**2023**

**Florida Conference of Historians**

**Annual Meeting**

**January 27-29, 2023**

**Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort, Golf and Marina**

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**CONFERENCE CENTER (SECOND FLOOR)**

* **Saturday panels will take place in the meeting rooms: McCoy, Menninger, Evinrude, Monroe, and Sewall**
* **Saturday evening banquet, awards presentations, and keynote will take place in the Plantation Ballroom**

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**Friday, January 27, 2023**

**5:30 PM-7:00 PM:**

**Welcome Reception**

**Appetizers and Refreshments**

**Cash Bar**

**Location:**

**Covered Patio located next to Latitudes by the Main Hotel Pool**

FCH Registration Available

Agenda:

Update on Civic Literacy

David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**Saturday, January 28, 2023**

**8:30 AM-4:00 PM: Registration**

**Location: Piano Foyer**

**Coffee and Refreshment Break, 10:00 AM-10:45 AM**

**Session One: Saturday, 9:00 AM-10:15 AM**

**Panel 1A**: Ground-Breaking Studies in Women’s History

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Menninger

*Centennial Commemorations of Women Martyrs in the*

*Spanish American Wars of Independence*

Tatiana Addonizio, Jacksonville University

*Between National Politics and Gender Traditions: Women’s Public Higher Education in Early Twentieth-Century China*

Lisa Hyde, New College of Florida

*The Ideal Facade: The Double Standard of Elite Nazi Women in Their Ascent to Power*

Chloe Carver, Southeastern University

Chair and Discussant: Ilana Grimes, Eastern Florida State College

**Panel 1B**: Social Movements and Activism during

the Civil Rights Era

Meeting Room: Sewall

*Women Journalists Guiding Their Communities:*

*Newspaper Advice Columns, 1940s Through 1970s*

Kimberly Voss, University of Central Florida

*When the Looting Starts, the Shooting Starts:*

*The 1968 Miami Uprising*

Seth Weitz, Dalton State College

*“Nor will we be denied control over our own university”:*

*Campus Activism, Women’s Liberation, and Politics*

*in 1970s Texas*

Jillian McClure, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Blaine Browne, Broward College (Emeritus)

**Panel 1C**: Studies in Southern History

Meeting Room: Monroe

*Race, Rights, and Region: Indigenous Women Enslavers and White Women’s Civic Culture in the Deep South, 1830s-1930s*

Justin Rogers, University of North Florida

*The Petition of Certain Non-Conscripts: An Effort to Challenge Conscription in the Confederate States of America*

Victoria Stewart, Northwest Florida State College

*Politicizing National Memory: How Civil War Imagery, Rhetoric, and Performance Defined the Culture Wars*

John Lancaster, University of Central Florida

Chair: Don Zimmerman, Indian River State College

Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**Panel 1D**: The Pursuit of Excellence in the Classroom and Beyond: The History Program at Flagler College

Special Interest Section: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Meeting Room: Evinrude

Nic Miller

John Young

Kelly Enright

Mike Butler

Jessica Howell

**Panel 1E**: The Distant Global Past

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: McCoy

*Perceptions of Chivalry on the Modern College Campus*

Logan Harris, Southeastern University

*Lorenzo the Magnificent: The Making of a Powerful Patron*

Carmyn Schneider, Florida Southern College

*Trading Companies of the East Indies, Traders turned Colonizers, and Imperialism’s Most Famous Scapegoats*

Michael Rothstein, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: Rowena Múzquiz,

St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

**Session Two: Saturday, 10:30 AM-11:45 AM**

**Panel 2A**: Africa, Development, and State-Building

Meeting Room: Menninger

*“Somewhat Decrepit”? Mining, Monopoly and Distorted Development in Obuase, Ghana (1897-1957)*

Frimpong Asamoah, University of Miami

*“We merely passed through”: Border Controls for Africans and Their Implementation in Colonial Zanzibar, 1920-1960*

