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General Information

Air Travel

If traveling to the meeting by air, the Local Arrangements Chairs recommend flying into Melbourne International Airport, which offers car rental and taxi services. For more information, go to: <https://www.mlair.com/>

Driving to Hotel Melby

Coming from north of Melbourne: On I-95 South, take Exit 180, and head east on FL-192 in Brevard County. Continue on E. Strawbridge into downtown Melbourne. The hotel will be located on the right.

Coming from south of Melbourne: On I-95 North, take exit 180 and head east on FL-192 in Brevard County. Continue on E. Strawbridge into downtown Melbourne. The hotel will be located on the right.

The address is:

Hotel Melby Downtown Melbourne
801 E Strawbridge Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

Parking at Hotel Melby

Hotel Melby has provided a discount for valet parking to those who have reserved a room (\$10/day). Free parking is available on the fifth floor of the municipal parking garage, which is located across the street from the hotel.

Lodging

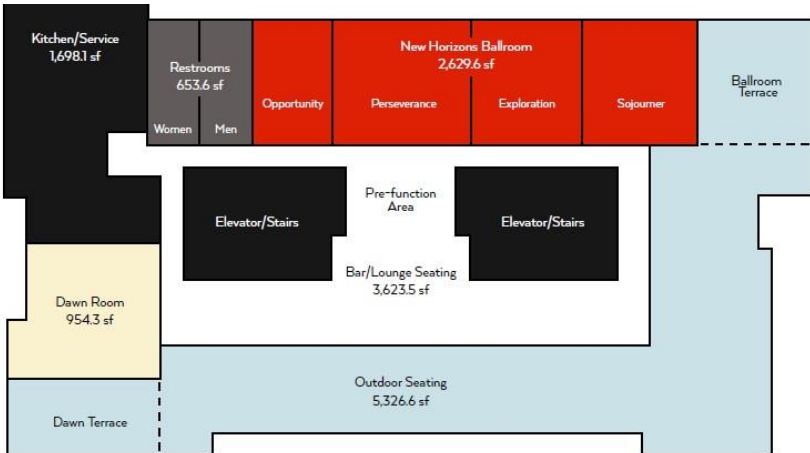
Lodging will be available at Hotel Melby. There are only a limited number of rooms available at the conference rate, so make sure to make a reservation as early as possible. You may reserve a room by going to the Florida Conference of Historians website. **Let the hotel staff know that you are reserving your room for the annual meeting.**

Conference Activity

On Friday, the FCH is hosting a reception at Meg O'Malley's Restaurant. All conference activity on Saturday will take place in meeting rooms in the conference center at the top floor of the Hotel Melby. You may pick up your badge, program, and a copy of the *FCH Annals* at the registration table during the Friday reception and during the Saturday sessions. On Sunday, there may be special events and tours planned for the morning. More information will be available on the FCH website and program.

HOTEL MELBY ROOFTOP CONFERENCE CENTER

- The meeting rooms are located on the top (11th) floor of Hotel Melby. Saturday panels will take place in:
 - Opportunity
 - Perseverance
 - Exploration
 - Sojourner
 - Dawn
- Saturday evening banquet, awards presentations, and keynote will take place in the New Horizons Ballroom



Friday, January 26, 2024
4:00 PM-6:00 PM:
Welcome Reception
Appetizers and Refreshments
Cash Bar
Pre-Registration Available

Agenda: Update on Civic Literacy
Dr. David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Location:
Meg O'Malley's
Restaurant and Irish Pub
812 E New Haven Avenue
Melbourne, FL 32901

Meg O'Malley's authentic Irish cuisine and pub offers everything from the famous corned beef Cuban to mouth-watering nightly specials. Meg O'Malley's is located next to Hotel Melby. There is an access to New Haven Avenue by going through the hotel garage or by going around the corner via Waverly Place. **When you enter the front entrance Meg O'Malley's, a server will escort you to the "Emerald Room" in the back.**



Saturday, January 27, 2024

8:00 AM-6:00 PM: Registration

Location: Pre-Function Area, Coffee and Refreshments Available

Sponsored Tables: The Veterans Legacy Program (VLP) at the University of Central Florida is a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded partnership with the National Cemetery Administration (NCA) in which UCF students, faculty, staff, and K-12 teachers across Florida collaborate to extend the memorialization of Veterans buried in National Cemeteries across the state in unique ways. The site is: <https://vlp.cah.ucf.edu>.

