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Dr. Henrie Treadwell provided the keynote address at the University of South Florida's Annual Research that Matters Conference: ***Coming Home to Social Justice: How Community Participation and Cross-Sector Collaboration Can Have a Collective Impact on Health Equity*** on March 4, 2016.

The goal of ***Coming Home to Social Justice: How Community Participation and Cross-Sector Collaboration Can Have a Collective Impact on Health Equity*** was to elevate the practice-based work and community-engaged research in Florida that are making conditions more equitable. Tampa Bay is home to a multitude of national, state, and local organizations and agencies working to provide programming and services to impact health disparities, racial and ethnic disparities, unemployment, early childhood education and opportunities, community violence, human trafficking, and other social issues. Many of these stakeholders are impacting fairness, opportunity, and resource allocation through their programs and services, but are not describing their work as "social justice" initiatives. Community-engaged research and practice-based community initiatives can advance social justice, even when social justice is not the goal of the work but a positive unintended outcome.

Research that Matters (RtM) is the research initiative of the University of South Florida's Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships. USF seeks to support and spotlight academically rigorous research that addresses the causes and consequences of real world problems, that seeks solutions to these problems, and that is carried out in partnership with community stakeholders. The Research that Matters annual conference series convened university researchers and Tampa Bay area practitioners to discuss pressing regional concerns, focusing on how research can support practice in a variety of fields.