

**2025**  
**Florida Conference of Historians**  
**Annual Meeting**

**February 21-23, 2025**

**Charlotte Harbor**  
**Event and Conference Center**  
**Punta Gorda, Florida**



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# General Information

## Conference Activity

All conference activity on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will take place at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center in Punta Gorda, located adjacent to the hotel. On Friday, the FCH is hosting a reception at TT's Tiki Bar located on the Four Points by Sheraton, Punta Gorda Harborside property. You may pick up your badge, program, and a copy of the *FCH Annals* at the registration table during the Friday reception and in the Main Lobby area of the CHECC during the sessions. On Saturday evening, an awards banquet featuring a keynote speaker will be hosted by Punta Gorda Charlotte Library (401 Shreve Street). On Sunday, there are tours available in the morning. Please consult the program for the locations and times of panels, plenary sessions, tours, and special events.

## Air Travel to Punta Gorda

If traveling to the meeting by air, the Local Arrangements Chair recommends flying into the airport in Punta Gorda, which offers car rental and taxi services. For your local rental car needs, Hertz (941-575-7983) and Enterprise (941-575-4200) are located on-site. In addition, other major airports, such as Tampa International (TPA), Southwest Florida International in Fort Myers (RSW), Sarasota/Bradenton International (SRQ), and St. Petersburg/Clearwater International (PIE) are all within a 90 minute (or less) drive. All of these airports offer car rental and taxi services.

## Driving to the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center

From I-75, turn off onto Exit 164 (US 17-Punta Gorda). Turn onto US-17 toward Punta Gorda. US-17 becomes West Marion Avenue. Turn right onto Taylor Street. The parking lot will be 2 blocks down on the left. The address is: **75 Taylor Street; Punta Gorda, FL 33950**. The Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center has 240 parking spaces available free of charge.

## Lodging

Lodging will be available at the Four Points by Sheraton, Punta Gorda Harborside, adjacent to the meeting site. 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 make a reservation by calling the front desk. In order to get the conference rate, please let them know that you are reserving your room for the Florida Conference of Historians annual meeting.

## **Four Points by Sheraton Punta Gorda Harborside**

**33 Tamiami Trail**

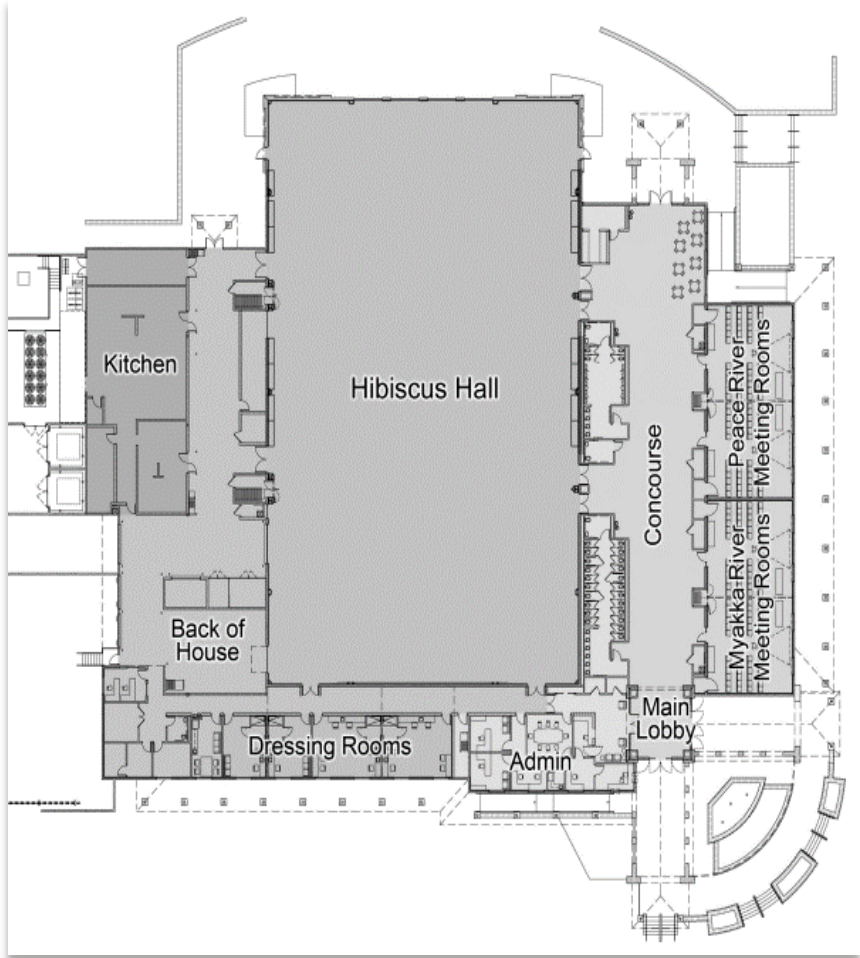
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Telephone: 1 941-637-6770