Charlotte Miller, Middle Georgia State University

*“Between the ‘House Nkrumah Built’ and the ‘House the IMF Built’”: Students and Popular Political Protest in*

*Gold Coast and Ghana, 1950-2000*

Edmund Abaka, University of Miami

Chair and Discussant: Alex Shelby, Indian River State College

**Panel 2B**: Systems of Submission in the Age of Revolution

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Evinrude

*The Mundanity of Religion and the Deification of Rousseau in*

*Pre-Revolutionary France*

Savana Walters, Southeastern University

*Slavery on the South Colonies*

Marcos Ramos Ortega, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: Douglas Benner,

University of South Florida

**Panel 2C**: Visions of Florida and the Past

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: McCoy

*Creating an Exotic Tropicality: Design, Architecture, and Communication in the Mid-Century*

*Florida Beach Hotel Experience*

Mike Walker, University of Florida

*The Florida Frontier on Film and Television in the 20th Century*

David Morton, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: Marvin Hobson, Indian River State College

**Panel 2D**: Contested Claims:

New Scholarship and the ‘Settling’ of the American Continent

Meeting Room: Sewall

*Indigenous Genocide in America*

Maverick Huneycutt, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

*Early America Cartography*

Jared Freedline, University of Central Florida

*Indigenizing the North American Academy: Resistance & Rethinking Colonial Practices in Academia through Indigenous Storytelling & Allyship*

Emma Posca, York University-Toronto Canada

Chair and Discussant: Kaitlyn Shefveland, University of Southern Indiana

**Panel 2E**: Critical Junctures and Social Movements in the Twentieth Century

Meeting Room: Monroe

*A Clearing House:*

*Lou Henry Hoover’s Great Depression Relief Letter System, 1931*

Presleigh Johnson, Flagler College

*“White People, Inc.”, Bryant W. Bowles, White Populism, and Political Consciousness, 1952-1960*

Liam King, Rollins College

*“Like a strange dog in an alley”:*

*Social Perceptions of Epilepsy and the Question of Human Rights*

Marisa Pechillo, University of North Florida

Chair: Jared Kinggard, Indian River State College

Discussant: Michael Epple, Florida Gulf Coast University

**12:00 PM-1:00 PM: LUNCH BREAK ON YOUR OWN**

**Onsite options**

* Baha Grille Full-service restaurant
* Sandpiper Tiki Bar Serving cocktails, sandwiches, salads.

**Offsite options within 3 miles**

* Bagel Break Deli 2395 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, FL 34996
* Ramen Hana & Sushi 2661 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, FL 34996
* Aunt D's Diner 2891 SE Ocean Blvd, Stuart, FL 34996

**FCH BUSINESS MEETING**

* Meeting Room: Sandpiper Tiki Bar
* FCH Officers

**Session Three: Saturday, 1:00 PM-2:15 PM**

**Panel 3A:** Alternative Ways of Presenting the Past

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Evinrude

NOTE: Authors will be available to discuss their projects.

Poster Presentation:

*Temperance and Templars: The International Order of Good Templars and the Rise of Prohibition, 1852-1932*

Grant Dorshimer, Jacksonville University

Media Presentation:

*Craig and Barbara Weiner Holocaust Reflection and*

*Resource Center*

Nicolas Farach, University of Central Florida

Chair: J. Brian Freeman, Indian River State College

**Panel 3B**: Innovative Studies on the New South

Meeting Room: Menninger

*Italian American Gardens in Alabama*

Rosetta Giuliani Caponetto, Auburn University

*"It's Southern Heritage": The 2017 Confederate Monument Controversy and the Malleability of the Physical Landscape*

Aaron Lewis, University of South Florida

Chair and Discussant: Jillian McClure,

University of North Florida

**Panel 3C**: Studies on the Middle East and Asia

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: McCoy

*The Evolving Ideology of the Kurdistan Workers’ Party*

Carsten Comberg, University of North Florida

*Missiles, Men, and ARMISH MAAG: Examining the Importance of ARMISH MAAG on the Iran-Iraq War*