Session One: Saturday, 8:30 AM-9:45 AM

Panel 1A: Environmental Histories of Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Opportunity

My Kingdom for a Cat

Khoranhalai J. Washington, University of North Florida

Congressman James Haley and Endangered Species:

Preservation of At-Risk Native Florida Wildlife, 1966-1975

Caleb Forrest, Florida Southern College

Do You Live Near A Former Dump Site? Picketville and Hipps Road Superfund Sites 1981-1999

Connor Alford, University of North Florida

Down in the Dumps: Revisiting Brown's Dump

Kye Norris, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Panel 1B: Media and Representation in History

Special Interest Section: Media, Arts, and Culture

Meeting Room: Perseverance

Exploring the Fourth F of the Women's Pages: Furnishings

Kimberly Voss, University of Central Florida

Confronting the "Rosie effect" Thesis: Female Representation in the Early Golden Age, 1940-1941

Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Documentary 'Dramatist':

Henry P. Salomon and Television's Defense of the Imperial Brotherhood

Michael LoSasso, Independent Scholar

Decolonizing Historical Memory: Performativity, the Barbie Trial, and French National Identity at the End of the Twentieth Century, 1983-1992

John Lancaster, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: James Turner IV, Eastern Florida State College

Panel 1C: Studies in War and Ideology
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research
Meeting Room: Exploration

Fascism vs Conservatism: A Case Study in Italian Politics
James Watkins, Brewton-Parker College

US Tanks in the Russian Army
Isaac Hart, Florida Gulf Coast University

Deciding the Impossible: Moral Conflicts and the Manhattan Project
Mikayla Apicella, Nova Southeastern University

Chair and Discussant: Katy Doll, Nova Southeastern University

Panel 1D: Politics and Practice in History Education
Special Interest Section: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
Meeting Room: Sojourner

Doctor of Liberty: How (Amateur) On-Location Clips Can Enhance Your History Course
John Hilston, Eastern Florida State College

*'We Believe in Education, Not Indoctrination':
Governor Ron DeSantis, Critical Race Theory, and Anti-Intellectualism in Florida*
Gary DeSantis, State College of Florida

History Textbooks in an Age of Political Toxicity
Constantinos Scaros, St. Petersburg College

Through the AICE Looking Glass
Abby Eskridge, University of Leicester

Chair: Ilana Grimes, Eastern Florida State College
Discussant: Josh Humphries, Eastern Florida State College

Panel 1E: Culture and Environment in the Turbulent Late Twentieth Century
Meeting Room: Dawn

"It's not all about Cash, Johnny": Outlaw Country
Lawrence Citarelli, Florida Southern College

*Living in the Shadow of Love Canal:
Analyzing the Social Aftereffects of the Disaster in the Following Decade*
Leon Tidwell, University of North Florida

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: The History of Methadone to 1974
Devin Hernandez, Stetson University

Chair and Discussant: Bradley Hart, California State University—Fresno

Session Two: Saturday, 10:00 AM-11:15 AM

Panel 2A: Imagined African Communities

Meeting Room: Opportunity

Otters and Empire: The Neglected History of Decolonization in the Life and Writings of Scottish Author Gavin Maxwell

Spencer Segalla, University of Tampa

"To Chop" Means to Eat: The Cosmology of Taste in Ghanaian Foodways

Brandi Simpson Miller, Wesleyan College

Making Global Citizens: The 1960 Ghanaian Census and Cold War Brinkmanship from Below

Adelina Tratarou, University of Miami

Chair and Discussant: Philip Travis, State College of Florida

Panel 2B: Advice Columns, Correspondence, and Social Programs:

Women's Experiences with Gendered-Technologies in England, America, and Africa

Meeting Room: Sojourner

Tickled Brains: The Influence of Illustrious Tudor Women on Fifteenth-century Language Through the Use of Cipher Technology

Randi Fine, University of Central Florida

Everything and the Kitchen Sink: Using Nineteenth-Century American Kitchens as Laboratories for Asking Historical Questions About the Development of Domestic Science

