**Honors, Awards, Promotions, Media, Students**

**CERC and Faculty Honors**

Vinay Gupta (Chemical Engineering) won the 2009 Jerome Krivanek Distinguished Teacher Award, from the USF Office of the Provost and Faculty Senate.

Ralph Fehr (Electrical Engineering) won the T&D World Magazine Power Engineering Instructor of the Month in recognition of teaching excellence in the power engineering field.

Babu Joseph (Chemical Engineering) was elected Fellow of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, in June 2009.

USF, through CERC, was an official co-sponsor of the “Hydrogen Production and Storage 2009 Forum,” held in Washington, DC, Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2009.

**Media and Our Faculty**

Yogi Goswami (CERC) was interviewed as a solar energy expert on Tampa Bay’s Fox TV 13 “Good Day Tampa Bay” in October 2009. Fox was following up on President Obama’s visit to solar photovoltaic utility array in Arcadia, Florida.

Sesha Srinivasan (CERC) was interviewed by WUSF 89.7 News about CERC’s research into using polymers as storage material for hydrogen, in July 2009. Storing hydrogen is not easy due to its being very difficult to compress. CERC’s research may make hydrogen powered cars commercially available in the near future.

John Wolan (Chemical Engineering) hosted “Refuse to Energy” a call-in environmental talk show on WMNF 88.5 radio, in July 2009. Generally discussing using biomass for fuel, listeners called in with questions ranging from hydrogen power to using animal waste.  The stimulating discussions show how energy proactive Tampa Bay residents are and their great interest in our sustainability efforts.

**Promotions**

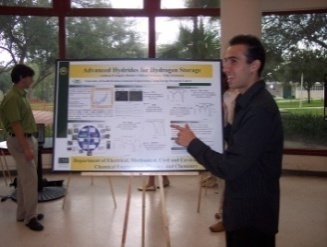
Sesha Srinivasan (CERC), promoted to Assistant professor of Physics at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama.

Vishnu Nanduri (Industrial & Mgmnt. Systems Engineering) promoted to Assistant Professor at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

**Students**

CERC graduate student Pabitra Choudhury (Chemical Engineering) obtained his Ph.D. in September 2009, for his dissertation “Theoretical and experimental study of solid state complex borohydride hydrogen storage materials.”

CERC graduate student Dhionny Strauss (Electrical Engineering) presented “Solar Energy” at the Sustainability Innovation Seminar for Municipalities Forum in June 2009, in Tampa. The forum brought together speakers from the Florida Governor’s Office, the USF, Greenhouse Communities and Constellation Energy. The forum focused on long term sustainability plans, solar energy, carbon reduction, hydrogen technologies, wetlands, water and sewer treatment and well as state programs.

Anthony d’Angelo, a CERC undergraduate, presented “Advanced Hydride Materials for Hydrogen Storage” at the 2009 NSF Tampa Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (TIER) and Advanced Materials Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) expo in July 2009. Anthony’s CERC sponsors were Sesha Srinivasan and Michael Niemann.