Michael Schildberg, Florida Southern College

*A Necessary Expansion of the Vietnam War Timeline:*

*United States Involvement in French-Indochina*

Casandra McNulty, Flagler College

Chair and Discussant: Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

**Panel 3D**: Sustainability in Central Florida: Food, Activism, and Restoration

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Sewall

*Florida's Approach to Food Waste:*

*A Brief History, Problems, and Potential Solutions*

Grace Dearden, Oregon State University

*Sustainability Showdown:*

*Its Origin and Implications at Rollins College*

Julia Taylor, Rollins College

*Community Sustainability: Winter Park's Genius Preserve*

Leslie Poole, Rollins College

Chair and Discussant: Patricia Farless,

University of Central Florida

**Panel 3E**: Innovations in Sources and Historiography

Meeting Room: Monroe

*Slow Disasters and Pandemic Archives: The Rolling-Response Model*

Marissa Rhodes, Saint Leo University

*Recetas: A Recipe for DH Web Publishing and*

*Content Management*

Sarah Tew and Melissa Jerome, University of Florida

*Written Culture and Historicity in the Historiography of Past & Present: An Evaluation of the Meanings of Writing History,*

*1952-1959*

Nelson Aracena, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso

Chair: Gerrianne Schaad, Florida Southern College

Discussant: Rowena Múzquiz, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary

**Session Four: Saturday, 2:30 PM-3:45 PM**

**Panel 4A**: New Approaches to US Politics and Institutions

Meeting Room: Menninger

*Seven Histories of the 1787 Constitution Convention*

Mitchell Prugh, Independent Scholar

*Rethinking Presidential Rankings*

Constantinos Scaros, Colorado Technical University

*Is the Party Over? Florida's Evolving--or Devolving--Voting Primaries and Their Consequences*

Mary Adkins, University of Florida Levin College of Law

Chair and Discussant: Douglas Benner, University of South Florida

**Panel 4B**: Latin America and the Cold War

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: McCoy

*Costa Rica's Peaceful Coexistence in a Militarized World*

Grayson Aceto, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Truth and Memory:*

*Public Representations of the US Role in Colombia's Civil War*

Callum Kimbrough, Jacksonville University

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

**Panel 4C**: Environmental History of Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Sewall

*One Step Forward, Two Steps Back:*

*Grassroots Campaigns to Protect Florida's St. Johns River*

Charles Closmann, University of North Florida

*Monkey Go Home?*

*The Battle Over the Monkeys of Silver River, 1970-1990*

David Nelson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College-Bainbridge

*Unbearable Neighbors:*

*An Analysis of Florida’s Black Bear Management Policies (1931-2015)*

Zachary Weston, Independent Scholar

Chair: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Discussant: Nathaniel Osborn, Indian River State College

**Panel 4D**: Indigenous History

Meeting Room: Monroe

*A Non-Cortés-Centric Narrative of the Spanish Conquest*

*of the Aztecs*

Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Protecting the Forgotten:*

*A Case Study in Preserving Indigenous Remains in Florida*

Karl Miller, Independent Scholar

*Canoes of Cypress:*

*American Officers & Indigenous Technology in the Second Seminole War*

Christine Rizzi, Broward College

Chair and Discussant: Justin Rogers, University of North Florida

**Panel 4E**: The Politics of Historical Memory and Representation in the Modern World

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Evinrude

*Fire, Brimstone, and Witchcraft: The Puritan Influence on the History and Memory of the Salem Witch Trials*

Morgan Nichols, Saint Leo University

*Museum Politics: Artifact Collection, Cultural Appropriation, and Questions of Sovereignty and National Identity*