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# MAP OF CHARLOTTE HARBOR EVENT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Panels will take place in the meeting rooms connected to the "Concourse" Area



## Friday, February 21, 2025

### **1:00 PM-5:00 PM: Registration**

Location: Main Lobby

### **Session One: Friday, 2:00 PM-3:45 PM**

#### **Panel 1A:** Regionalism, Culture, and Society in the United States

Meeting Room: Peace A

*The Alliance Colony: Jewish Farming in Southern New Jersey*

Patricia Chappine, Stockton University

*Wet With the Dew of Heaven: Examining Liminal Spaces and Lived Religion in Southern Appalachia*

Christopher Adkins, University of South Florida

Chair: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Comments: Audience

#### **Panel 1B:** Beyond Misinterpretations of Latin America

Meeting Room: Peace B

*When a Country with No Military Helped End Two Wars: Costa Rica and the Peace of Esquipulas*

Philip Travis, State College of Florida

*Terror and Pardon in Argentina during the Rosas Era: Aftermath of the Rebellion of 1840*

Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

#### **Panel 1C:** Trade and Expansion in the Americas before and after Contact

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Myakka B

*The Dutch In The New World:*

*Exploring the Economic Trade and Sociocultural Characteristics of Rensselaerwyck*

Haley Wrye, University of Central Florida

*Drought Management Through Conquest:*

*The Relationship Between the Little Ice Age and Aztec Imperial Expansion*

Matthew Coleman, Florida Gulf Coast University

*One And All: The Sunken Lives of Rogue Seamen Who Sailed Under the Black Flag*

Morgan Botts, Southeastern University

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**Panel 1D:** "Fair Tampa": Popular Culture and Civic Identity in Tampa, 1890s-1990s  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Triumph of the Black Hussar: Operetta and Civic Identity in Nineteenth-Century Tampa and New York*  
Michael Skarupa, University of Tampa

*Performing Royalty: Gasparilla, Ethnic Appropriation, and Elite Identity in 1920s Tampa*  
Kerrin Fitzgerald, University of Tampa

*Breaking Barriers: Gasparilla, the Super Bowl, and the Legacy of Segregation in Tampa*  
Lily Fridl, University of Tampa

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

**Session Two: Friday, 4:00-5:15 PM**

**Panel 2A:** Urban Landscapes in Florida  
Meeting Room: Myakka A  
Special Interest Section: Florida History

*Lingering Shadows: Illuminating the Lynching of John Thomas in St. Petersburg, Florida*  
Laurie Humpel, University of South Florida

*Serving the Living By Honoring the Dead:  
Jim Crow and Rosa G. Holmes Walker's Entrepreneurial Activism During the 1920s*  
Savanna Courtney-Durrett, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 2B:** The Feminine Multi-verse: Iconic American Women and Culture  
Meeting Room: Myakka B

*Flagship Fastrack: The Unusual Circumstances of Wonder Woman's Market Elevation During the Golden Age of Superhero Comics*  
Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Chair and Discussant: Jennifer Zobebelein, Charlotte County Historian

**Panel 2C:** The Material Turn: Innovative Studies in Public History  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Peace A

