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**FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 27**

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**Friday, Feb. 27**

**8:30-10:00: Registration**

**9:00 - 10:30 Session**

Panel: “Florida History” Room 1

Chair:  Sean McMahon, Lake City Community College

o        “The Impact of the Smith-Lever Act on Florida Schools”

§         David Mock, Tallahassese Community College

o        “Ransom Clark vs.  Joseph Sprague: Will the Real Survivor of the Dade Massacre Please Stand Up”

§          Threse Aloia, Florida Atlantic University and Colleen Gleason, Atlantic Community High School

o        “Rebuilding the Panhandle: Political Triumphs and Failures”

§         Michael Gattis, Gulf Coast Community College

o        “Comparing George Gillman Smith’s *The History of Methodism in Georgia and Florida* (1877) and John Atkin’s *Memorials of Methodism in New Jersey* ( 1860)”

§         Martha L. Reiner, Independent Scholar

o        “William Poe Duval: Florida Founder and Frontier Bon Vivant”

§         James Denham, Florida Southern College

Panel: “Age of Heroes, Eras of Man” Room 2

Chair: Julian Chambliss, Rollins College

o        “’You Made Them Strong, We’ll Make Them Army (Avengers) Strong’: How the Marvel Universe’s Story Arc and Ad Usage Serve as Propaganda for Army Recruitment”

§         Michael Lecker, George Mason University

o        “Surburban Heroes: The Superhero Family in ‘The Incredibles’  and ‘Sky High’”

§         Claire Jenkins, Warwick University, UK

o        “Clobberin’ Commies During the Cold War: Superheroes and Nationalism”

§         John Donovan,  Air Force Academy

o        “Wearing the Cape and Glasses: Dissolving the Dual Identity of Superman and Clark Kent”

§         Michael Goebel,  George Mason University

Panel: “Starting the Second World War” Room 3

Chair: Mike Epple, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Soviet Relations with Ethiopia Before the Italo-Ethiopian War, 1935-1936”

§         J. Calvitt Clarke III,  Jacksonville University

o        “Were the Western Powers Worth Having as Soviet Allies in 1939?”

§         Teddy J. Uldircks, University of North Carolina-Asheville

o        “Governmental Crisis in Italy in November 1943: The Role of Count Sforza and the Position of the Western Allies”

§         Yana Pitner University of North Carolina-Asheville

Graduate Panel: “Witches, Religion, and Psychology” Room 4

Chair: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “The Challenge of Recruiting American Indians into Psychology”

§         Don Routh,  Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Reconsidering the Creationist Protest as an Ethno-religious Displacement: J. Gresham Machen and the Missing Triangulation of Science, Religion, and Law”

§         Josh Abraham, University of Florida

o         “The Representation of Prostitutes, Witches and Murderous Women”

§          Alexandra N. Hill, University of Central Florida.

**10:30 - 11:00: Break**

**11:00 -12:30 Session**

Editor’s Roundtable: “Ages of Heroes, Eras of Men”  Room 1

·         Participants: Julian Chambliss, Thomas C. Donaldson, William Svitavsky

Panel: “Britain and the Empire” Room 2

Chair: Marco Rimanelli, St. Leo University

o        “Nationalism and Communal Violence in Lucknow, India”

§         Eric Strahorn, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Missionaries as Agents of Colonialism in the Kingdom of Buganda”

§         Krista Ziegler, Flagler College

o        “Boxing , Race, and Resistance in Georgian England, 1780-1820”

§         Stanley Arnold, Northern Illinois University.