Emily McLoughlin, Saint Leo University

*Colombia's Shifting Political Climate:*

*An Historical Assessment of the Petro Presidency*

Angelica Molina, Saint Leo University

Chair and Discussant: Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

**Session Five: Saturday, 4:00 PM-5:15 PM**

**Panel 5A**: Native American History

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Menninger

*The Fort Apache Scout: Self-determination within Termination*

Gabriella Franco, University of North Florida

*The Line between Activism and Saviorism:*

*Will Roscoe and the Gay American Indian Organization*

Magdalynne Alley, University of North Florida

*Alcohol, Hallucinogens and Dress in Aztec Ceremony and Ritual*

Anthony Alvarez, Florida Gulf Coast University

Chair and Discussant: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Panel 5B**: Military History and Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Sewall

*Ships, Scandalous Conduct, and Assault:*

*Naval Courts-Martial in Florida During the Civil War*

R. Gregory Lande, Independent Scholar

*Major General John C. Persons-A Combat Training Innovator: 31st Infantry Division Training Practices and Combat Performance*

George Cressman, Camp Blanding Museum

*Nerve Gas Dumping Post-Cold War Off the Coast of Florida*

David Eallonardo, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Seth Weitz, Dalton State College

**Panel 5C**: Roundtable on Creating a SoTL Culture for the FCH

Special Interest Section: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Meeting Room: Evinrude

Martha Brenckle, University of Central Florida  
Patricia Farless, University of Central Florida

Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Martha Hubertz, University of Central Florida

**Panel 5D**: Race, Gender, Agriculture, and Violent Death

in Progressive Era Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: McCoy

*An Examination of Race and Gender in the Lakeland Evening Telegram, 1920*

Erin Mullen, Florida Southern College

*Women Suffragists’ Efforts:*

*Delayed but not Defeated on the Eve of War: Lakeland in the early 1910s*

Andrea Rosario, Florida Southern College

*Titusville, Florida: Agricultural and Economic Growth as Depicted in the Titusville Florida Star, 1900*

Emily Allen, Florida Southern College

*Homicides in the Lakeland Evening Telegram, 1911-1913*

Brady Huber, Florida Southern College

Chair: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Discussant: James M. Denham, Florida Southern College

**Panel 5E**: The World Wars and the New Military History

Meeting Room: Monroe

*Italy’s Witness to World War I & II: The Career of General of Royal Carabinieri Ettore Chiurazzi from the Italo-Austrian Front HQs to the Allies’ Military Commission on Constantinople and Turkish Straits to World War II*

Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

*Red Hands of the East: Nazi Germany and the Myth of the Clean Wehrmacht*

Joseph Nawn and Michael Gesin, Worcester State University

*Home Front’s Best Friend:*

*British Canine Contributions during the Second World War, 1939-1941*

Colin Cook, Eastern Florida State College

Chair and Discussant: Blaine Browne, Broward College (Emeritus)

**Session Six: Saturday, 5:30 PM-6:45 PM**

**Panel 6A**: Cultural Landscapes of Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Sewall

*Haunted Land, Holy Ghosts*

Ivanna López, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg

*Hopelessly Mired in Florida:*

*The ERA and its Architects of Failure, 1972-1975*

Kathryn Patterson, Florida State University

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 6B**: New Studies on the History of Religion

Meeting Room: Monroe

*From Guthlac to Julian: Reimagining the Anchoritic Desert*

Joshua Britt, Southeastern University

*The Educational Philosophy of Robert Shaw Wilkinson*

Elena Thompson, University of Maryland Global Campus

*A Pentecostal Evangelist Challenges Communism*

*during the Great Depression*

Michael Epple, Florida Gulf Coast University

Chair: Joseph Palencik, Indian River State College

**Panel 6C**: Emerging Historical Perspectives on World War II

Meeting Room: Evinrude

*World War II and the Establishment of a Global Sporting Culture*

Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

*No Good Options: Assessing Political Reality in Poland and Czechoslovakia in the Late 1930s*

Clayton Abell, Saint Leo University

Chair and Discussant: Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

**Panel 6D**: Alternative Sources for Understanding Modern Culture

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Special Interest Section: Media, Arts, and Culture