*The Ancient Question: Culture of the Classical World in Art and Architecture*  
Collin Farwell, Florida Southern College

*Palaces to Public: Revolutionary Origins of Museums in France and China*  
Karina Syc, Florida Atlantic University

*Pillaging Benin: A Historical Legal Perspective on the Restitution of Colonial Collections*  
Thomas Testa, Florida Atlantic University

Chair and Discussant: Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

**Panel 2D:** Nineteenth Century American Expansionism  
Meeting Room: Peace B

*America's Egyptian Expedition*  
John Klein, Eastern Florida State College

*Beseching or Besieging: Tracing the Common Origins of Filibuster Expeditions and Filibuster Speeches From the Florida, to Texas, to Kansas Territories*  
Evan Johnson, Florida Southwestern State College

*Freedom in Florida from the Hispanic Perspective: Contesting Andrew Jackson's Invasion*  
Alec Ainsworth, The University of Texas at Austin

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**5:30 PM-7:00 PM:**  
**Welcome Reception**  
**Appetizers and Refreshments**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Pre-Registration Available**

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

**Location:**  
**TT's Tiki Bar**

TT's Tiki Bar is an open air restaurant and bar along the beautiful Charlotte Harbor. Great sunsets, cocktails, top notch cuisine and Punta Gorda's best line up of live entertainment. TT's Tiki Bar is located next to the Four Points by Sheraton, Punta Gorda Harborside. The server will direct you to our private area. We will start off the reception with appetizers, but you may also order food and drinks from the bar menu.

## Saturday, February 22, 2025

### **8:00 AM-12:00 PM: Registration**

Location: Main Lobby

**Refreshments will be provided during the morning sessions in Hibiscus Hall C**

Museum Display: This museum quality exhibit on loan from StatutesandStories.com will contain an array of primary sources dating back to America's founding including the Stamp Act of 1765, the Tea Act of 1773, a contemporaneous copy of the U.S. Constitution, the Constitution's Cover Letter, Federalist 1, the Acts of the First Congress, the Residence Act of 1790, Hamilton's Report on the Public Credit, the Act sending the Bill of Rights to the States, Washington's Farwell Address, the Alien and Sedition Acts, the Judiciary Act of 1801 (giving rise to the case of Marbury v. Madison), New York's anti-dueling laws, the Indian Removal Act of 1830, the Emancipation Proclamation, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 (America's first civil rights law), and other artifacts that help tell America's story as we approach the semiquincentennial in 2026.

Location: Concourse Area

### **Session Three: Saturday, 8:00 AM-9:15 AM**

**Panel 3A:** Florida Newspaper Discovery #1

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Key West in a Time of Progress and Change, The Key West Citizen examines Military, Economic, Environmental, and Social issues in 1939*

Alexander Holt, Florida Southern College

*Examining Environmental, Political, Labor, and Educational Transformation through the Columns of the Sanford Herald, 1970*

Emery Perry, Florida Southern College

*Rise from the Ashes:*

*Race, Economics, Education, and Politics Through the Columns of the Jacksonville Sun, 1909*

Johnathan Zines, Florida Southern College

Chair: Richards Plavnieks, Florida Southern College

Discussant: James Denham, Florida Southern College

**Panel 3B:** Histories of Indigenous People and Cultural Survival

Meeting Room: Myakka B

*"You Took A Swamp Girl And Put Her In Utah":*

*Institutional Paternalism and Education of the Florida Seminoles, 1897-1955*

Hayley McCulloch, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Sacred Womanhood: Dakota Beadwork As Cultural Survival*

Claire Lavarreda, Northeastern University

*The Duty to Consult and The Land Based Practices of Indigenous Men and Women in a North American Context*

Emma Posca, York University

Chair: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

Discussant: Megan McShane, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Panel 3C:** Transnational Movements in the Modern Era  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Peace B

*Exiled in the Asylum: The Influence of Castroism for the Black Panther Movement Through the Lens of Angela Davis, Eldridge Cleaver, and Huey Newton*  
Alondra Jordan, Wesleyan College

*The Reds Get the Blues: Blues Music in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia*  
Austin Miller, Brewton-Parker College

