

**2026**  
**Florida Conference of Historians**  
**Annual Meeting**

**January 23-25**

**Hilton University of Florida Conference Center**  
**Gainesville, Florida**



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# General Information

## **Conference Activity**

All conference activity will take place at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center in Gainesville, Florida. On Friday, the FCH is hosting a welcome reception at Shula's Restaurant. You may pick up your badge, program, and a copy of the *FCH Annals* at the registration table during the Friday reception and at the conference during the sessions on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday evening, an awards banquet featuring a keynote speaker will be held at the conference center. Please consult the program for the locations and times of panels, plenary sessions, tours, and special events.

## **Air Travel to Gainesville**

If traveling to the meeting by air, the Local Arrangements Chairs recommends flying into the Gainesville Regional Airport (<https://gra-gnv.com/flygainesville.com/>). For your local rental car needs, Hertz, Alamo, Enterprise, Avis, Budget, and National are located on-site. In addition, the Jacksonville International Airport is located within a 90 minute drive. JIA offers car rental services.

## **Driving to the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center**

The address of the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center is: 1714 SW 34th Street, Gainesville, Florida, 32607. Gainesville is located directly off of I-75. The Conference Center has plenty of parking spaces available free of charge.

## **Lodging**

Lodging will be available at the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center. 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.

## **Hilton University of Florida Conference Center**

1714 SW 34th Street

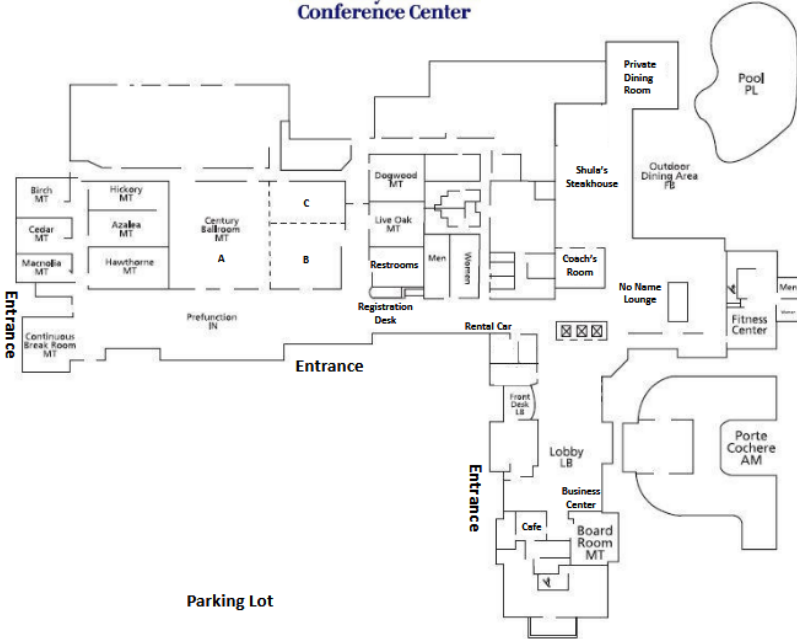
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# MAP OF HILTON UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA CONFERENCE CENTER

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



## Friday, January 23, 2026

**5:30 PM-7:00 PM:**  
**Welcome Reception**  
**Appetizers and Refreshments**  
**Cash Bar**  
**Pre-Registration Available**  
Dr. David Proctor  
Tallahassee State College  
Update on Civic Literacy

**Location:**  
**Private Dining Room in Shula's Steakhouse**

We have a private dining room reserved in the back of Shula's Steakhouse located within the Hilton University of Florida Conference Center. 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 menu.

