Tenure and Promotion.

Hills will be working with a faculty committee during this 2010-2011 academic year to develop tenure and promotions guidelines for the College. Currently, because of the joining of some schools/departments formerly housed under the USF College of Arts & Sciences with schools/departments from the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, CBCS currently operates with two tenure and promotion committees using the guidelines developed by the two entities.

The development of the new tenure and promotion guidelines will allow all eight CBCS departments and schools to work within the same guidelines.

Hills is a licensed clinical psychologist who received her Ph.D. in Clinical and Health Psychology from the University of Florida. She has conducted research and supervised clinical work focused on individuals with comorbid mental illness and substance use disorders. Her recent efforts include being awarded funds as a co-investigator by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to develop a Practice Improvement Collaborative (PIC) in the Tampa Bay area. Over the past year she has been the co-investigator and lead evaluator on a CMHS funded Community Action Grant project that developed a strategic plan for integrating services for persons with co-occurring disorders in both mental health and substance abuse treatment settings.