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Two Engineering Students Receive USF Graduate School Outstanding Dissertation Awards.

Tampa, Fla. (July 18, 2011) – **Javier Pulecio**, PhD, electrical engineering, and **Huijuan “June” Chen**, PhD, chemical and biomedical engineering, received Outstanding Dissertation Awards from the Graduate School.

Pulecio’s dissertation title is “Field-Coupled Nano-Magnetic Logic Systems” and his major professor was Sanjukta Bhanja. Pulecio is a research scientist at Brookhaven National Laboratory in Upton, New York.

Chen’s dissertation title is “The conversion of Low-Grade Heat into Power Using Supercritical Rankine Cycles” and her major professor was Yogi Goswami. She is an energy systems engineer at GE Global Research in Albany, New York.

The University of South Florida is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of only 25 public research universities nationwide with very high research activity that is designated as community engaged by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$394.1 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2009/2010. The university offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. The USF System has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference.

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