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Founded in 2001, the Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., Center for Florida History strives to enhance the teaching, study, and writing of Florida history. The center seeks to preserve the state's past through cooperative efforts with historical societies, preservation groups, museums, public programs, media, and interested persons. This unique center, housed in the Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Archives Center, is a source of continuing information created to increase appreciation for Florida history.

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

In its 18th year, the Florida Lecture Series is a forum that brings speakers to the Florida Southern College campus to explore Florida life and culture from a wide range of disciplines, including history, public affairs, law, sociology, criminology, anthropology, literature, and art. The overall objective of the series is to bring members of the community, the faculty, and the student body together to interact with and learn from leading scholars in their fields.

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SEPTEMBER 18

CARLTON WARD, JR.

Photographer and Writer

“The Florida Wildlife Corridor: Journey through the Heart of Florida”

Branscomb Memorial Auditorium



In 2012, photographer Carlton Ward, Jr., led a small team of explorers on a 100-day, 1,000-mile trek from Everglades National Park to the Okefenokee National Wildlife

Refuge in Southern Georgia. Traveling by kayak, mountain bike, horse, and foot, this intrepid group discovered that there is still a chance to build a viable natural corridor through Florida. Join us as Ward recounts his adventure through the heart of Florida’s wilderness and presents a preview of the 2014 expedition, which will take the team from the Central Florida Gulf Coast to Alabama.

Carlton Ward, Jr., is an internationally acclaimed environmental photojournalist. An eighth-generation Floridian from a pioneering ranching family, Ward has built a career out of capturing images of natural Florida to call attention to conservation issues in the state. Ward regularly produces stories for newspapers and magazines, including *Smithsonian*, *GEO*, *National Wildlife*, *Africa Geographic*, *Nature Conservancy*, and *Outdoor Photographer*. He is the author of three books, including *Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier* and *Florida Wildlife Corridor*, both of which won Florida Book Award medals.

Stahl Lecture in Criminal Justice

OCTOBER 9

JAMES CLARK

Professor of History, University of Central Florida

“Red Pepper & Gorgeous George: The Pepper-Smathers Senate Race of 1950”

Hollis Room, Thad Buckner Building



Claude Pepper, elected to the U.S. Senate in 1936, was an ally of Franklin Roosevelt and encouraged cooperation with the Soviet Union. In 1950, George Smathers challenged

Pepper in a vicious, bare-knuckled race, attacking Pepper’s Communist sympathies—a tactic that would soon be known as McCarthyism—and won by an astonishing 60,000 votes.

Author James Clark investigates this contentious campaign and explores how Smathers’ resounding victory inspired others, including Richard Nixon and Barry Goldwater, and helped set the stage for the complete reversal of the political power structure that had ruled the South for nearly a century.

After a distinguished career in journalism, James Clark earned his doctorate in history from the University of Florida. He is the author of seven books, including *Faded Glory: Presidents Out of Power*, and his essays have appeared in *The Washington Post*, *Washington Monthly*, *The Nation*, and *The Miami Herald*.

The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture honors the memories of Robert and Rose Stahl. Mr. Stahl served more than 30 years as a police officer, including his years as chief of police in North Miami Beach, Florida. The family of Robert and Rose Stahl has generously made these lectures available to Florida Southern College.

NOVEMBER 13

JEFF KLINKENBERG

Journalist and Columnist for The Tampa Bay Times

“Improbable Tales from the Real Florida”

Hollis Room, Thad Buckner Building



Jeff Klinkenberg grew up in Miami and began exploring the Florida Keys and the Everglades as a small boy. He started working at *The Miami News* when he was 16 and has

worked at *The Tampa Bay Times* since 1977, where he now writes the Real Florida column. Throughout his life and career in Florida, Klinkenberg has collected a motley assortment of tales as quirky and enigmatic as the state itself, now gathered in his latest collection of essays, *Alligators in B-Flat*. Delight as this enthralling storyteller narrates some of his most treasured anecdotes of a life spent exploring the weird, wacky, and wild of Florida.

A graduate of the University of Florida and member of the College of Journalism and Communications' Hall of Fame, Klinkenberg has won numerous awards for his work, including the Green Eyeshade for best feature writing in any Southern newspaper and Best Features from the American Association of Sunday and Features Editors. He is a two-time winner of the Paul Hansell Distinguished Journalism Award, the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors' highest award. *Esquire*, *Outside*, *Travel and Leisure*, and *Audubon* are among the magazines that have published his stories and his books include *Pilgrim in the Land of Alligator*, *Seasons of Real Florida*, and *Dispatches from the Land of Flowers*, all best sellers.

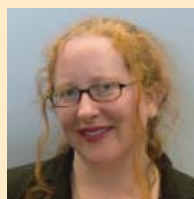
JANUARY 15

PEGGY MACDONALD

Writer

“Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida’s Environment”

Hollis Room, Thad Buckner Building



A self-described “housewife from Micanopy,” Marjorie Harris Carr in reality struggled to balance career and family with her husband, Archie Carr, a pioneering conservation

biologist. For 35 years, Carr tirelessly led a coalition of citizen activists in the continuing battle to protect and restore the Ocklawaha River. To this day, this little-known river in the heart of Central Florida remains blocked by the remnants of the Cross Florida Barge Canal, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers project that Carr and her fellow Florida Defenders of the Environment activists stopped before its construction was completed.