Panel: “American Politics” Room 3

Chair: Sean McMahon. Lake City Community College

o        “Smoke and Mirrors: Presidential Rhetoric and the Politics of Inclusiveness in Mid-Twentieth Century America”

§         Heather R. Parker, St. Leo University

o        “When Keynes ‘Wasn’t Cool’: The Emergence of the Supply Side Paradigm, 1979-1980”

§         John Farris, Georgia Perimeter College.

o        “Politics and the Park”

§         Greg Miller, Hillsborough Community College

Panel: “Racial Issues Around the World” Room 4

Chair: Nicola Foote, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “’No One Forgets the Oil’: The Struggle of African American Civil Rights in Cold War Angola, 1956-1975”

§         Ashley Materio, Florida International University

o         “Garrett Smith: Perspectives on Race”

§         Adam C. Molloy, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Understanding A Shouting Man”

§         Brett Seferian, University of Florida

o        “Tourist Paradise or Land of Plantation Servitude?: An Authentic Working History of Hawaii”

§         Matthew Diamond, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Indians and the Inquisition in New Spain”

§         Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

**LUNCH 12:30 – 2:00 [On your own]**

**2:00 - 3:30 Session**

Roundtable: “The Citrus Hall of Fame Project at Florida Southern College” Room 1

Chair: Tollin Hoffman,  Florida Southern College

o        Participants: Eugene Fanning, Richard Soash, and Ashleah Zigmond,  Florida Southern College

o        Discussant: James Denham, Florida Southern College

Panel: “History Education” Room 2

Chair:  Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Thirty-Year Old Cassette Tapes: A Catalyst for Learning”

§         Betty Sample, Maitland Historical Society

o        “Undergraduate History Student Papers: The Effect of Library Instruction on Citation Quality”

§         Rachel Cooke and Danielle Rosenthal, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Shepherding Students Through History-in-the-Making: The Importance of Foundation Learning in Study Abroad Programs”

§         Pamela Seay, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Pop Goes Florida: Documenting Florida’s History Through Fugitive Collections”

§         Cristina Favretto, University of Miami’s Otto G. Richter Library

Panel: “Undergraduate Research on Social and Racial Injustice” Room 3

Chair and Commentator: John Cox

o        “Jane Addams and the Legacy of Hull-House”

§         Angela Webb, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “The Consequences of Conviction: John Brown”

§         Lewisa Dove, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “The Social Injustices of ‘Bloody Sunday’ and  their Effect on the Irish Republican Cause”

§         Stefanie Babb,  Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “U.S. Foreign Policy in Rwanda: A Success on its Own Terms”

§         Ajla Memic, Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel: “European Empires”  Room 4

Chair, Mike Epple, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “The Suez Crisis in International History: Rethinking the Meaning of Empire”

§         Bard Keeler, Florida Gulf Coast Unversity

o        “Vladislav Surkov’s ‘Sovereign Democrac’”: Kremlin Ideology to Russian National Identity”

§         Jennifer Snyder, University of Central Florida

o        “Reconceptualizing France:  The Romantic Historians”

§         Renee Waller, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “The Relevance of Von Clausewitz to Modern Strategic Thinking”

§         Anthony D. Atwood, Florida International University

o        “’War Psychosis’: German Public Sentiment, The Spanish Civil War, and the Specter of Bombing”

§         William Greer, University of Florida

**Business Meeting 3:30-4:30**Harborside Event Center Conference Room

**Dinner Cruise 6.30-10.30 pm**

***JC Cruises, 1300 Hendry Street, Fort Myers***

**Saturday, Feb. 28**

**8:30-10:00:  Registration**

**9:00 - 10:30 Session**

Panel: “American Foreign Relations” Room 1

Chair: Mike Epple, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “A Survey of Ethiopian-United States Relations"

§         Altaye Alaro Alambo, Independent Scholar and Former Ethiopian Representative to London and Vienna

o        “America’s Atrocious Imperialism: From Jamestown to My Lai”

§         Roy Lechtreck, University of Montevallo

o        “ Guarding the Gates to Oblivion: Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Nuclear Secrets and the

                              Truman Administration at the Start of the Atomic Age, 1945”

Joshua Goodman,  Florida State University

Panel:  “Women, the Law, Politics, and Media” Room 2

Chair: Heather Parker, St. Leo University

o        “Married Women and Homestead Law in Illinois”