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

**Session Four: Saturday, 9:30 AM-10:45 AM**

**Panel 4A:** Voices of Modern Africa  
Meeting Room: Peace A

*Ruinous Town: Mining, Environment, and Land Appropriation in a Ghanaian Mining Town, 1897-1935*  
Frimpong Asamoah, University of Miami

*"We shall be ready with one voice to proclaim, 'The New Africa'":  
British West African Students & The Pan-African Period (1940-1945)*  
Giltrecia Head, University of Miami

*Manufacturing a New Future: Lessons from Ghana's 1960s Industrial Initiatives*  
Adelina Tratarou, University of Miami

Chair: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College  
Comments: Audience

**Panel 4B:** Power, Culture, and the Early Modern Era  
Meeting Room: Peace B

*Henry VIII: How Insecurity Created a Tyrant*  
Carol Ann Lloyd, Independent Scholar

*Global Astrometeorology:  
Defining Climate in John Goad's Astro-Meteorologica and His Weather Notebooks, 1652-1689*  
Justin Niermeier-Dohoney, Florida Institute of Technology

*Memories of Martyrdom: How the Past Guided Anabaptists in the Palatinate, 1690-1712*  
Brendan Jordan, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: Anna Caney, Florida Southern College

**Panel 4C:** Gendered Histories of Florida  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Florida's Louise R. Pinnel and Other Early American Women Lawyers:  
"It took no small degree of courage to fly in the face of tradition"*  
Kimberly Voss and Lance Speere, University of Central Florida

*"Come to My Sunland": Thinking Ecologically About Florida*  
Gary DeSantis, State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota

*Poisoned Paradise: Pollution and Cancer on Florida's Space Coast*  
Charles Closmann, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 4D:** America's Founding Hosts:  
The First Family of Hospitality Celebrating America 250 in Philadelphia and Florida  
Meeting Room: Myakka B

*America's Founding Hosts: A Brief History of Taverns, Inns and Colonial Boarding Houses*  
Adam Levinson, Attorney and Founder of Statutesandstories.com

*A True Original: Gouverneur Morris, the Founders' Founder*  
Tim Schantz, Board member of Smithsonian & Historical Society of Pennsylvania

*The 14th Colony*  
Roger Smith, Flagler College and University of Florida

Chair: Dara Hatten, Florida NSDAR Chair for President General's Project  
Comments: Audience

**Session Five: Saturday, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**Panel 5A:** Voices from the Past in Museums and in the Classroom  
Special Interest Section: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning  
Meeting Room: Myakka A

*International Political Art by the Historical Chiurazzi Bronze Foundry of Naples-Rome (Pompeii;  
Naples; Rome; Ringling Museum in Sarasota, FL; Getty Museums in Los Angeles, CA), 1840s-2000s*  
Marco Rimanelli, Saint Leo University

*"We have passed our lives in Serious Times":  
Undergraduate Student Reflections on Why We Should Study the Past*  
Christopher Berg, Florida Southwestern State College

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**Panel 5B:** Roundtable on Writing for Publication  
Meeting Room: Myakka B

Michael Butler, Flagler College  
Megan McShane, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Blaine Browne, Broward College (Emeritus)

**Session Six: Saturday, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

**Panel 6A: Plenary Poster Session**

Meeting Room: Peace A

*Reframing Jewish Feminism in America:*

*An Analysis of American Jewish Women and the Negotiation of Their Jewish and Feminist Identities  
Pre-World War 2 to Post-World War 2*

Adithi Nythruva, The University of Houston

*Rockets and Racism: Memorializing the Space Race and German Scientists in Rocket City, USA*

Jacob Winton, Florida State University

*Way Out of The Way: Finding Entertainment and Community at Smitty's Club*

Hope Evans, Florida State University

*Dutch Raiders and Spanish Ruin: Economic Struggles in 17th Century Florida*

Larry Soza, Miami Dade College

Comments: Members of the McTague Award Committee

**LUNCH OPTIONS: ON YOUR OWN**

**Options within blocks of Four Points by Sheraton**

- Spinnaker Patio Dining (formerly Dockside)  
at Four Points by Sheraton
- Laishley Crab House
- Perch 360 Rooftop Restaurant and Bar
- River City Grill

