Pacia Diaz Awarded Fulbright

he effects of climate change on water resources in Spain - Mayra Pacia Diaz, a Fulbright host is Dr. David Tarboton of the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Pacia will be working on an Enhanced project called MEDROPLAN (Mediterranean Drought Planning and Research Network - Evaluation of Strategies for Adaptive Capacity), which is studying the socio-ecological issues in the Tagus and Guadiana river basins. These basins have been identified as among the most likely to be affected by climate change in all of Europe. Transboundary issues are of special concern in developing appropriate integrated solutions and initiatives in the study area.

For her PhD, Pacia is examining and developing strategies for coastal cities to adapt to the effects of climate change, in particular impacts on water supply and water quality. The Fulbright experience will allow her to collect her current work in Florida to international initiatives and challenges. Daniel Yeh, associate professor in Civil and Environmental Engineering, is her advisor.