



Leepa-Rattner Muesum of Art



Since My Youth, 1992
Oil on panel, 48 1/8 x 30 in.
On loan from the artist

Dean Mitchell

Visions with Heart and Soul - exhibit details

The work of nationally and internationally acclaimed artist Dean Mitchell, recently named [Florida Black History Month's featured artist](#), will be on exhibit at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art Feb. 21 - May 2. Key events include:

- **Feb. 20 - Opening Reception**
7 - 9 p.m., lobby; members free, non-members \$10.
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- **March 27 - Dean Mitchell Family Day**
11 a.m. - 3 p.m., free.
Children's activities, docent tours of the exhibition, workshops, entertainment and refreshments.

SPC leaders gain insight through Change Leadership Collaborative

Change can be challenging. But St. Petersburg College is trying to make change easier through the Leadership Collaborative, a 12-hour initiative through the Collaborative Labs designed to help SPC professionals accomplish that goal.



Pictured from left, Richard Musgrave, Sharon Setterlind, Karen Miller, Matt Bowen, Kim Wolf and Joseph Smiley discuss an exercise as part of the Leadership Collaborative.

"The value of this process is that it's not something in a textbook," said Andrea Henning, Executive Director of the Collaborative Labs. "They're actually applying it to the everyday challenges they face and the changes they're immersed in, so it has real value."

The Labs, which opened at the EpiCenter in 2004, facilitate meetings and help groups focus on organizational strengths, stakeholder participation, strategic planning and team building.

The Leadership Collaborative consists of several cohorts, each with about 30 people. These groups meet in four-hour sessions once a month for three months. The purpose of these engagements is to help professionals gain insight and leadership tools to communicate their visions, gain the commitment

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Visit the St. Petersburg College home page and click on [SPC Presidential Search](#) to find the latest on the search for a new president.

Visit the online version of the Blue & White <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/news/blueandwhite.htm> for links to the following weekly columns:

- Cultural Corner
- Locker Room
- SPC TV
- SPC This week
- Sustainable SPC and
- Wellness

Panelists continue 19th Century debate at Clearwater

Eight panelists gathered at Clearwater's Arts Auditorium Wednesday to consider this question: is it better to simply pursue success, or is it better to pause in your pursuit and lend a hand to others?

The program, "Success and Obligation: Whose Dream Is It Anyway?" was offered as part of African-American History Month.

The question for the panel, which was framed by Communications Professor Dr. Greg Byrd, was based on an ongoing debate that took place in the late 19th Century between W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington. Washington believed in hard work and self-help; DuBois was more of a believer in organizing and petitioning for change.

Video clips from the debate participants include:

- [Dr. Greg Byrd](#), SPC Communications Professor - Introduction
- [Eric Deggans](#), St. Petersburg Times media critic
- [Dr. Dean Kohrs](#), SPC instructor and author
- [Dr. Susan Demers](#), Dean of SPC's Paralegal Studies Program
- [Jimmy Chang](#), SPC Math Program Chair
- [Tony Ballard](#), SPC Speech professor
- [Rod Davis](#), Director, Student Activities/Male Outreach Initiative
- [Phil Thomas](#), Administrative Manager, MySPC Answer Place
- [Dr. Antoinette Caraway](#), Instructor and Clearwater Campus Academic Librarian

The debate was moderated by Dr. Bonnie Jefferis, Communications Department Committee Coordinator for African-American History Month.



Lifelong Learning takes a trip back in time

Make plans now to join one of the upcoming Lifelong Learning trips:

Fort Myers/Pine Island/Edison Estate, Friday, March 19

Savannah Arts & History Tour, May 12-15

For details on other Lifelong Learning classes, visit the [Lifelong Learning Web site](#).

The Blue & White

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\$5,000 Silverberg grant proposals sought

The Silverberg Endowment for Academic Excellence was awarded first in 1982 and has been given annually. The grant, of up to \$5,000, goes to support, enhance, enrich or develop programs of benefit to SPC and its students.

Proposals for 2010 now are being accepted.

Proposals are invited from faculty and staff in regular (non-acting) budgeted positions in any area of SPC. Grants are for up to \$5,000. Particularly sought are those ideas that will engage persons in creative endeavors and activities.

Submissions should be forwarded to the campus provost for review and approval, then to Executive Director Paul Hanna of the SPC Foundation at the District Office by March 19.

Proposals will be considered carefully and it is expected that the 2010 award will be announced by April 30.

When submitting proposals, include:

- Title of activity
- A brief description of the proposal, including goals and objectives, costs involved, project timeline, method of evaluation, and statement of purpose and need
- Campus and department submitting the proposal
- Name(s) and campus addresses of proposal originator(s)

Deep appreciation is expressed to the members of the Silverberg family for the establishment of the Endowment Fund, and for their interest in and support of St. Petersburg College.