**FCH BUSINESS MEETING, 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

- Spinnaker Patio Dining (formerly Dockside)  
at Four Points by Sheraton

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

**Panel 7A: Body Centered Approaches to History**

Meeting Room: Peace A

*Bodies in Motion: Runaways during the Loyalist Period in The Bahamas*

Sasha Wells, Florida International University

*Selling 'New Freedom: Connecting Twentieth-Century Menstrual Advertising to Feminist History*

Courtney Weis, Florida International University

*New Land, New Fears:*

*Newspaper Narratives and the Daily Lives of Cuban Migrants in the United States, 1980*

Sikiru Yusuff, Florida International University

Chair and Discussant: David Harvey, New College of Florida

**Panel 7B:** Studies on Modern War and Colonialism  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Peace B

*The Union Minerie Haut Katanga and Social Control in the Belgian Congo*  
Jackson Cassidy, Florida Southern College

*"Let us hope we 'carry on'":  
The Unexpected Account of William T. Usinger's 'Over There' during the Great War*  
Kendra Belton, Florida Southern College

*A Cycle of Retaliation: The Violence and Terror the Spanish Government and ETA Inflicted Upon  
Each Other in the Franco Era (1956-1975)*  
Gavin Dunsby, Florida Atlantic University

Chair and Discussant: Charles Closmann, University of North Florida

**Panel 7C:** How Sweet It Is: Icons and Images of Historic Florida  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Myakka A

*The History of Newspaper Wine Journalism, Florida and Across the Country*  
Kimberly Voss, University of Central Florida

*Freshly Squeezed: The Rise of the Florida Citrus Industry*  
Michael Hoyt, Liberty University

*From Ponce de León to Pan-Americanism:  
The Florida Historical Society and Spanish Florida, 1902-1941*  
Lyn Hemmingway, University of Georgia

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 7D:** Re-Thinking the Medieval Era  
Meeting Room: Myakka B

*The Formation of Crusading Vows during the First Crusade*  
Paul Aitchison, Florida College

*Imagery and Blood*  
Alex Reid, Independent Scholar

*Finding Christina: Reconnecting St. Leonard to the Vita of Christina of Markyate*  
Joshua Britt, Southeastern University

Chair: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College  
Comments: Audience

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

**Panel 8A:** Florida Newspaper Discovery #2  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Peace A

*“She was a Cold-Blooded Murderer”:*

*Homicide in Polk County and Environs as Depicted in the Lakeland Evening Telegram, 1911*  
Bonnie Paige Robinson, Florida Southern College

*Murder in the Florida Boom:*

*Homicides in Punta Gorda, Florida as Depicted in the Punta Gorda Herald, 1920*  
Sarah Stephens, Florida Southern College

*Race, Gender, Economics, and Politics through the Columns of the Jacksonville Sun, 1909*

Emily Evans, Florida Southern College

Chair: James M. Denham, Florida Southern College

Discussant: Richards Plavnieks, Florida Southern College

**Panel 8B:** Executive Privilege: Culture, Policy, and the Modern Presidency

Meeting Room: Peace B

*Peace Through Strength: The Goldwater- Reagan Relationship and Foreign Policy*

Kevin Alexander, Independent Scholar

*“Nice Beard, Mr. Vice President!”: Presidential Elections and Facial Hair*

Constantinos Scaros, St. Petersburg College

*A Constellation of Controversy:*

*Reactions to Methadone Maintenance in the American Public Sphere, 1971-1974*

Devin Hernandez, University of North Florida

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

**Panel 8C:** Violence and Racism in the Twentieth Century

Meeting Room: Myakka A

*The Case of Stanley Puryear and Violence against White Women in Jim Crow Memphis*

Brandon Jett, Florida Southwestern State College

*Khomeini and the KKK: The Political Machinations of Strange Bedfellows*

Anna Caney, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: Kimberly Voss, University of Central Florida