## Saturday, January 24, 2026

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

Location: Entrance to the hallway where the meeting rooms are located

**Refreshments will be provided during the morning sessions**

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

**Panel 1A:** New Studies on Florida's Sub-Cultures

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Hickory

*In God Is Out Trust: Southern Nationalism, Sectionalism, and the Short-Lived Republic of Florida*  
Christopher Adkins, University of South Florida

*The Black Chautauqua Movement in Florida, 1890-1922*  
Cynthia Patterson, University of South Florida

Chair: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 1B:** Movements, Power, and Agency

Meeting Room: Azalea

*Freedom in the Binary: The Trajectory of Women's Liberation in Revolutionary Grenada*  
Kai Blades, University of Florida

*Power and Dependency:*

*A Realist Analysis of US Trade and Political Influence in Haiti and Puerto Rico*  
Bailey Ritchie, Florida SouthWestern State College

*The Iran-Contra Affair: Andy Ireland and the Hidden Evidence of Presidential Involvement*  
Melanie Jaramillo, Florida Southern College

Chair: Philip W. Travis, State College of Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 1C: New Studies on the World Wars of the Twentieth Century**

Meeting Room: Birch

*World War I and the Decline of the British Empire: Business as Usual*

Aaron Averhart, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Returning Soldiers: Post-Armistice Experiences of Black American Army Combatants and the Post-war Political Consciousness of the 92nd and 93rd Divisions*

Skyleur Brynildson, University of North Florida

*Bridges and Bombs: The Story of the 1263rd Engineer Combat Battalion in the European Theater of Operations, 1944-1945*

Angel Potter, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: Jeffrey Zines, Florida Southern College

**Panel 1D: Questioning Metanarratives on Colonial Spanish America**

Meeting Room: Cedar

*A New Narrative History of Early Spanish Government in Post-Conquest Tenochtitlan-Mexico*

Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Maritime Highways:*

*The Relationship Between Ecology and Indigenous Autonomy in Spanish Florida*

Matthew Coleman, Independent Scholar

*Explosive Tropes: Firearm Mythopoesis in Dryden and Cabeza de Vaca*

Jay Webb, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC)

Chair and Discussant: Jorge Varela, Rollins College

**Panel 1E: US-Pacific Movements and Ideas: A Panel Dedicated to the Memories of Dr. Michael Epple (1954-2025) and Dr. Steven MacIsaac (1955-2025)**

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*Early American Women Missionaries to China, 1835-1862*

Elizabeth Littell-Lamb, The University of Tampa

*"Yellow Peril Supports Black Power": Californian Racial Constructions and Resistance*

Hudson Main, University of North Florida

*Harvesting Influence:*

*A Comparative Study of U.S. and Chinese Agricultural Policies in the Cold War*

Alivia Yorke, Southeastern University

Chair: Chau Kelly, University of North Florida

Comment: Audience

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

**Panel 2A: Presidential Politics**

Meeting Room: Hickory

*The Unlikely Presidencies of James Garfield and Chester Arthur*  
Constantinos Scaros, St. Petersburg College

*The Third Time has No Charm:*  
*James B. Hodges and Democratic Opposition to a Third Term for Franklin Roosevelt*  
Boyd Murphree, University of Florida

Chair: David Proctor, Tallahassee State College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 2B: Reflections on the Vietnam War**

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*Chemical Warfare in Vietnam*  
Caitlin Lipscomb, Rollins College

*Student Political Activism and the Vietnam War Draft*  
Brooke Quast, Rollins College

*Nixon's Portrayal in the Media in the Vietnam War*  
Charles Curci, Rollins College

Chair: Claire Strom, Rollins College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 2C: Struggles for Justice in Florida**

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Birch

*"Uprooted" No Longer: Farmworkers' Organizations, Resilience, and the Movement for Housing Justice after Hurricane Andrew in 1992*  
Eugene Fanning, Florida Southern College

*After Dozier: Reforming Florida's Reformatories, 1967 to 1974*  
Mark Chatfield, University of Florida

*Toxins on the Fenceline: Environmental Justice and the US Navy*  
Charles Closmann, University of North Florida

Chair: Brandon Jett, Florida SouthWestern State College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 2D: Religion, Language, and Power in the Medieval World**

Meeting Room: Cedar

*The Vita of St. Wivina: A Source for Low Country Monastic Sanctity ca. 1200*  
Hannah Ewing and K.A. Hamner, Rollins College

*Linguistic History: The Death and Survival of the Coptic Language*  
Ramona Teepe Lawrence, Florida Southern College

Chair: Christopher Adkins, University of South Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 2E:** Preservation of Endangered Local Histories in Central Florida  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Azalea

