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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.

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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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CARLTON WARD, JR.

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



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 *Audubon*, *Wildlife*, *Wild*, and *Florida Wildlife*. He is the author of three books, including *Wild Florida* and *Wild Florida: A Journey through the Heart of Florida*, both of which won Florida Book Award medals.

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.

JEFF KLINKENBERG

The Tampa Bay Times

"Improbable Tales from the Real Florida"

Jeff Klinkenberg grew up in Miami and began exploring the Florida Keys and the Everglades as a small boy. He started working at [redacted] when he was 16 and has worked at [redacted] 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, A [redacted]. 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.

PEGGY MACDONALD

"Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment"

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 [redacted], 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.

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JOHN & MARY LOU MISSALL

Voices from the Seminole Wars "

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

and a novel of the Second Seminole War.

JANE LANDERS

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 "

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

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