**Panel 8D:** History Happening Now: History, Politics, and Current Events

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Myakka B

*Russia's Use of State-Sponsored Terrorism as Acts of Covert Warfare to Avoid a Large-Scale Conflict*

Jasmine Kelly, Saint Leo University

*The Russian Civil War and its Modern Day Implications*

Brandon Tabala, Saint Leo University

*Global Currents of Extreme Political Ideology and Polarization in the 21st Century*

Hadassa Ferreira, Saint Leo University

Chair: Marissa Rhodes, Saint Leo University

Discussant: Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

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

**Panel 9A:** Gender, Power, and Marginalization: A Transnational Perspective

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Peace A

*Female Rage and the 15th Amendment: Suffragists' Responses to African American Male Suffrage*

Alizabeh Ruiz, Saint Leo University

*Influence of the Taliban on Women's Rights Post-Soviet Occupation*

Haley Gardner, Saint Leo University

*The Influence of the Southern Border Crisis on International Sex Trafficking*

Jacqueline Pollok, Saint Leo University

Chair: Daniel DuBois, Saint Leo University

Discussant: Marissa Rhodes, Saint Leo University

**Panel 9B:** The Whip and the Crucifix: Slavery and the Church in Colonial Latin America

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Cuban Slavery, from the Sixteenth to the Nineteenth Century*

Maria Armengol, New College of Florida

*Protector or Enforcer? The Role of the Church in Colonial Latin America*

Ciara McIlvenny, New College of Florida

Chair: Alicia Mercado-Harvey, New College of Florida

Discussant: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

**Punta Gorda Historic Mural Walking Tour**

Tour: 4:15-5:30 pm

Pick-Up Location: Outside Entrance of the Conference Center

Over the past 30 years, the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society has created 32 public murals in Punta Gorda, each capturing a slice of the area's rich history. The Society is offering a 1-hour walking tour (approximately 1 mile in length) that will visit a number of the murals and a few historic locations in the downtown area. There is a maximum of 24 people on the tour. Participation is FREE for those who sign up when you pick up your badge and program.

## **6:30 PM-7:30 PM: Banquet and Awards**

### **Punta Gorda Charlotte Library 401 Shreve Street**

Directions: From the Event Center, take US-41 S to W. Virginia Avenue and turn right. Virginia will end at Shreve Street; turn left and you will see the library in front of you/on the right. Once in the parking lot, enter through the main entrance and present your FCH badge. Library staff will direct you to the banquet area and the meeting room. Attendees and Guests will meet first in then proceed to the buffet line for dinner.

#### Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Thomas Donaldson  
Florida Southwestern State College  
FCH President, 2025-2026

#### 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 2026 FCH Annual Meeting

Dr. Thomas Donaldson  
Florida Southwestern State College

## **7:30 PM-8:30 PM: Keynote Address**

**Punta Gorda Charlotte Library  
Punta Gorda, Florida  
Meeting Room: Lecture Hall**

### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Thomas Donaldson  
Florida Southwestern State College

### Keynote Address

Dr. Jason Vuic

### **The Swamp Peddlers:**

### **How Lot Sellers, Land Scammers, and Retirees Built Modern Florida and Transformed the American Dream**

Originally from Punta Gorda, FL, Dr. Vuic is an award-winning author and historian based in Fort Worth, Texas. He has written four books, including *The Yugo: the Rise and Fall of the Worst Car in History* (2010), *The Sarajevo Olympics: A History of the 1984 Winter Games* (2015), *The Yucks! Two Years in Tampa with the Losingest Team in NFL History* (2016), and most recently, with the University of North Carolina Press, *The Swamp Peddlers: How Lots Sellers, Land Scammers, and Retirees Built Modern Florida and Transformed the American Dream*, which won the Phillip and Dana Zimmerman Gold Medal Prize for Florida Nonfiction at the 2021 Florida Book Awards, as well as the 2021 Charlton Tebeau Award for outstanding general interest book from the Florida Historical Society. Jason is a graduate of Wake Forest University, and holds an M.A. in history from the University of Richmond and a Ph.D. in history from Indiana University Bloomington.