*Preserving the Community*

Sarah Green, University of Central Florida

*Facilitation of Historic Preservation in Parramore*

Aiyana Gross, University of Central Florida

*Digitization of the Savage Civil War Diaries*

Kaitlyn Aust, University of Central Florida

Chair: Amelia Lyons, University of Central Florida

Comment: Audience

**Session Three: Saturday, 12:00 PM-12:45 PM**

**Panel 3A:** Film Screening: Sarasota's Circus Hall of Fame

Meeting Room: Azalea

The Circus Hall of Fame was established in Sarasota in 1956 and operated there until 1980. Founded primarily by Sarasota locals, including retired employees and performers from the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, it displayed circus artifacts and memorabilia and presented live circus acts on a daily basis. That it was located in Sarasota wasn't surprising, as it was built only 5 miles from the Ringling Brothers Circus Winter Quarters and just north of the former homes of brothers John and Charles Ringling (Run Time: 36 minutes).

Comment: Tom Cook, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker

**Panel 3B:** Poster Session

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*The Historical Trajectory of Short Line Railway in Canada*

Prescott C. Ensign, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Jesuit Devotion to Mary From 1525 to 1606*

Matthew Breisch, University of Tampa

*"It's Your Time": Student Activism in St. Augustine's Civil Rights Movement*

Sarahannah Snyder, Flagler College

*Song, Dance, Skill: Perspectives of Kabuki Theatre*

William Freeman, The University of North Florida

*Reconstructing Historical Voice in Public History Using Generative AI*

Anna Hobbs, University of North Florida

**Panel 3C:** The Holocaust and What Historians Have Ignored

Meeting Room: Birch

*1936 Olympics: Manipulation and Deception*

Mark Brown, Glendale (Arizona) Community College

Comments: Audience

## **LUNCH OPTIONS: ON YOUR OWN**

- Shula's Restaurant (located within the conference center)
- Short Distance (Walk/Quick Drive):
  - Metro Diner: Popular for American comfort food
  - Chuy's: Offers Mexican and Southwestern cuisine
  - Gumby's Pizza: A casual spot for pizza and drinks
  - Wingstop: For wings and fries
- A Bit Further (Still Nearby):
  - Embers Wood Grill: Another great steakhouse option
  - Blaze Pizza: Fast-casual, build-your-own pizzas
  - Blue Gill Quality Foods: Known for seafood
  - Carrabba's Italian Grill: A reliable Italian chain

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

- FCH Officers and Board Members Meet at the "No Name Lounge" in Shula's Restaurant

## **Session Four: Saturday, 1:00 PM-2:15 PM**

### **Panel 4A:** Engaging Students in Public History Beyond the Classroom:

A Roundtable Discussion of How Florida France Soldier Stories Tells the Diverse Stories of World War II Veterans Who Fought in France

Meeting Room: Hickory

Michael Richardson, University of Central Florida

Marie Oury, University of Central Florida

Samantha Froemming, University of Central Florida

Chair and Discussant: Amelia Lyons, University of Central Florida

### **Panel 4B:** Race in America

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*Gentrification in the United States*

Rae Pizzi, Rollins College

*The Hidden Racial Eugenics*

Faith Chaney, Rollins College

*Black Religious Leaders and the Foundations of the African Methodist Episcopal Church*

Brynna McDonald, Rollins College

Chair and Discussant: Don Zimmerman, Indian River State College

**Panel 4C:** Water, Politics, and Agency in Florida

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Birch

*The Florida Fluoride Fight: The Fluoridation of Florida's Drinking Water, 1940-1970*

David Nelson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College-Bainbridge

*Swimming in the Anthropocene:*

*Florida Residential Pools and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)*

Gary DeSantis, State College of Florida Manatee Sarasota

Chair: Charles Closmann, University of North Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 4D:** New Ways of Learning and Assessing Historical Knowledge

Meeting Room: Cedar

*Beyond the Red Pen: Generative AI and the Future of History Grading*

Christopher Berg, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design

*Civic Literacy Preparation: Best Practices*

Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

*Perambulatory Public History:*

*Developing a Technologically Enhanced Walking Tour of Lakeland, Florida*

Charles Tolman, University of Central Florida

Chair: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 4E:** Seeing Things As They Are: Documentary Films about the Uses of the Past

Special Interest Section: Media, Arts, Culture

Meeting Room: Azalea

*Why History?* (Documentary Film)