Sarah Bousfield, University of Central Florida

Colonial Expertise in the Age of Development: NGOs and French Social Programs in Newly Independent Francophone West Africa

Amelia Lyons, University of Central Florida

Chair: Laura Dunn, Eastern Florida State College

Comments: Audience

Panel 2C: Vice City: Race, Politics, and Society in Miami and South Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Dawn

Paradise Lost: South Florida Elite Politics and Reagan's War on Drugs

Conor Hodges, Yale University

Orange, Green, and Black: How Ray Bellamy Broke the Sports Color Barrier at the "U"

Mary Adkins, Distinguished Visiting Professor, Stetson University College of Law

The McDuffie Uprising and the Dawn of a New Miami

Seth Weitz, Dalton State College

Chair and Discussant: Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

Panel 2D: Organizations and Ideologies during the Twentieth Century

Meeting Room: Perseverance

The US Secret Service Competition with the Bureau of Investigation during World War I

Heribert von Feilitzsch and Charles H. Harris III, UNC School of the Arts

Joe McNazi's Mob:

Joseph E. McWilliams, the Christian Mobilizers, and the American Destiny Party, 1938-1940

Charles R. Gallagher, S.J., Boston College

Monetizing Extremism: The German American Bund's Business Empire, 1936-41

Bradley Hart, California State University-Fresno

Mussolini's Rise to Power & 'Lost' Secret Dossiers on British Intelligence Aid & the Matteotti

Assassination as Witnessed by British Foreign Minister Samuel Hoare & Italian Carabinieri

Captain Ettore Chiurazzi, 1917-1945

Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

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

Panel 2E: Exhibiting Queer History

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Exploration

Exhibits and Pedagogy

Claire Strom, Rollins College

The AIDS Epidemic in Central Florida

Liam King, Rollins College

Right to Read: A Battle of Conscience

Marena Fox-Hart, University of Central Florida

The LGBTQ History Museum of Central Florida

Sara Raffel, University of Central Florida

Chair: Rachel Walton, Rollins College

Comments: Audience

Session Three: Saturday, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Panel 3A: Poster Session

Meeting Room: Sojourner

NOTE: Members of the McTague Award committee will meet with the authors who will be available to discuss their projects.

In My End is My Beginning: Mary Stuart and the Foundation of Her Religious Pragmatism
Shantelle Clement, University of Central Florida

*"Even the birds got more out of her than I did":
Wreckers and Commemoration in Key West, Florida*
Sarah Whiting, University of South Florida

Lockean Tolerance in Colonial and Revolutionary America
Gabriel Peter Gutierrez, Trinity College of Florida

Florida-French Soldiers Stories: Researching Alfred Weekley
Nathan Kelley, University of Central Florida

*"A Day Without Lesbians Is a Day Without Sunshine":
Anita Bryant's Legacy in Jacksonville*
Madelynn Eash, Jacksonville University

Chair: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Panel 3B: Migration and Community in History

Meeting Room: Opportunity

Protection Through Flight: Mass Evacuation as Strategy, 1900-Present
Nick Steneck, Wesleyan College

Chair and Discussant: Katy Doll, Nova Southeastern University

Panel 3C: Innovative Studies on the US South during the Nineteenth Century

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Dawn

Before the Deluge: Natchez, Mississippi on the Eve of Secession
Jackson Cassidy, Florida Southern College

*The First Modern Presidential Campaign:
An Analysis of the Political Rhetoric of Democrats and Whigs in the Election of 1840*
Alexandre Bojko, University of South Florida

Nineteenth Century World War Averted: British Involvement in the American Civil War
Holden Berry, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Panel 3D: Indigenous Communities in the Americas

Meeting Room: Perseverance

Observation and (Mis)Understanding:

European Perceptions of Timucua Gender and Gender Roles, Late 16th-Early 17th Centuries

Stephanie Baskin, University of North Florida

The Aztec Perspective of Conquistador Rule

Anthony Alvarez, Florida Gulf Coast University

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

Emma Posca, York University

Chair and Discussant: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

Panel 3E: Women Pushing Back: Challenging Patriarchy in History

Meeting Room: Exploration

The Puritan Witch: A Perversion of the Mother Figure

Michaela Horn, University of North Florida

Kazakh Female Prisoners of the Gulag in Memoirs and the Memory of their Descendants

