

# CENTER FOR FLORIDA HISTORY

Originated in 2001, the Center for Florida History at Florida Southern College 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, and through conducting training in Florida history for school teachers. This unique center is not a library nor a museum; it is a source of continuing information created to enhance and increase interest in and appreciation for the history of Florida.



Hollis Room

## Lecture Schedule 2005/2006

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. For more information, please call 863.680.3001 or email historycenter@fsouthern.edu.



**February 9**

**Kevin Boyle**

(Professor of History,  
Ohio State University)

**Book Talk and Signing**

### **“Arc of Justice: Bartow’s Ossian Sweet, Clarence Darrow and the Fight for Racial Equality in America”**

Kevin Boyle, a native of Detroit, attended the University of Detroit and the University of Michigan where he earned his Ph. D. degree in 1990. He has taught at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and in 2003 was appointed Professor of History at Ohio State University. A specialist in twentieth century American history, Boyle's most recent book is *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age* (New York, 2004) which won the National Book Award for non-fiction in 2004 and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. He is also the author of *The UAW and the Heyday of American Liberalism, 1945-1968* (Ithaca, 1995); *Muddy Boots and Ragged Aprons: Images of Working-Class Detroit, 1900-1930* (Detroit, 1997) with Victoria Getis. His articles have appeared in *Diplomatic History*, *The Journal of American History*, *Labor History*, *The Michigan Historical Review*, and various anthologies. Dr. Boyle has held fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Council of Learned Societies, and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation. He has lectured and held teaching appointments at the University College Dublin, Ireland, Harvard University and other universities.

**\*The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminology Lecture**



**March 16**

**Diane Roberts**

(Professor of English,  
University of Alabama)

### **“Pioneer Mothers, Confederate Daughters, Citrus Princesses, and Other Florida Wild Women”**

An 8th generation Floridian, born and raised in Tallahassee, Diane Roberts holds B. A. and M. A. degrees in English from Florida State University. From 1980-1989 Roberts attended Oxford University where she earned a second B. A. in English and a D. Phil. in literature. Currently Professor of English at the University of Alabama, Roberts is the author of several books including her most recent highly acclaimed, *Dream State: Eight Generations of Swamp Lawyers, Conquistadores, Confederate Daughters, Banana Republicans, and other Florida Wildlife* (New York, 2004). She is also the author of *Faulkner and Southern Womanhood* (Athens, 1993) and *The Myth of Aunt Jemima: Representations of Race and Region* (New York, 1995). She is also a frequent contributor to scholarly and popular magazines and newspapers. She has written on Southern culture and literature for *Southern Living*, *The New York Times*, *The London Times*, *The New Republic* and is a political columnist for *The St. Petersburg Times*. She is a frequent commentator on NPR and the BBC. Awards she has received include the Gustavus Meyer Center for the Study of Human Rights Awards, two Associated Press awards for radio, and two Society of Newspaper Editors prizes for editorial writing and sports commentary. She divides her time between Tuscaloosa, London, and Tallahassee.

**September 22**

**Hon. Justice R. Fred Lewis**

(Supreme Court of Florida)

“In Search of Visions of Justice and Democracy  
Florida Style”

**October 20**

**Tracy Jean Revels**

(Associate Professor of History, Wofford College)

Book Talk and Signing  
*Grander in Her Daughters:  
Florida's Women During the Civil War*

**November 10**

**Joe Akerman**

(Professor of History, North Florida Junior College, Emeritus)

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In its tenth 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, music, and art. The

overall objective of the series is to bring together members of the community, faculty, and the student body in order to interact and learn from leading scholars in their field. For information about the series, call 863.860.3001 or email [historycenter@flosouthern.edu](mailto:historycenter@flosouthern.edu).