Philip W. Travis, State College of Florida

*Florida's Welcome Centers: 75 Years of Info, Advice, and Orange Juice* (Documentary Film)

Tom Cook, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker

Chair: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Comment: Audience

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

**Panel 5A:** Markets, Movements, and Labor in Florida's Past  
Special Interest Sections: Florida History/Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Hickory

*Protecting the River of Grass:  
The Everglades Jetport and a Resilient South Florida Environmental Movement*  
Iris Hayden, University of North Florida

*East Coast Citrus, West Coast Citrus:  
Citrus Crate Labels in Florida and California, A Study in Comparisons*  
Kendra Belton, Florida Southern College

*"The Greatest Airport in the World": The Story of the Everglades Jetport*  
Jason Robilio, The University of North Florida

Chair: Gary DeSantis, State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 5B:** Aspects of World War Two in Europe  
Meeting Room: Azalea

*Soviet Collaboration with the Axis Powers*  
Christopher Stoops, Rollins College

*Behind Enemy Lines: The Civilian Evacuation of Allied Pilots in Occupied France*  
Molly Higgins, Rollins College

*LGBTQ+ Life In Soviet Russia: Fighting a War on Two Fronts*  
Dakota Darnell, Rollins College

Chair: Jeffrey Zines, Florida Southern College  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 5C:** Things That Go Bump In the Night: Fear in American Culture and Politics  
Meeting Room: Magnolia

*Cultural Marxism and American Conspiracy Thinking*  
Meghan Martinez, Florida State University

*Modern Monster Hunters:  
Cryptozoology, Culture, and Environmentalism in the Twentieth Century United States*  
Aiden Jones, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Claire Strom, Rollins College

**Panel 5D: Media, Public Opinion, and Community in Atlantic History**

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Cedar

*The Balance Between Security and Peace: London Times and British Public Opinion*

Garrison Ford, Florida Gulf Coast University

*The "Seditions" of The Liberator and its "Rebels": How the South Reacted to W.L. Garrison's Abolitionist Newspaper and Nat Turner's Rebellion*

Eleora Funk, Florida Southern College

*The Implications of the Media on the Community of Newtown, Connecticut, after the Sandy Hook School Shooting*

Liliana Franken, University of Florida

Chair: Tyler Cline, University of Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 5E: The Global Politics of Conflict in Israel**

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*"Nuts!": J. Edgar Hoover, British-Israelism & FBI Surveillance of the Anglo-Saxon Federation, 1936-1946*

Charles Gallagher, Boston College

*Gaza Before October 7, (1948 to 2022)*

Alexander Shelby, Indian River State College

Chair: Amelia Lyons, University of Central Florida

Comment: Audience

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

**Panel 6A: Roundtable: Harvesting History, Honoring Service: University of Central Florida's Veterans Legacy Program Team Promotes Learning and Community Engagement in National Cemeteries**

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Hickory

Jessie Oldham, University of Central Florida

Michaela Garcia, University of Central Florida

Eric Thompson, University of Central Florida

Chair: Brook Miller, University of Central Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 6B:** The Evolution of War, Air Power, and Technology

Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research

Meeting Room: Azalea

*Generational Changes: The Intersection of Threat Perceptions, Airpower Theory, Financial Resources, and the Development of New Generations of Fighter Aircraft from 1968-2010*

Matthew Ferguson, University of Central Florida

*A Tale of Two Programs: The R60 and the AIM 9 Sidewinder*

Hunter Parke, Jacksonville University

*The Stealth Bomber That Was Never Seen:*

*The A-12 Avenger II As Seen Through Congressman Andy Ireland's Collection*

Johnathan Zines, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: Augustine Meaher, Air University

**Panel 6C:** The Power of Teaching History

Meeting Room: Birch

*Listening Across Time: Teaching Historical Empathy through the 1945 Project*

Christopher Berg, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design

*Teaching German History through Material Culture:*

*A Pedagogical Case Study from an Upper-Level Undergraduate Course*

Thomas Stefaniuk, Florida Gulf Coast University

Chair: Christopher Berg, Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design

