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SEPTEMBER 19

R. FRED LEWIS

Justice of the Florida Supreme Court (Ret.)

The Responsibility for Sustaining Our Republic under the Rule of Law

Branscomb Auditorium



History demonstrates our society is constantly evolving. Changes and pressures often generate issues that challenge our Republic, and may even threaten the institutions designed to protect our fundamental freedoms. These institutions are not self-sustaining. They need attention and care. Our core documents may not expressly set forth specific responsibilities for individual citizens. But if we are to maintain our Republic, constant vigilance and adherence to the Rule of Law are essential.

R. Fred Lewis, Justice of the Florida Supreme Court (Ret.) and 1969 alumnus of Florida Southern College will address these important issues in his opening lecture. He is the new Eminent Professor of Law and Letters at Florida Southern. As Chief Justice in 2006, he created the Justice Teaching Program which has now relocated to FSC. The Justice Teaching Center for Civic Learning is unique in the landscape of civic education, providing a statewide, non-partisan resource for law-focused civic education programs, partnerships, and practices.

The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture honors the memories of Robert and Rose Stahl. Mr. Stahl served more than 30 years as a police officer, including his years as chief of police in North Miami Beach, Florida. The family of Robert and Rose Stahl has generously made these lectures available to Florida Southern College.

OCTOBER 24

ANDREW FRANK

Professor of History, Florida State University

Before the Pioneers: Indians, Settlers, Slaves, and the Founding of Miami

Hollis Room



The North Bank of the Miami River has a rich (but often ignored) 2,000-year history of continuous human occupation, connecting the Tequesta and Seminole Indians, Spanish missionaries, African slaves and white slaveholders, Bahamian wreckers, outlaws, runaways, American soldiers, and others. Ethnohistorian Andrew Frank, who specializes in the history of the Florida Seminoles and the Native South, explains how so-called “pioneers” of the late nineteenth century in Florida—including industrialist Henry Flagler and businesswoman Julia Tuttle—chose the location of modern Miami, in part, because of the legacies of earlier settlers.

Andrew Frank is the Allen Morris Professor of History at Florida State University. He is the author of a number of books, including *Before the Pioneers: Indians, Settlers, Slaves, and the Founding of Miami*, *The Routledge Historical Atlas of the American South*, and *Borderland Narratives: Exploring North America’s Contested Spaces, 1500-1850*.

NOVEMBER 14

MORRIS HYLTON III

*Program Director, Historic Preservation Institute,
College of Design, Construction and Planning,
University of Florida*

Florida's Mid-Century Modern Architecture

Branscomb 202



“Despite their younger age, modern buildings are increasingly being recognized as historically, architecturally and culturally significant,” Morris Hylton III has written. Much like other locations around the country that have capitalized on their Mid-Century Modern architecture, Florida cities are recognizing the value of retaining and revitalizing existing buildings to maintain continuity with the past and to bolster local economies. In his talk, Hylton shines a light on some of Florida’s most important and historic mid-century structures.

Prior to his appointment at the University of Florida, Morris Hylton III practiced architecture and interior design with a preservation focus in New York City. He has taught in the Interior Design Department of the School of Visual Arts, and he was Initiatives Manager for the World Monuments Fund, a New York City-based nonprofit dedicated to conserving endangered cultural heritage sites internationally.

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JANUARY 16

GEORGE S. LEMIEUX

Former U.S. Senator

LAURA E. MIZE

Journalist

Florida Made: The 25 Most Important Figures Who Shaped the State

Hollis Room



Florida is in many ways both the oldest and newest of the megastates. Once an insect-ridden swampland,

it is now a top destination for tourism, business, agriculture and innovation. The influences of a colorful cast of characters—from cultural icons to political heroes, and even a socialist dictator—have transformed the peninsula. Former United States Senator George LeMieux and Florida-based journalist Laura Mize tell the stories of twenty-five trailblazing individuals who have changed the state forever, from a Barbados native who rescued Florida's orange industry after a catastrophic freeze in 1835 to a Florida doctor who developed a precursor to modern air conditioning.

George S. LeMieux, a native Floridian, is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Gunster law firm based in West Palm Beach and founder of the LeMieux Center for Public Policy at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Laura Mize is a Naples-based freelance journalist who has written extensively about Florida business, culture, food, and agriculture.

FEBRUARY 20

GENE ALLEN SMITH

Professor of History, Texas Christian University

George Washington: The Character of a Founding Father

Hollis Room



George Washington, while not a Floridian, was certainly instrumental in our nation's founding. Many myths surround the life of the nation's first President, whose birthday is celebrated as a federal holiday in February. Who was the real George Washington? Historian and author Gene Allen Smith will reveal why Washington's character was essential and indispensable to our nation's beginning.

Gene Allen Smith, who currently serves as Director of the Center for Texas Studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, is a specialist in 19th-century maritime and military history. A native of Alabama, Smith earned his Ph.D. in history from Auburn University in 1991. An expert on early American and naval history, Smith is the author of many books, including *In Harm's Way: A History of the American Military Experience* and *The Slaves' Gamble: Choosing Sides in the War of 1812*. He is editor of the University Press of Florida book series, "Contested Boundaries."

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PROFESSOR WALTER W. MANLEY II, FSC ALUMNUS.

MARCH 18

DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

Professor of History, Rice University

Boys of Pointe du Hoc: Ronald Reagan, D-Day, and the U.S. Army 2nd Ranger Battalion

Branscomb Auditorium



Pointe du Hoc, the 100-foot promontory overlooking the English Channel on the coast of Normandy—where six big German guns were ensconced—was the number one target of U. S. and British warships on D-Day morning. Historian Douglas Brinkley tells the stories of events that occurred four decades apart: from the storming of Normandy on June 6, 1944, when the brave men of the Army 2nd Ranger Battalion took control of the fortified cliff to set in motion the liberation of Europe, to the making of President Ronald Reagan’s historic 1984 speech about that heroic action.

Douglas Brinkley is Professor of History at Rice University, CNN Presidential Historian, and “America’s New Past Master.” His books have covered such subjects as both Roosevelts, the D-Day Invasion, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, the Nixon Tapes, Hurricane Katrina, America’s Conservation Movement, and most recently, JFK and the Space Race. Brinkley’s program will be part of FSC’s commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II.



Flame Lily (*Gloriosa superba*)

THE LAWTON M. CHILES, JR., CENTER FOR FLORIDA HISTORY

Founded in 2001, the Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., Center for Florida History strives to enhance the teaching, study, and writing of Florida history. The center seeks to preserve the state's past through cooperative efforts with historical societies, preservation groups, museums, public programs, media, and interested persons. This unique center, housed in the Sarah D. and L. Kirk McKay, Jr., Archives Center, is a source of continuing information created to increase appreciation for Florida history.

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

The Lawton M. Chiles, Jr., Florida Lecture Series is a forum that brings speakers to the Florida Southern College campus to explore Florida life and culture from a wide range of disciplines, including history, public affairs, law, sociology, criminology, anthropology, literature, and art. The overall objective of the series is to bring members of the community, the faculty, and the student body together to interact with and learn from leading scholars in their fields.

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