**September 22**

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R. Fred Lewis**  
(Supreme Court of Florida)

## “In Search of Visions of Justice and Democracy Florida Style”

A native of West Virginia, Justice R. Fred Lewis attended Florida Southern College, where he excelled in academics and athletics. In 1969 he was selected the college's Honor Walk Student, which is awarded annually for the outstanding senior student for scholastic and service achievements. Lewis then attended the University of Miami School of Law, graduating cum laude in 1972. Upon completion of his law studies, Lewis entered a long and successful career in private practice in Miami, specializing in civil trial and appellate litigation. While in private practice, Lewis provided counseling and pro bono services to families with children having impairments and to cancer patients seeking proper treatment for multiple conditions. Lewis' involvement in children's issues, public health and education continued after his appointment to the Florida Supreme Court in December 1998, by the late Gov. Lawton Chiles. Lewis served on Florida's Commission on the Legal Needs of Children and is active in the Justice Teaching Institute, a program designed to enhance public education. Justice Lewis' public service has been recognized through numerous awards. Justice Lewis and his wife Judith attended Florida Southern College together and were married in 1969. They have two children, Elle and Lindsay.



**October 20**

**Tracy Jean Revels**  
(Associate Professor of History,  
Wofford College)

**Book Talk and Signing**

## *Grander in Her Daughters: Florida's Women During the Civil War*

Tracy Jean Revels was born and still resides part time in Madison, Florida. A specialist in southern history, she received her B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from Florida State University, completing the doctorate degree in 1990. She taught for one year at Georgia Southern University, and is currently an Associate Professor of History at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Florida Historical Society, and the Southern Historical Association. She has published articles in *The Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Forum: The Magazine of the Florida Humanities Council*, and book reviews in a wide range of newspapers and journals. Her book *Grander in Her Daughters: Florida's Women During the Civil War* (Columbia, 2004) received the Florida Historical Society's 2005 Rembert Patrick Prize for the best scholarly work in Florida history. She is also the author of *Watery Eden: A History of Wakulla Springs* (Tallahassee, 2000).

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**The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminology Lecture Series** honors the memory of Robert and Rose Stahl. Robert A. 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 FSC.

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**November 10**

**Joe Akerman**  
(Professor of History, North Florida  
Junior College, Emeritus)

**Book Talk and Signing**

## *Jacob Summerlin: King of the Crackers*

A native of Orlando, Joe Akerman holds degrees from Rollins College and the University of Florida. He also earned a post-graduate certificate in Southern and Negro History from Johns Hopkins University. Akerman has had a distinguished and varied career as a writer, public speaker, and teacher. A Fulbright Scholar in British Columbia (1967-1968), Akerman is a leading authority on the history of cattle ranching in the United States. He is the author of *The Florida Cowman: A History of the Cattle Industry in Florida* (Kissimmee, 1997), currently in its ninth printing, and *American Brahman: A History of the American Brahman* (Houston, 1982), and most recently, *Jacob Summerlin: King of the Crackers* (Melbourne, 2004), which won the Florida Historical Society's Charlton Tebeau Book Prize in 2005. His articles have appeared in many journals and newspapers, including the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Jacksonville Times-Union*, and *Vancouver Sun*.

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**January 19**

**Bertram Wyatt-Brown**  
(Professor of History,  
University of Florida, Emeritus)

**“The Honor of Andrew Jackson”**

One of the most distinguished historians of the American South, Professor Bertram Wyatt-Brown, holds degrees from the University of the South, Cambridge University and Johns Hopkins University where he received his Ph.D. under eminent American Historian C. Vann Woodward. Past President of the Southern Historical Association, Dr. Wyatt-Brown taught at Case Western Reserve University and in 1983 was appointed Richard J. Milbauer Professor of History at the University of Florida. His publications include *Southern Honor: Ethics and Behavior in the Old South* (New York, 1982); *Honor and Violence in the Old South* (New York, 1986); *The House Percy: Honor, Melancholy, and Imagination in a Southern Family* (New York, 1996); *The Shaping of Southern Culture: Honor, Grace, and War, 1760s – 1890s* (Chapel Hill, 2001) and *Hearts of Darkness: Wellsprings of a Southern Literary Tradition* (Baton Rouge, 2003). He is also the author of over 150 essays and reviews. He has appeared in television documentaries for Discovery, A&E, and PBS. Currently Wyatt-Brown serves as series editor of the Louisiana State University Press' Southern Biography Series. Dr. Wyatt-Brown and his wife Anne reside in Baltimore, Maryland.