Comment: Audience

**Panel 6D:** Ordinary Lives under Nazi Rule

Meeting Room: Cedar

*Relationship with the Church:*

*How the Nazis Interacted with Religious Institutions during their Rise to Power*

Daniel Fiannaca, University of North Florida

*Chełmno: Nazi Germany's Most Peculiar Killing Center*

Matthew Motes, The Holocaust Museum and Cohen Education Center and

Florida Gulf Coast University

*A Curriculum of Hate*

Christopher Trahan, University of North Florida

*Women in the Nazi Waste Regime (1936-1942)*

Hien Van, University of North Florida

Chair: David Proctor, Tallahassee State College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 6E:** Sunshine Lands: Tracking Land Use in Florida through Local Histories  
Special Interest Sections: Florida History/Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Birch

*The March to Krome: The Developmental History of Kendall, Florida*  
Ryan Tenner, University of Florida

*Selling Paradise: The Influence of Land Boom Tourism on Jim Crow in Fort Lauderdale*  
Tamia Aguirre, University of Florida

*Starving in Eden: Poverty in Alachua County, 1865-1877*  
Avery Parker, University of Florida

*The Ground of Carnage and Despair:  
The Failures of the United States Military During the Second Seminole War*  
Ryan Scott, University of Florida

Chair and Discussant: Paige Glotzer, University of Florida

**Session Seven: Saturday, 5:30 PM-6:15 PM**

**Panel 7A:** Florida's Changing Landscape and Its Consequences  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Cedar

*"A queer old Spanish town": John Muir in/on Henry Flagler's St. Augustine*  
Hadley Mozer, Flagler College

*Mapping the Geography of Exclusion:  
The Green Book and Racialized Tourism in Mid-Century Florida*  
Laurie Humpel, University of South Florida

Chair: Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 7B:** Culture, Tradition, and Nation in Central Europe  
Meeting Room: Hickory

*Czech Identity Under the Austro-Hungarian Empire:  
Negotiating Musical Tradition in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries*  
Koi Ball, University of Central Florida

*"Poland Yes, But What Kind?": The January Uprising and the Development of Polish Nationalism in the 19th and Early 20th Century*  
Daniel Cooper, Florida State University

Chair and Discussant: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

**Panel 7C:** The Making of Florida  
Special Interest Section: Florida History/Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Birch

*Florida Highwaymen: Charles Wheeler's Paintings and their Representation of Old Florida*  
Moises Galvez, University of North Florida

Chair and Discussant: Charles Tolman, University of Central Florida

**Panel 7D:** Community and Agency in the Northeastern United States  
Meeting Room: Magnolia

*The Alliance Colony: Jewish Farming in Southern New Jersey*  
Patricia Chappine, Stockton University

*That Gal is a Guy With a Gat:*  
*The Tactical Patrol Force, Operation Decoy, and the Militarization of the NYPD, 1959-1962*  
Chris Lause, University of Florida

Chair: David Tegeder, Santa Fe College  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 7E:** Film Screening: Florida's Orange Bird: Disney's Utterly Unique Character  
Meeting Room: Azalea

Disney's Orange Bird is a unique character who was developed as a corporate mascot for the Florida Citrus Commission. In the 1970s, he appeared in TV ads for Florida orange juice. He was also one of the opening-day characters in the Magic Kingdom in 1971 as the FCC was the sponsor of the Tropical Serenade in Adventureland - the attraction popularly known as the Enchanted Tiki Room. Orange Bird is the only Disney Florida-related character and has seen a resurgence of popularity in the last decade (Run Time: 27 minutes)

Comment: Tom Cook, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker

**6:30 PM-7:30 PM: Banquet and Awards**  
**Hilton University of Florida Conference Center**  
**Century Ballroom B&C**

Attendees and Guests will meet first in the ballroom and then proceed to the buffet line for dinner.