Didara Kassymova, Nazarbayev University

Chair: Ilana Grimes, Eastern Florida State College

Comments: Audience

LUNCH BREAK ON YOUR OWN: 12:30 PM-1:30 PM

Onsite options

- The Landing Rooftop Bar and Restaurant

Offsite options within blocks of Hotel Melby

- Meg O'Malley's Restaurant and Irish Pub, 812 E. New Haven Ave
- Mangestu, 841 E. New Haven Ave
- The Burger Place, 811 E. New Haven Ave
- Mister O1 Extraordinary Pizza, 635 E. New Haven Ave

FCH BUSINESS MEETING

- The Landing Rooftop Bar and Restaurant
- FCH Officers

Session Four: Saturday, 1:30 PM-2:45 PM

Panel 4A: Learning from Florida's National Cemeteries:
Researching Diverse Veterans' Experiences
Special Interest Section: Florida History
Meeting Room: Opportunity

Valorizing Female Veterans: Researching the Diverse Experiences of Women in the Military
Luci Meier, University of Central Florida

*Bridging the Gap: Transferring Academic Research Skills into the Workplace and Nurturing
Compassion through Cemetery Research*
Isabella Love, University of Central Florida

History in 3-D: Interactive and Digital Approaches to Research and Teaching Veterans History
Sarah Bousfield, University of Central Florida

Chair: John Lancaster, University of Central Florida
Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Panel 4B: Imagining Southern Communities
Meeting Room: Dawn

*One Mass of Crimson Beauty:
Thomas Bog Slade and Female Education in Early Georgia, 1800-1882*
Timothy E. Miller, Brewton-Parker College

*The Cult of Stonewall:
Nationalism, Religiosity, and Mourning in the South, 1861-1865*
Aaron Lewis, University of South Florida

*Ask Now the Beasts:
Chronicling the Houndsman Tradition of Southern Appalachia*
Christopher Adkins, University of South Florida

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Panel 4C: Sites of Knowledge in Florida
Special Interest Section: Florida History
Meeting Room: Perseverance

*Seeing Bondage Beneath the Waves:
The Place of Florida Wreckers in the Slave Economy of Nineteenth-Century America*
Charles Cavaliere, Florida Gulf Coast University

A Song, a Show and a Game: Camp Blanding's 2nd Special Services Company
George Cressman, Camp Blanding Museum

Everyone's Got a Secret in Miami: Rumor Control in World War II Miami
Augustine Meaher, Air University

The Buck Stops Here! President Truman, the Little White House, and Key West, 1946-52
David Trevino, Independent Scholar

Chair and Discussant: Jennifer Zoebelein, Charlotte County Libraries and History

Panel 4D: There Goes the Neighborhood:
The Social Geography of Morality and Ethnic Identity in New York City
Meeting Room: Exploration

*The Irish Intermediate: A Look at American Ethnic Hierarchy as
Displayed by Hogan's Alley in the 1890*
Alexander Piontek, University of Tampa

*Portraits of Prostitution: An Examination of Sex Work and Working-Class Women's Experiences
in Progressive Era New York City*
Jillian Richarz, University of Tampa

Money Fields and Gardens: Jewish-American Folklore and New York City in the Great Depression
Angelina Santana, University of Tampa

Chair: Charles McGraw Groh, University of Tampa
Discussant: Patrick O'Brien, University of Tampa

Panel 4E: Ancient History
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research
Meeting Room: Sojourner

The Influence of Religion on the Egyptian Writing System
Kourtney Joseph, Wesleyan College

The Dye Long Cast: Political Corruption within the Late Roman Republic
John Carroll, Brewton-Parker College

Matriarchs and Maidens: Roman Woman in a Politicized Christianity
Raeliah Cumbie, Southeastern University

The Representation of Women in Gnostic Literature
Alivia Yorke, Southeastern University

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

Session Five: Saturday, 3:00 PM-4:15 PM

Panel 5A: Contours of Latin American History
Meeting Room: Opportunity

Tlaxcala, Cempoala, and the Spanish Conquest of Tenochtitlan
Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