Meeting Room: McCoy

*It's a bird! It's a plane! It's McCarthyism!*

Hannah Rodriguez, University of North Florida

*Slasher Films and the Origins of the Culture Wars in the US, 1973-1996*

Cassidy Sweeney, Jacksonville University

*Punk and Petrol Bombs: An Alternative Ulster Through Punk Rock*

Will Parker, Flagler College

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**7:00 PM-8:00 PM: Banquet and Awards**

**Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort, Golf & Marina**

**Hutchinson Island, Florida**

**Meeting Room: Plantation Ballroom**

Attendees and Guests must wear their

conference badges to attend the banquet

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Beau Driver and Dr. J. Brian Freeman

Indian River State College

FCH Co-Presidents, 2023-2024

Presentation of Awards

Douglas Astolfi Award for Best Poster

Presented by Dr. Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

J. Calvitt Clarke III Award for Best Undergraduate Student Paper

Presented by Dr. Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Blaine T. Browne Award for Best Graduate Student Paper

Presented by Dr. Blaine T. Browne, Broward College (Emeritus)

Thomas M. Campbell Award for Best Professional Paper

Presented by Dr. David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Remarks on the *FCH Annals*

Dr. Michael S. Cole

Florida Gulf Coast University

Senior Editor, *FCH Annals*

Remarks on the 2024 FCH Annual Meeting

Dr. Ilana Grimes

Eastern Florida State College

**8:00 PM-8:30 PM: Keynote Address**

**Marriott Hutchinson Island Beach Resort, Golf & Marina**

**Hutchinson Island, Florida**

**Meeting Room: Plantation Ballroom**

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. Beau Driver

Indian River State College

Keynote Address

Dr. Kristalyn Shefveland

University of Southern Indiana

***Old Florida: Yankee Settler Colonialism in the Land of the Aís and Seminole***

“Old Florida” is a catch all phrase that references the pre-Disneyfication of the state, the Florida before the theme parks and the interstates. This Florida of the popular imagination was a tourist destination but references to this bygone era are framed within a lens of authenticity—of sleepy beachside hamlets, Spanish and Mediterranean inspired architecture, cowboys driving herds throughout the interior, vast orange groves, and hammocks draped in Spanish moss. This “real” Florida is also a manufactured space, a Florida conceived by Northern emigres who settled in the region throughout the late 19th century. This talk will explore the lower Indian River Lagoon and the town of Vero Beach and cases of collective memory, settler memory, and how Vero’s Native history is often hidden in plain view.

**Sunday, January 29, 2023**

**Elliott Museum**

825 NE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34996

Time: Starting at 10 am

Ten-minute walk east from along Ocean Boulevard

Join this guided tour of the Elliott Museum, featuring an exhibit on Norman Rockwell and his mentor J.C. Leyendecker. From the museum website: “The exhibit features 20 original Leyendecker and Rockwell paintings side by side so you can compare the style and technique of each and appreciate why and how Rockwell was influenced by Leyendecker and his unique art. Also featured in this extraordinary exhibit will be more than 300 Rockwell framed Saturday Evening Post magazine covers.” For an accurate count, let the staff at the registration table know that you are participating. Participation is FREE for those who register at the FCH annual meeting.

**“Dust Tracks Tour”**

Fort Pierce

Time: Starting at 10 am

Transportation: TBA

Dr. Marvin Hobson, President of the Zora Neale Hurston Florida Education Foundation, and Dr. Beau Driver (Indian River State College) will lead a guided tour of Fort Pierce and visit the stops along the Zora Neale Hurston Dust Tracks Trail. The stops will include Zora Neale Hurston’s gravesite, the home she lived in (not generally open to the public), and the former St. Lucie Welfare Home for Blacks, which will be renovated as a museum and humanities center.  For an accurate count, let the staff at the registration table know that you are participating. Participation is FREE for those who register at the FCH annual meeting. More information about transportation to and from Fort Pierce will be provided at the registration table.

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**We hope to see you again for the 2024 annual meeting in Melbourne, Florida hosted by**

**Eastern Florida State College!**

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