**Professor Ranganathan Receives Outstanding Teaching Award**

**Tampa, Fla. (January 13, 2010)** – Dr. Nagarajan Ranganathan, distinguished university professor of computer science and engineering, recently received an outstanding undergraduate teaching award at the 2009 Faculty Honors and Awards Reception.

He has taught at USF for more than 20 years. During this time he has served as major professor for 28 doctoral students and 69 masters’ students. Dr. Ranganathan’s primary research areas are VLSI circuits and systems design, VLSI design automation, computer architecture, reversible logic, nano-architectures and biomedical information processing. He was a co-recipient of four Best Paper Awards at the International Conference on VLSI Design in 1995, 2004, and 2006, and the IEEE Circuits and Systems Society Transactions on VLSI Systems in 2009.

His students describe him as a dedicated and knowledgeable professor with a genuine concern for their success both in the classroom and in their future careers.

Professor Ranganathan received a PhD from the University of Central Florida. He is a Fellow of IEEE for his contributions to algorithms and architectures for VLSI systems. He has co-authored more than 250 papers in refereed journals and conferences and four book chapters, and co-owns six U.S. patents, with two pending.

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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 $380.4 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2008/2009. 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.