§         Patricia L. Farles, Instructor and GEP Coordinator, University of Central Florida

o        “Edee Greene: Fort Lauderdale Editor and Advocate”

§         Dr. Kimberly Wilmot Voss, University of Central Florida

o        “The Last Will and Testament of Spanish Borderlands Woman: Luisa Gertrudis de la Rua and Her 1820 Will”

§         Amy M. Porter,  Georgia Southwestern State University

o        **“**Satiric Inequality: Why Are There So Few Women Cartoonists in Newspapers

                Today”

§         Larry Bush,  Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel: “Undergraduate Research on Race, Power, and Imperialism” Room 3

 Chair:  Bard Keeler, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Responsible Accountability: An Examination Into German and American Medical Experiments on Humans”

§         Nicole Tesoriero, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Why Rosewood?: Unprecedented Racial Violence in Peaceful Community”

§         Terri Crowley, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Revering the Emperor: Understanding Twentieth Century Japanese Nationalism”

§         Andrew Cain, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Mercenaries of the Angevin Empire: The False Portrayal and Their Effects on Royal Power”

§          Andrew Rice,  Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel: “Cubans in the Americas” Room 4

Chair: Nicola Foote, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Jose Marti: Revolutionary Organizer, Recruiter and Racial Unifier”

§         Rick Ramos, Florida Gulf Coast University

o          “’Sermons Mixed With Patriotism’: Reconstructing the Political and Religious

     Association of Cuban Émigrés in Key West, 1868-1878”

§         Sitela Alvarez, Florida International University

o        “The Role of Womenin the Formation and Activities of *La Resistencia, 1899-1910”*

§         Alexander Jordan, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “’Vamos a la Conga!’: Reevaluating ‘Authentic’ Cuban Culture in New York City During World War II”

§        Julio Capo, Jr., Florida International University

**11:00 - 12:30 Session**

Panel: “Florida Past” Room 1

Chair:  Antony Espositio, St. Leo University

o        “The Origins of Fort Caroline National Memorial”

§         David Seurkamp, Florida Gulf Coast University

o          **“**Desperado Coast: The Union Presence at Fort Myers in the Civil War,

    1864-65”

§         William Mack, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “’I Pledge Allegiance to the American Way’: Florida’s ‘Americanism versus Communism Course,’ 1961-1989”

§         Andrea Oliver, Florida State University

Panel: “Undergraduate Perspectives on History”  Room 2

Chair: Don Routh, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “’Sed Magis Amica Veritas,’ or the Middle Way as a Philosophy of History”

§         Thomas J. Gillan, University of Central Florida

o        “How the Irish Mythological Cycle Derived From Greek Mythology”

§         William Mattingly, Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel: “Undergraduate Research on American Politics and Society”  Room 3

 Chair: Jack McTague, St. Leo University

o        “Under Pressure: Pressures and Expectations Placed Upon Men’s Lives in the 1950s”

§         Thomas Joyce, Stetson University

o        “The Red Scare of the 1950s”

§         Andrea Stevens, Florida Gulf Coast University

o        “Barry Goldwater and the Political Readjustment of the South”

§         Michael Murphy, University of Florida

o        “The Progression of Women and the First Ladies of the American Presidency”

§         Heather Kiszkiel, Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel:  “Law, Literature, and Fashion in Fascist Europe” Room 4

Chair: David Allen Harvey, New College of Florida

o        “Race, Religion, and Anti-Fascist Rhetoric about the Spanish Civil War”

§         Adam Schafer, New College of Florida

o        “Femininity and the Fatherland: The Interaction Between Fashion and the ideal Woman of the German Fascist State, 1933-1945”

§         Kinley Paisley, New College of Florida

o        “Justice within Injustice?  The German Legal System Within the Third Reich”

§         Chad Bickerton, New College of Florida