

The New Faculty in Residence in Town

Justin Brown joins the Faculty in Residence Team in Housing

Justin Brown, a professor for Mass Communication, has recently joined the Faculty in Residence (FIR) program for the Andros Complex. The FIR program brings the academic world, specifically faculty from all different disciplines, into Housing and Residential Life. One of the reasons Brown decided to join the FIR program was to be more connected to the students. In a recent interview with Brown he said, "You know I wanted to have more contact with the students. I'm a big believer in some of the most important learning happening outside the classroom and now I get to be a part of that." His passion for social media, mass communication, and media law is being brought into the halls through programming that emphasizes understanding the new digital age, the important role media plays in life, and his overall goal is to help develop student's world view. One program, Scandal Night, will take the popular television show and break down the important social context it represents. Other events include the "Do's and Don'ts of Online Profiles" and a trip to The Dali Museum featuring an Andy Warhol exhibit.



Outside of faculty life, Dr. Brown has two young children who can be found eating with him in the dining halls and even helping out in his classes. Dr. Brown enjoys physical exercise, including swimming and running, and is currently training for his first 15k. While he loves music, television, and movies, Brown emphasized that he is not as big of a television or movie junkie as people think. Rather he enjoys spending time with his kids and taking them on trips of their own.

When asked what advice he may have for parents, Dr. Brown offered these words of comfort and encouragement, "Always be supportive of your student. They're probably going to learn something that affects their major or life direction and know that it's okay for them to explore different options, as long as they are doing well in their studies and learning critical thinking skills. Engage in their life outside of the classroom and take the time to support your student in the activities and degrees that they are passionate about."

While Dr. Brown's time as a FIR has just begun, it is exciting to see what dynamic programs and learning that will provide to the residential population at USF.