*"We ought to have a little spree": Alcohol Consumption Amongst US Soldiers during the Mexican-
American War, 1846-1848*
James Turner IV, Eastern Florida State College

Dehumanizing the Enemy: The United States and Nicaragua 1927-1933
Philip Travis, State College of Florida

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Panel 5B: Slavery and Enslaved People in Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Perseverance

Protecting Slavery and Destroying Banks: Florida's First Constitutional Convention in 1838

James Denham, Florida Southern College

*The Rise of Jacksonville, the Decline of St. Augustine,
and the Transformation of Slavery in East Florida*

Craig Buettinger, Jacksonville University

Advertisements & Allegiances: Unfolding the Civil War Through Florida Newspapers

R. Gregory Lande, Independent Scholar

Lost Beneath the Sunshine: Enslaved Gravesites in Antebellum Dade County

Karl Miller, Independent Scholar

Chair: Deborah Bauer, Valencia College

Comments: Audience

Panel 5C: Ideas, Deeds, and Memory in the Medieval Period

Meeting Room: Sojourner

Crusading Ideology outside of the Crusades

Paul Aitchison, Florida College

Monsters Within: The Failed Kingship of Hrothgar

Joshua Britt, Southeastern University

The Jewish-Christian Scholastic Legacy in the William of Tyre Tradition

Philip Handyside, Stetson University

Nicholas of Lyra: Seeing the Old Testament through Jewish and Christian Eyes

Colby Painter, University of Central Florida

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

Panel 5D: Representations of Empires and Revolutions

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Dawn

*Chinese Piracy in the Late 18th and Early 19th Centuries and its Contribution to the Fall of the
Qing Empire*

Benjamin Smith, University of North Florida

Overhauling the Ottomans

Daniel Malzahn, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Jennifer Zoebelein, Charlotte County Libraries and History

Panel 5E: The History of Rollins College
Special Interest Section: Florida History
Meeting Room: Exploration

Women and Academics at Rollins
Reagan Cooney, Rollins College

Rollins Drunk History
Peyton Connor, Rollins College

Housing Rollins Arts
Helen Hutchinson, Rollins College

Fiat Pax: Peace, War, and Protest at Rollins
Liam King, Rollins College

Chair: Claire Strom, Rollins College
Discussant: Rachel Watson, Rollins College

Session Six: Saturday, 4:30 PM-5:45 PM

Panel 6A: Land, Development, and Politics in Florida
Special Interest Section: Florida History
Meeting Room: Perseverance

From Dark Fears to Government in the Sunshine: Florida's Watergate Moment
David Nelson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College—Bainbridge

*Energy, Climate, and the Growth of Environmental Concern:
A History of the St. Johns River Power Park*
Charles Closmann, University of North Florida
Nathan Richardson, Jacksonville University

*Creating Mr. Casselberry's 'Town': The Use Speculation, Urban Planning, & Architecture to
Create Place during Florida 1920s Land Boom*
Deborah Bauer, Valencia College

*Effects of Urban Renewal and Suburbanization in Tampa Bay:
Retaliation and the Use of Eminent Domain along I-4 and I-275*
Christine Post, Gettysburg College/Gilder Lehrman

Chair: Don Zimmerman, University of South Florida
Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Panel 6B: Global Forces of Change in China
Meeting Room: Exploration

Foreign Concessions and Modernity in Tianjin, China during the Early Republican Period
Hong Zhang, University of Central Florida

To the Countryside: The Rural Work of the Chinese YWCA, 1927-1945
Elizabeth Littell-Lamb, University of Tampa

Chinese Masculinities During the Maoist Era: Representations of Model Men
Daniel Izadirad, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

Panel 6C: Applied History in Action: Unveiling Lessons from the War on Terror, Historical Culinary Resilience, and the Korean Divide
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research
Meeting Room: Sojourner

Food For Thought: A Historical Culinary Approach to A Recurring Modern Problem
Bethany Blocker, Saint Leo University

War on Terror: The Origins of the U.S.'s Involvement in the Middle East
Gabriel Quinn, Saint Leo University

Dongdo Seogi (Eastern Way and Western Means): The East-West Divide in North and South Korea
Nolyn Feather, Saint Leo University

