



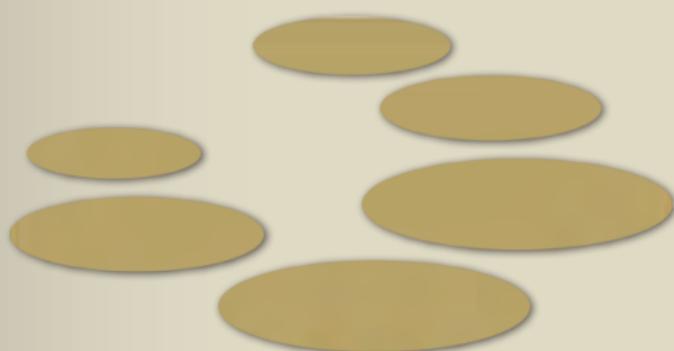
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SEPTEMBER 13

GILBERT KING

Pulitzer Prize-winning Author

Beneath a Ruthless Sun: A True Story of Violence, Race, and Justice Lost and Found

Branscomb Auditorium



In December 1957, a small Florida town concealed a big secret. The wife of a wealthy citrus grove owner was sexually assaulted in her home while her husband was away. On the orders of the notoriously corrupt Lake County sheriff, Willis McCall, a gentle, mentally impaired young man, Jesse Daniels, was arrested and transported to the Florida State Hospital for the Criminally Insane in Chattahoochee without trial. Crusading journalist Mabel Norris Reese pursued the story for years, making enemies of McCall and the KKK in the process. With Jesse's freedom hanging in the balance, the truth behind a conspiracy that shocked a community into silence began to surface. An Award winning author and photographer, Gilbert King is best known for his Pulitzer Prize winning book *Devil in the Grove*, a work that also achieved *New York Times* bestseller status.

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.

OCTOBER 25

LESLIE KEMP POOLE

Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies, Rollins College

Saving Florida: Women's Fight for the Environment in the Twentieth Century

Annie Pfeiffer Chapel



Even before they had the right to vote, women were at the forefront of the fight to save Florida's unique environment. Most likely the fight began in 1900 when a group of Miami women organized the first meeting of the Florida Audubon Society. In *Saving Florida*, Leslie Kemp Poole, tells the exciting story of these women, the ones who prompted legislation to establish Florida's first state park (which later became the core of Everglades National Park), and many other women including the towering environmental legacies of the three "Marjories": author Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, scientist/activist Marjorie Harris Carr, and journalist/activist Marjory Stoneman Douglas.

A fourth-generation Floridian, Leslie Kemp Poole is an award-winning writer and historian. After a distinguished career in journalism Poole pursued doctoral work in history, earning her Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 2012. She teaches at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

NOVEMBER 29

ANNE ROSEN
AND CLAUDIA SLATE

Writers

Reflections from a Civil Rights Journalist: St. Augustine and Beyond

Annie Pfeiffer Chapel



Former *New York Times* correspondent John Herbers (1923-2017) covered the civil rights movement for more than a decade, witnessing a succession of landmark events that rocked the nation, the world, and his own conscience. Among the many stories Herbers covered were the 1955 murder of Emmett Till; the bombing of the church in Birmingham, Ala., that killed four little girls; the Freedom Summer murders in Philadelphia, Miss.; and marches and riots in St. Augustine and Selma, Ala. Herbers was the author of four books, including two on civil rights. In his memoir, *Deep South Dispatch*, written with his daughter, Anne Farris Rosen, he recounted with immediacy and detail the struggle of African-Americans for civil rights, as well as his own journey as a Southerner who came to reject the prejudices of his native land.

In this presentation, Anne Farris Rosen and her sister, Claudia Slate, share their memories of their father and his work. Rosen is an award-winning freelance journalist and adjunct professor at the University of Maryland's Philip Merrill College of Journalism. Slate is professor emeritus of English at Florida Southern College.

JANUARY 10

TRACY JEAN REVELS

Professor of History, Wofford College

Florida's Civil War: A Family Story

Hollis Room



Though it was the third state to secede, Florida was ignored and unprotected by the Confederacy during the Civil War. The home front was contested, especially in port cities, and many Floridians became refugees. Raids and guerilla activity inflicted misery on civilians. While Confederate patriotism ruled in Middle Florida, in other areas apathy or a growing Unionism led to deprivations and desertion. Slaves fled to freedom and neighbor turned against neighbor. The one notable battle fought in Florida, the Battle of Olustee, was disproportionately bloody. A frontier at the start of the war, the conflict left Florida even more of a wilderness. Professor Tracy Revels's program will highlight the multi-faceted experiences of Floridians during America's most destructive war.

Dr. Tracy Revels is associate professor of history at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C. She earned a Ph.D. in history from Florida State University and specializes in 19th-century American history. She is the author of three books, including *Florida's Civil War: Terrible Sacrifices*.

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FEBRUARY 7

DAVID HEAD

Author and Lecturer, University of Central Florida

Privateers of the Americas

Hollis Room



In the early 1800s, seafarers living in the United States secured commissions from Spanish-American nations, attacked Spanish vessels, and returned to sell their captured cargoes from bases in Baltimore, New Orleans, Galveston, and on Amelia Island. Privateers sold millions of dollars of goods to untold numbers of ordinary Americans. Their collective enterprise involved more than a hundred vessels and thousands of people—not only ships' crews but investors, merchants, suppliers, and others. They angered foreign diplomats, worried American officials, and muddied U.S. foreign relations. Dr. David Head explores how Spanish-American privateering worked and who engaged in it, how the U.S. government responded, and how privateers and their supporters evaded or exploited laws and international relations.

Dr. David Head teaches history at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He is the author of the award winning book *Privateers of the Americas: Spanish American Privateering from the United States*. He received his Ph.D. in history from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

MARCH 21

JOHN CAPOUYA

Professor of Journalism, University of Tampa

Florida Soul: From Ray Charles to K.C. and the Sunshine Band

Hollis Room



When recalling the roots of soul music, most people are likely to name Memphis, Detroit, or New Orleans, but Florida also has a rich soul music history that has often gone unrecognized. John

Capouya celebrates great artists of the Sunshine State who produced some of the most electric, emotive soul music America has ever heard. Drawing on extensive interviews with surviving musicians to re-create the excitement of soul's golden age, Capouya outlines Florida's contributions, including singers James and Bobby Purify, Sam Moore of the legendary duo Sam and Dave, and how Hank Ballard created his international hit song "The Twist" after seeing the dance in Tampa. Born in the era of segregation, with origins in gospel, rhythm and blues, and jazz, soul music is still very much a part of our collective culture, and Florida is one of its capitals.

John Capouya is associate professor of journalism and writing at the University of Tampa. As a journalist, he worked for publications including *Newsweek* and *The New York Times*. His previous book, *Gorgeous George: The Outrageous Bad-Boy Wrestler Who Created American Pop Culture*, is being adapted into a feature film.



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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

The Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., 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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