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**Paul Schneider**  
Author, *Martha's Vineyard and  
Bradenton, Florida*



**“Brutal Journey:  
The Epic Story of the  
First Crossing of North America”**

Paul Schneider attended Brown University and the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. After working with refugees in Thailand, students in Switzerland, and a brief career as a wire-service stringer in Kenya, Schneider settled into magazine journalism in New York City.

He has written about environmental issues for *Esquire*, *Vanity Fair*, and the *National Audubon Magazine*. That work led to two books: *The Adirondacks: A History of America's First Wilderness* (1998) and *The Enduring Shore: A History of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket* (2001). The subject of Schneider's third book, *Brutal Journey: The Epic Story of the First Crossing of North America*, is the incredible story of Cabeza de Vaca's 1528 journey across the southeastern portion of what is now the United States. A tale of adventure, survival filled with gripping scenes of battle, disease, starvation, and abject poverty, Schneider has weaved together a story the *New York Times* called "hard to believe, and impossible to forget."

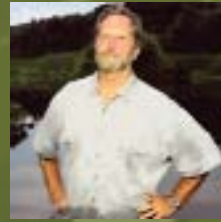
Schneider divides his time between Massachusetts and Florida.

**ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES**

In its thirteenth year, the Florida Lecture Series at Florida Southern College is a forum that brings speakers to the FSC Lakeland Campus to lecture on 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, faculty and student body together in order to interact and learn from leading scholars in their field.

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**Bill Belleville**  
Author, *Sanford, Florida*  
**“Losing it All to Sprawl:  
How Progress Ate My  
Cracker Landscape”**

Bill Belleville, a Sanford, Florida native, is an award winning author & documentary filmmaker specializing in nature, environmental issues, and "sense of place." The author of four books and over 1,000 articles in such publications as *Newsweek*, *Audubon*, the *New York Times*, *Sports Afield* and *Oxford American*, he has worked overseas as a writer on Discovery Channel expeditions in the Galapagos Islands and Cuba. Belleville has scripted and co-produced five PBS documentaries, including the recent "In Manoria's Wake: Rediscovering Rawlings, a River and Time," winning an Emmy for the production and scripting of "Wekiva: A Legacy or Loss?"

*Losing it all to Sprawl* (2006) focuses on Belleville's personal battle to save his "Cracker" farmhouse and his beloved rural landscape in the face of urban sprawl that engulfed his Seminole County community. The book laments not only the consumption of Florida's natural landscape, but the loss of Old Florida neighborhoods and their history. He has lectured widely on environmental literature and was named Environmental Writer of the Year by the Florida Audubon Society and Florida Wildlife Federation.

An avid kayaker, hiker, and diver, Belleville lives in Sanford, Florida.

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**ANNUAL STAHL LECTURE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

JANUARY 22

**Risdon N. Slate**  
*Florida Southern College*  
**W. Wesley Johnson**  
*University of Southern Mississippi*

**“The Criminalization of Mental Illness in  
Florida: Crisis and Opportunity for the  
Justice System”**

Arguing that the criminal justice system has become the de facto mental health system of America, Risdon Slate and Wesley Johnson contend that the system has failed the mentally ill and the public at large. Their work illuminates the history and anatomy of the problem and offers real solutions based on careful scholarship and empathy for all involved. Both authors bring a lifetime of close study and research to bear on the subject.



**Risdon Slate** earned his Ph.D. in criminal justice from the Claremont Graduate School in Claremont, California and serves on the faculty at Florida Southern College. He has testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on mental health and the criminal justice system. He has trained law enforcement and

correctional officers to improve their interactions with the mentally ill. Slate worked in the criminal justice system as a warden's assistant and as a federal probation officer, and he has published extensively on the stress levels of criminal justice practitioners.



**W. Wesley Johnson** earned his Ph.D. from Florida State University and his articles have appeared in *Justice Quarterly*, the *American Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Crime and Delinquency*, the *Prison Journal* and the *Journal of Drug Issues*. He is the President of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and is

Doctoral Program Director in the School of Criminal Justice at The University of Southern Mississippi.

\*The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture honors the memory of Robert and Rose Stahl. Mr. Stahl served more than thirty 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.

FEBRUARY 5

**Paul Ortiz**  
*Associate Professor of History and  
Director, Samuel Proctor Oral History  
Program, University of Florida*  
**“Emancipation Betrayed”**



Paul Ortiz, director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at University of Florida, examines the struggle of Black Floridians to create the first statewide civil rights movement against Jim Crow in America. Ortiz vividly illustrates how Black Floridians created new social movements, successfully challenging the white power structure in Florida from Reconstruction to 1920.

An award-winning author and oral historian, Ortiz holds degrees from Evergreen State College and Duke University, where he earned his Ph.D. degree. Before joining the UF faculty in August 2008, Ortiz taught at the University of California-Santa Cruz. His book *Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the Bloody Election of 1920* (2005) received the Florida Historical Society's Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Book Prize. While at Duke, Ortiz was research coordinator for "Behind the Veil: Documenting African American Life in the Jim Crow South," a NEH sponsored project that received the Oral History Association's Outstanding Award in 1996. He was co-editor with William H. Chafe, of *Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Jim Crow South* (2001), which received the Southern Regional Council's 2002 Lillian Smith Book Prize.



MARCH 12  
**Rody Johnson**  
*Author, Vero Beach, Florida*  
**“The Rise and Fall of  
Dodgertown: 60 Years of  
Baseball in Vero Beach”**

A graduate of the University of Virginia with engineering and MBA degrees, Rody Johnson worked for the Harris Corporation in Melbourne, Florida, managing engineering development programs for the Department of Defense. After retirement, Johnson began his writing career when he became publisher of the *Sebastian Sun*. Johnson's three books include *Different Battles* (1999), the story of a World War II U-boat attack on a tanker off the Florida coast; *In Their Footsteps* (2005), a history of West Virginia; and *The Rise and Fall of Dodgertown* (2007).

Granted special access to the team's archives and personal interviews with players, management, and staff, Johnson, a resident of Vero Beach, offers a fascinating and remarkable history of the most hallowed spring training site in baseball. The *Los Angeles Times* review stated that Johnson's book captures "the symbiotic relationship between the team and its town." The book was the basis for an ESPN piece on Dodgertown and was featured on Fox and CBS TV affiliates in Florida, nationwide XM Radio, and Japanese national television.

## SPEAKERS

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All lectures will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hollis Room on the Florida Southern campus and are free and open to the public.

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**Robert V. Remini**

*Historian, United States House of Representatives*

**"Andrew Jackson's Triumphs in Florida as General and Governor"**



Hailed by the *New York Times*, as the nation's "foremost Jacksonian scholar," Robert Remini has been teaching and writing about American history for more than half a century. Remini joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1965, where he still resides as University Historian.

In 2005, in recognition of his many scholarly accomplishments, Remini was appointed Historian of the House of Representatives, and in that capacity he wrote his latest book, *The House: The History of the House of Representatives* (2006), which earned Remini his second National Book award. Remini has written over twenty books on American history, including the definitive three volume biography, *The Life of Andrew Jackson*, completed in 1984. Among his numerous books are biographies of Henry Clay, Daniel Webster, John Quincy Adams, and Joseph Smith. Other recent works include *The Battle of New Orleans* (1999) and *Andrew Jackson and His Indian Wars* (2001).

Remini's program will focus on the First Seminole War and Old Hickory's brief governorship of Florida, the seventh president's most controversial step in his path to the White House.

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