Chair and Discussant: Marissa Rhodes, Saint Leo University

Panel 6D: Connections across Correspondence: Exploring the Networks of Religious Minorities in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Atlantic World
Meeting Room: Dawn

*Connecting Citizen Scholars to the Past:
Crowdsourcing Transcriptions with PRINT's Zooniverse Project*
Randi Fine, University of Central Florida

*Benevolent's Mirror:
The Resettlement of Swiss Mennonites in early Eighteenth Century Netherlands*
Brendan Jordan, University of Central Florida

Ill Will: Exploring the Network Behind Ralph Smith's Last Will and Testimony
Adaeze Nwigwe, University of Central Florida

Beyond the Oatmeal: Quaker Foodways and Fellowship
Maggie Woods and Natalie Rodriguez, University of Central Florida

Chair: Rosalind Beiler, University of Central Florida
Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Panel 6E: Against the Grain: Counter-Narratives in History and Method
Meeting Room: Opportunity

Thomas Kuhn and the "Great Man" of Science Model
Moti Mizrahi, Florida Institute of Technology

A Christian and Noble Prince: Speculum Principium & Henry VIII's Reign, 1527-1537
Jeremy Rodriguez, University of Central Florida

*The Prince of the Revolution:
Machiavellian Influences on Napoleon Bonaparte's Domestic Agenda*
Alec Slawich, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The Historical Chiurazzi Foundary of Naples-Rome & International Political Art (Gennaro Sr., Federico, Salvatore, Gennaro Jr., Tanino, Elio, Ringling & Getty Museums), 1840s-2000s
Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

Chair and Discussant: Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

7:00 PM-8:00 PM: Banquet and Awards
Hotel Melby
Melbourne, Florida
Meeting Room: New Horizons Ballroom

Attendees and Guests will meet first in the New Horizons Ballroom for Welcoming Remarks then proceed to the buffet line for dinner. Each attendee will have one (1) complimentary drink ticket.

Welcoming Remarks

Dean Ilana Grimes
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Presentation of Awards

John J. “Jack” McTague Award for Best Poster
Presented by Dr. Marco Rimanelli, 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

Douglas Astolfi Undergraduate Grant Award
Presented by Dr. Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

Remarks on the *FCH Annals*

Dr. Michael S. Cole
Florida Gulf Coast University
Senior Editor, *FCH Annals*

Remarks on the 2025 FCH Annual Meeting

Dr. Thomas Donaldson
Florida Southwestern State College

8:00 PM-8:30 PM: Keynote Address
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Meeting Room: New Horizons Ballroom

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dean Ilana Grimes
Eastern Florida State College

Keynote Address

Dr. Sid Dobrin
University of Florida

**Artificial Intelligence, Generative Artificial Intelligence,
the Humanities, and History**

This presentation will provide an introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Generative Artificial intelligence (GenAI) and to the ways in which these technologies are affecting research and teaching in the Humanities broadly speaking and in History specifically. The objective of this presentation is to demystify our understanding of these technologies and to consider how they might be deployed in our academic work. Rather than offering predictions or promises about the ways in which AI and GenAI will continue to evolve and influence work in the humanities, this presentation will offer provocations to encourage further consideration and conversation about AI and GenAI.

Sid Dobrin, Chair of the University of Florida's English department, has become one of the world's most sought-after academic experts on Generative AI. He is the Founding Director of the Trace Innovation Initiative at UF and has been named a Digital Thought Leader by Adobe. He serves as a member of the Florida Institute for National Security, part of the University of Florida's AI Initiative. He is the author and editor of numerous books and articles, including *Talking about Generative AI: A Guide for Educators, AI and Writing*, and the forthcoming collection *AI and the Humanities*. His current research project examines enduring questions motivated by AI.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Things to Do in and near Melbourne!

Located in Downtown Melbourne, Florida, Hotel Melby is the only hotel in the city center that offers walkable access to local downtown restaurants, night life, and shopping. Below is a list of things to do in the area.

- Brevard Zoo
- Kennedy Space Center
- Airboat Rides
- Florida Tech Challenge Course
- Tank America
- Melbourne Beaches
- Eau Gallie Arts District

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**John Peake and the Staff at
Meg O'Malley's Restaurant and Irish Pub**

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