In her new book *Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida’s Environment*, author Peggy Macdonald brings Carr’s heroic conservation story to vivid life. Explore this dramatic tale as MacDonald shares her insight into the life of this extraordinary Floridian.

Peggy Macdonald earned her Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2010. In addition to teaching history, she is a freelance writer, editor and photographer.

JOHN & MARY LOU MISSALL

Writers

“Voices from the Seminole Wars”

Hollis Room, Thad Buckner Building



Spanning 40 years, the Seminole Indian Wars were the longest, costliest, and deadliest of all the Indian wars fought by the United States. Along with the War of 1812 and the

Civil War, the Seminole Indian Wars drew nationwide attention as they were intimately associated with the spread of slavery and presented the United States with its first opportunity for aggressive territorial expansion.

Through the poetry, journals, and letters of the participants—both Seminole and white—authors John and Mary Lou Missall share the experience of this early period of Florida history and examine its place in the national landscape. Exploring these conflicts from both a military and moral perspective, the Missalls paint a broader portrait of the Seminole Indian Wars against a backdrop of inflexible government policy and prevailing national attitudes toward Native Americans, slavery, and aggressive expansion.

John and Mary Lou Missall live in Fort Myers, Florida, and are writers whose primary work focuses on the Seminole Indian Wars. They are authors and editors of several books, including *The Seminole Wars: America's Longest Indian Conflict* and *Hollow Victory*, a novel of the Second Seminole War.

JANE LANDERS

Professor of History, Vanderbilt University

“Filling in the Missing Pieces:

The Extraordinary Life of Captain Francisco Menéndez, Leader of the Free Black Town of Gracia Real de Santa Teresa de Mose”

Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center



Born of a Spanish father and an African mother, Francisco Menéndez escaped colonial South Carolina and like hundreds of others in similar condition found his way to

Spanish Florida, where he received his freedom in exchange for converting to Catholicism and joining the militia in defense of the beleaguered colony. As a loyal subject of the Spanish crown, Menéndez served his king as a soldier and was appointed head of black militia based at Fort Mose, approximately one mile north of St. Augustine. In her latest work, author and historian Jane Landers chronicles this remarkable human saga, told through primary documents discovered in Spain and Cuba. Menéndez’s story is one of perseverance and resourcefulness under extreme hardships.

Jane Landers is the Gertrude Conaway Vanderbilt Professor of History at Vanderbilt University. She is an historian of Colonial Latin America and the Atlantic World, specializing in

This lecture will be the keynote address for the Florida Conference of Historians annual banquet and will begin at 7 p.m. at the Nina B. Hollis Wellness Center. Those interested in attending are invited to make reservations by calling 863.680.3001.

the history of Africans and their descendants. She is the author of *Atlantic Creoles in the Age of Revolutions*, which was awarded the Rembert Patrick Book Award. Her first book, *Black Society in Spanish Florida*, won the Frances B. Simkins Prize for Distinguished First Book in Southern History and was a CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title. She is the author or co-author of five other books, and she has published essays in *The American Historical Review*, *Slavery and Abolition*, *The New West Indian Guide*, *The Americas*, and *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*. Landers is also the director of the Ecclesiastical and Secular Sources for Slave Societies Digital Archive hosted by the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt, which is preserving endangered ecclesiastical and secular documents related to slavery in the Americas. With grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the British Library Endangered Archives Programme, and the Diocese of St. Augustine, Landers and her international teams have preserved records in Cuba, Brazil, Colombia and Florida, the oldest dating from the 16th century.

MARCH 26

LARRY RIVERS

Professor of History, Valdosta State University

“Rebels and Runaways: Slave Resistance in the Nineteenth Century”

Hollis Room, Thad Buckner Building



Using a variety of sources such as slaveholders’ wills, account books, court records, oral histories, and newspaper accounts, Larry Rivers explores the historical significance of

Florida as a runaway slave haven dating back to the 17th century and explains Florida’s unique history of slave resistance and protest. Rivers argues persuasively that the size, scope, and intensity of black resistance in the Second Seminole War makes it the largest sustained slave insurrection ever to occur in American history.

Larry Rivers is an award-winning scholar, college administrator, and public intellectual. He is the author or co-author of five books, including *Slavery in Florida* and *Rebels and Runaways: Slave Resistance in Nineteenth-Century Florida*.

Dr. Rivers taught history at Florida A&M University, ultimately receiving the rank of Distinguished University Professor. In 2006, he became President of Fort Valley State University in Georgia, where he served for seven years before joining the faculty at Valdosta State.

This lecture is generously sponsored by Professor Walter W. Manley II. A friend of Larry Rivers, Manley is an FSC alumnus and author with Canter Brown of *The Supreme Court of Florida and Its Predecessor Courts, 1821–1917* and *The Supreme Court of Florida, 1917–1972*.

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All programs begin at 7:00 PM
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