Tarpon Springs Campus to host Greek conference



The Tarpon Springs Campus will host a number of activities during the second day of the two-day 15th annual Forum/Conference of The American Foundation for Greek Language and Culture (AFGLC), Feb. 19 – 20 in Tampa and Tarpon Springs.

First-day activities (Friday, Feb. 19) will be in Room 2708, Marshall Center,

University of South Florida, Tampa, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. A reception will follow at 6 p.m. at Embassy Suites, 37 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.

Second-day activities (Saturday, Feb. 20) will be in Room 156, Lyceum, St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs Campus, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. These will be followed by a reception

at 5:30 p.m. at the Spanos-Pappas Community Center, 348 N. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs. Pianist and composer George Skaroulis will present a recital that will include his newest composition on Tarpon Springs' Epiphany celebration. Admission of \$15 will benefit the Dr. D. Halkias Lecture Series on Faith. Tickets are available online and may be purchased by calling: 404-816-6372 or 813-789-4134; or online at: www.evzonemusic.com/tour.htm.

All events are open to the public.

The Annual Forum/Conference benefits the AFGLC membership, the faculty and students of the hosting university, and society at large. Scholars present papers and lead discussions on topics relating to nearly 2,000 years of Hellenic thought.

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of their teams and departments, and learn how to better serve the students and community as a whole.

"You never get those precious moments with your peers to talk about the culture in which we live here at SPC and the challenges we face unless you carve out that specific time, and I think that is what this has offered them," Henning said.

The first engagements, which took place in January, were geared toward preparing participants for changes they will make within their departments as well as their own leadership. The February meetings, titled "Engage in Change," provided an opportunity to discuss and share the changes that have been implemented since the previous meeting.

At these engagements, participants are placed into five randomly selected groups to discuss

leadership, the willingness of their departments to accept any changes they have implemented, as well as any resistance they have experienced from staff and other stakeholders in exploring new ideas and skill sets.

"It is an opportunity for professional development, for people to build upon skill sets they already have and to interact with other people around the college," said Matthew Stewart, an SPC Staff and Professional Development Coordinator.

"We're constantly engaged in a process of change around the college" Stewart said. "Things are changing more rapidly, particularly with our leadership."

Linda Hogans, Director of the Office of Special Programs at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, said the collaborative experience has been beneficial to her and her department.

"It helps to take a look at our leadership styles and how we communicate with each other," she said. Hogans attended the first two engagements and plans to be there for the last one in March.

"I've been a part of several Collaborative Labs as part of the college, but none have been as focused on what is currently happening in my department," said Hogans, who, as part of the collaborative, has been reading John Kotter's *Our Iceberg is Melting*, a book focused on recognizing change and learning how to implement or handle it in positive ways.

"The model that they're presenting with John Kotter helps me to focus more on how to effectively support change in my department and with the college as a whole," Hogans said. "We get an opportunity to see these steps in a real life situation. It's really exciting."

FOCUS ON TRAINING

SPC's Staff and Professional Development program has expanded the available training opportunities for college employees. Each month, the *Blue & White* features a different training opportunity.

CPR and AED Class

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Important Information

- The class is free to full time, budgeted employees.
- Each class is limited to 10 participants.
- Each class is four hours, 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Classes are offered on:
 - March 16**, at the Clearwater Campus
 - March 17**, at the Seminole Campus
 - March 18**, at the St Petersburg/Gibbs Campus
 - March 26**, at the Tarpon Springs Campus

Registration

- Obtain your supervisor's approval before registering.
- Each class is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- You can attend any session, regardless of your home campus.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail confirming your registration and providing further details.
- Click the link below for the class you wish to register for:

[March 16](#)
(Clearwater Campus)

[March 17](#)
(Seminole Campus)

[March 18](#)
(St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus)

[March 26](#)
Tarpon Springs Campus)

For more information, please contact [Eric Sierra](#) in Staff and Professional Development (Human Resources), 727-341-3228.

Meeting notices

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 3:30 p.m. at the EpiCenter, Room 1-453 to interview a presidential candidate. [View legal notice of special meeting.](#)

The Board of Trustees of St. Petersburg College will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, March

16, 8:30 a.m. in Room 107, at SPC Midtown, 1048 22nd St. So., St. Petersburg, to consider routine business including adopting or amending rules. [View the legal notice of the meeting.](#)

The Development Committee for the Board of Directors for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will meet on Wednesday, March 10,

3 p.m. in the Interactive Gallery of the museum to discuss general business.

The Finance Committee for the Board of Directors for the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art will meet on Wednesday, March 17, 3 p.m., in the Administration Building, AD136, Tarpon Springs Campus to discuss general business.

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