Welcoming Remarks

Dr. David Tegeger  
Santa Fe College

Presentation of Awards

John J. “Jack” McTague Award for Best Poster  
Presented by Dr. Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville 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. Sean McMahon, Florida Gateway College

Thomas M. Campbell Award for Best Professional Paper  
Presented by Dr. David Proctor, Tallahassee State College

Douglas Astolfi Undergraduate Grant Award  
Presented by Dr. Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Remarks on the FCH Annals

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

Remarks on the 2027 FCH Annual Meeting

Dr. Jesse Hingson  
Jacksonville University

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

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Dr. David Tegeger  
Santa Fe College

Keynote Address

Dr. Steven Noll

**“Patient No More: Incorporating Disability History into the Mainstream”**

Dr. Steven Noll received his Ph.D. in 1991 in American History from the University of Florida, his M.A. in 1985 from the University of Florida, his M.Ed. from the University of Florida in Special Education in 1976, and his B.A. in 1974 from the College of William and Mary. He joined the University of Florida Department of History in 1992. He has published four books: *Feeble-Minded in our Midst* (1995); *Mental Retardation in America* (2004); *Ditch of Dreams: The Cross-Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida's Future* (2009); and most recently *Writing for the Public Good: Essays from David R. Colburn and Sen. Bob Graham*, which he edited (2022). *Ditch of Dreams* started through a grant from the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection and was researched and written in collaboration with Professor David Tegeger. He teaches courses on the History of Disability in America, Florida History, Florida Environmental History, Diversity in American History, the Gilded Age and Progressive Era, as well as both halves of the American History survey course.

## Sunday, January 25, 2026

### 9:00 AM-12:00 PM: Registration

Location: Entrance to the hallway where the meeting rooms are located  
Refreshments will be provided during the morning sessions

### Session Eight: Sunday, 9:00 AM-10:15 AM

**Panel 8A:** War, Conflict, and Negotiation in the Caribbean and Atlantic World  
Meeting Room: Hickory

*The Narrative of Captain Cusack:  
Themes of Piracy in the Atlantic World in the Seventeenth Century*  
Daniel Rodriguez, University of Central Florida

*Haitian-Spanish Diplomacy, 1804-1830*  
Keith Manuel, University of Florida

*You Furnish the Pictures, I'll Furnish the War:  
Re-Evaluating the "Splendid Little War" and American Imperialism in Early Film, 1898-1917*  
David Morton, Independent Scholar

Chair: Keith Manuel, University of Florida  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 8B:** Territorial Florida in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries  
Special Interest Section: Florida History  
Meeting Room: Azalea

*Florida and the American Revolution: The Periphery No More*  
David Trevino, Independent Scholar

*An Old Scourge in a New Territory: Yellow Fever in 1821 St. Augustine, Florida*  
Amy Foster, University of Central Florida

*Rachel and Andrew Jackson's Legacy: Florida's Territorial First Ladies, 1821-1845*  
James Denham, Florida Southern College

Chair and Discussant: Don Zimmerman, Indian River State College

**Panel 8C:** Identity, Culture, and State-Building in World History  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Birch

*National Identity: A Place or an Ideal:  
How the Odyssey and Aeneid Idealize Greco-Roman Conceptualizations of Citizenship*  
Christopher Behringer, Southern New Hampshire University

*How Hate Flows Through Time:  
Narratives of Muslims in History Through the Raj to the Beginning of Independence*  
Jayson Cathey, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Legitimacy and Control in Inner-Asia: Comparing Qing Expansion with Contemporary CCP Policy*  
Nick Woods, University of North Florida

Chair: David Proctor, Tallahassee State College  
Comment: Audience

**Panel 8D: Sources for Learning about the Past**

Meeting Room: Cedar

*Trauma in the Archive:*

*Exploring Newly Digitized Oral History Interviews with Veterans of the Vietnam War*

Ronan Hart, University of Florida Samuel Proctor Oral History Program

*Fighting and Remembering the Great War:*

*Actions, Locations, and Documents of Pennsylvania's Keystone Division in France, 1918*

Eike Reichardt, Lehigh Carbon Community College

*Creating a Dependent Competitor:*

*Explaining the Development of the DCI-AAC Partnership which Created DC Comics*

Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Chair: Thomas Donaldson, Florida Southwestern State College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 8E: Place and Indigenous People**

Meeting Room: Magnolia

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

Emma Posca, York University

*The Enemy of My Enemy:*

*US-Pawnee Relations During the Construction of the Union Pacific Railroad*

Anna Lowe, University of Florida

Chair: Michael Cole, Florida Gulf Coast University

Comment: Audience

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

**Panel 9A: Forging Economic and Cultural Spaces in Florida**

Special Interest Section: Florida History

Meeting Room: Magnolia

*Plantando Bandera/Planting the Flag: Puerto Rican Foodways in Jacksonville, Florida*