## Sunday, February 23, 2025

### **8:30 AM-12:00 PM: Registration**

Location: Main Lobby

**Refreshments will be provided during the morning sessions in Hibiscus Hall C**

### **Session Ten: Sunday, 9:00 AM-10:15 AM**

**Panel 10A:** Contours of Colonial Latin American History

Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Early Mexico-Tenochtitlan as a Crucible of Cultural Hybridization*

Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Gold for Secrets: The Hartlib Circle and the West Indies, 1620-1660*

Timothy Miller, Brewton-Parker College

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

**Panel 10B:** Lights, Camera, Action!

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Special Interest Section: Media, Arts, and Culture

Meeting Room: Myakka B

*Dirty Movies and Dirty Money: Jacksonville's War on Porn, 1977-1978*

David Nelson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College-Bainbridge

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 10C:** New Research on Medieval Europe

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Peace A

*Raymond du Puy: The Blessed Fra*

Nelson Price, Southeastern University

*Reassessing the Black Death: Archaeological Insights into Mortality in England*

Mary Cousineau, Wofford College

Chair: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

Comments: Audience

**Panel 10D:** Rights and Culture in United States History  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Peace B

*Lincoln's Life On the Silver Screen: An Analysis*  
José M. Roa, Florida Southwestern State College  
NOTE: This is a documentary (11 minutes)

*De Universalibus In Iure Occidentali: Natural Rights within the United States*  
John Carroll, Brewton-Parker College

*The Second Red Scare Hollywood and the Making of American Culture*  
Logan Izzo, Florida Gulf Coast University

Chair and Discussant: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

**Session Eleven: Sunday, 10:30 AM-11:45 AM**

**Panel 11A:** Florida at the Periphery of War  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Myakka A

*Mudd at Fort Jefferson*  
David Trevino, Independent Scholar

*Lakeland and The War: The Role of Small-Town America in Winning the Second World War*  
Adam Rock, Hillsborough Community College

*"More exciting than any movie or television show you have ever seen": A Stasi Spy on Tampa Bay*  
Augustine Meaher, Air University

Chair and Discussant: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

**Panel 11B:** 'Cultura' and Politics in Modern Florida  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Myakka B

*Nuestra Organización: A Cultural Analysis of Ybor City in 1936*  
Jacob Cutler, Florida Southern College

*Race, Class, and Politics in Cold War Miami, 1948-1949*  
Eleora Funk, Florida Southern College

*Abre Tu Boca, Juzga con Justicia y Defiende La Causa del Pobre y del Menesteroso:  
The Farmworker Association of Florida, the Farmworker Health and Safety Institute, and Latin  
American Farmworkers in Florida, 1990s-2000s*  
Jibranth Espanol, University of North Florida

Chair: Jennifer Zobebelein, Charlotte County Historian  
Comments: Audience

**Panel 11C: Models of Repression in the Modern Era**

Meeting Room: Peace A

*The Rent is Too Damn High:*

*Irish Nationalist Reactions to British Land Reform Measures, 1870-1903*

Michael Vernon, Florida State University

*Depraved Science: The History of Nazi Experimentation*

Matthew Motes, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Imprisoned at the Crossroads of Identity: A Cultural History of the Rohwer War Relocation Center*

Aiden Jones, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: David Proctor, Tallahassee Community College

**Panel 11D: At the Top of Their Game: Sports, Nation, and Society in the Modern Era**

Meeting Room: Peace B

*The 1936 Olympics: Deception and Appeasement*

Mark Brown, Independent Scholar

*Harnessing Honors Education as an Engine for Sport History and Scholarship*

Dan DuBois, Saint Leo University

Chair: Dan DuBois, Saint Leo University

Comments: Audience

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Event Prep**

**Staff at TT Tiki's Restaurant**

**Pioneer Pizza**

**Janet Emmett, Food and Beverage Manager  
SAVOR...Charlotte Harbor**

**Kelly Gaylord and the  
Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society**

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2026 annual meeting!**

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