Alvaro Aranda Sainz de la Peña, University of North Florida

*Jonestown Remembered: Uncovering the History of Orlando's First Black Neighborhood*

Sarah Boye, University of Central Florida

*¿Cuanto Cuesta? The Human and Environmental Cost of Florida's Agricultural Economy*

Jibranth Español Rincón, University of North Florida

Chair: David Tegeder, Santa Fe College

Comment: Audience

**Panel 9B:** Groundbreaking Studies on Religion and Society  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Cedar

*Rebellious Mormon Women:*

*The ERA and the Progression of Mormon Feminism During the Contemporary Era*  
Adithi Nythruva, The University of Houston

*Escaping the Evil Eye: How a Pagan Superstition Survived Christianization*

Isabella Troccoli, University of Florida

Chair: Tyler Cline, University of Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 9C:** Heritage, Identity, Preservation, and Memory

Meeting Room: Birch

*Inside Lineage Culture:*

*How Overlapping Memberships across Heritage Societies Shape Identity in the DAR*  
Rachel Wall, Flagler College

*Removing Confederate Boundaries:*

*Changing Public Display and Memory in the Southern United States*  
Emma Riquet, University of Florida

*From Wilderness to Welcome Centers:*

*Mission 66 and the Tension Between Preservation and Development in National Parks*  
Mackennah Tarmey, University of North Florida

Chair: Bridget Bihm-Manuel, University of Florida

Comment: Audience

**Panel 9D:** Re-Evaluating Dominant Narratives

Meeting Room: Azalea

*The Queen's Accommodation: Mary Stuart's Deliberate Religious Governance*

Shantelle Clement, University of Central Florida

*A Paulician and A Rebel*

Kristopher Foreman, University of Florida

Chair: Jesse Hingson, Jacksonville University

Comment: Audience

**Panel 9E:** Alternative Sources, Alternative Histories  
Special Interest Section: Undergraduate Research  
Meeting Room: Hickory

*Feminine Fantasy:*

*Etiquette, Hollywood Cinema, and Creating an Idealized American Woman, 1928-1934*  
Samantha Perez, University of Florida

*Re-Imported Sexuality:*

*Orientalism, Heterotopia, and Prostitution in Nineteenth Century French Art*  
Leah Lentz, Eckerd College

*Digital Humanities' Place within Historical Research*

Logan Izzo and Rachel Tait, Florida Gulf Coast University

Chair: David Proctor, Tallahassee State College

Comment: Audience

## **In Memoriam**

### **Michael Epple (1954-2025)**

Dr. Michael Epple lived a life dedicated to education, faith, and family. A lifelong learner and educator, he earned a B.A. in History and Religion from Franklin College in 1982, a Master's in History and Library Science from Indiana University, Bloomington in 1984, and a Ph.D. in American History at the University of Akron in 2001. During the course of education and career, he received several grants, including from the Society of Martin Scholars (2002) and the Florida Gulf Coast University Team Service Award (2006-2007). Between 2003 and 2025, he was a history professor at Florida Gulf Coast University, and he was a long-time attendee at the Florida Conference of Historians. His curriculum vitae is filled with conference presentations and publications as a result of his association with the organization. As his obituary notes, "Michael will be remembered for his unwavering commitment to faith, his contributions to the field of history, and the love he held for his family."

### **Steven MacIsaac (1955-2025)**

Dr. Steven MacIsaac devoted his life to teaching, humanitarian service, and faith, touching the lives of countless students, colleagues, and friends. Steve served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Philippines, an experience that shaped the course of his life. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington and spent many years performing humanitarian work with the Ford Foundation in Vietnam. His academic career included positions at the University of California, Irvine, Whittier College, and Jacksonville University, where he was a tenured professor for 18 years. He served as Treasurer for the Florida Conference of Historians between 2005 and 2011 and as Bishop of the Arlington Ward for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for five years. Steve is survived by his beloved wife, four children, and three grandchildren, who will carry forward his legacy of faith, service, and love.

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