

MARCH 25

ROBERT & ROSE STAHL CRIMINAL JUSTICE LECTURE

Randolph Roth,

professor of history, Ohio State University

James M. Denham,

professor of history, Florida Southern College

“Homicide on Florida’s Antebellum Frontier”

Florida’s antebellum frontier was one of the most violent places on earth. Nearly every man, it seemed, was ready to violently defend his honor, protect his property, or exact revenge. Dr. Randolph Roth and Dr. James M. Denham explore some of the motives behind Florida’s extraordinary murder rate in the decades before the Civil War: the government’s lack of credibility and its inability to enforce the law; the Southern penchant for honor; slavery and race; and the way of life on the open frontier. They also seek connections between the state’s bloody past and its present.

Roth, professor of history at Ohio State University, recently published *American Homicide*, an interregional study of homicide from colonial times to the present in an effort to understand how and why the United States has become the world’s most homicidal industrial democracy. He is co-founder of the Historical Violence Database, a collaborative international project to gather data on the history of violent crime and violent death. A popular public speaker and award-winning teacher, Roth received the Ohio Academy of History Distinguished Teaching Award (2007) and the universitywide OSU Alumni Award for Teaching (2009).



Denham, professor of history at Florida Southern and director of the Center for Florida History, has published dozens of articles on Southern and Florida history and four books, including *A Rogue’s Paradise: Crime and Punishment in Antebellum Florida* and *Cracker Times and Pioneer Lives*. He has won the Florida Historical Society’s Arthur W. Thompson Prize and its James J. Horgan Book Prize for *Florida Sheriffs: A History, 1821-1945*.

The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture honors the memory 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.

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FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 10

H.W. Brands,
professor of history,
University of Texas, Austin



“Franklin Roosevelt, Florida, and the South”

Franklin D. Roosevelt’s relationship with Florida was both delicate and dramatic: As president-elect, he was the target of an assassination attempt in Miami. He came to the Sunshine State to rehabilitate after contracting polio. And he worked to keep Southerners, especially those in the Senate, on board even though most of them were skeptical of his New Deal.

Roosevelt’s relationship with Florida and the South, and how it illuminates central themes of his life and presidency, will be the topic of H.W. Brands, one of America’s most popular and best-selling historians. Brands is the Dickson Allen Anderson Centennial Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin. He writes on topics ranging from the California Gold Rush to the Cold War to the Republic of Texas. He has published a number of best-selling books, including two finalists for the Pulitzer Prize: *The First American: The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* and *Traitor to His Class: The Privileged Life and Radical Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt*. *Traitor to His Class* details FDR’s experimentation with the New Deal and his revolutionary efforts to save democracy during the Great Depression and World War II.



OCTOBER 15

Patsy West,
ethnohistorian, Fort Lauderdale

“From Hard Times to Hard Rock: Cultural and Economic Overview of the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes from 1900 to the Present”

A 1930s photograph pictures a Seminole woman in traditional dress poling a canoe through the Tamiami Canal alongside a sign that reads, “Lands To Be Drained.” The sign foreshadows an economic boom that would change everything for Florida’s native tribes, who until then had lived off the land or made a meager living on “display” in tourist attractions where they could sell their crafts.

The photograph is part of the collection of Patsy West, a fourth-generation Florida native and director of the Seminole/Miccosukee Photographic Archive in Fort Lauderdale. The award-winning author of three books and active preservationist is a leading authority on the cultural history of the Seminole and Miccosukee Peoples. Her 1998 book, *The Enduring Seminoles: From Alligator Wrestling to Ecotourism* received awards for best social and ethnographic history from the Florida Historical Society and a certificate of commendation from the American Association of State and Local Historians. The book recently was revised, updated, and republished as *From Alligator Wrestling to Casino Gaming*. She also is the author of *The Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes of Southern Florida*, a visual history that features more than 200 images from the photographic archive.

*Photographs courtesy of Patsy West

NOVEMBER 12

Jeff Baker,
architect, Mesick Cohen Wilson
Baker Architects, Albany, N.Y.



“Discovering and Restoring Frank Lloyd Wright’s Vision for Florida Southern College”

Even frequent visitors to the Florida Southern College campus do not see what Jeff Baker sees when he is here. The lead architect for the College’s restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright buildings, he knows intimately the plans that Wright had for a “great education temple in Florida.” Baker will offer a glimpse into the great architect’s vision for the campus – as well as a look at the spectacular buildings that were left on the drawing table.

A member of the American Institute of Architects, the Society of Architectural Historians, and the Association for Preservation Technology, Baker holds a bachelor of architecture degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has restored dozens of significant American landmark buildings, including some designed by Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville; Benjamin Henry Latrobe’s Pope Villa in Lexington, Ky.; and the Emily Dickinson Museum in Amherst, Mass. Some of his past projects include restoration work at Thomas Jefferson’s home, Monticello; James Madison’s home, Montpelier; and the President’s House at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va. He also has helped restore the New York State Capitol; the Vermont State House; the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum in St. Johnsbury, Vt.; and Richard Morris Hunt’s Ochre Court in Newport, R.I.

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JANUARY 14

Frederick “Fritz” Davis,
associate professor of history,
Florida State University



“The Man Who Saved Sea Turtles: Archie Carr and the Origins of Conservation Biology”

Archie Carr’s legacy is furthered every time a green turtle hatches and survives to maturity. Carr, the world’s authority on the ecology and conservation of sea turtles for most of his distinguished career, was a professor at the University of Florida and a gifted nature writer. His popular books, which chronicled his own studies and adventures, were accessible to even the most science-phobic readers. His studies of the ecology and migration of green turtles are widely credited with helping to save the species from extinction.

An avid and lifelong naturalist, Frederick Davis wrote his thesis about Carr’s work while completing his master’s degree in the history of science at the University of Florida. After completing his Ph.D. at Yale, he returned to studying Carr and wrote his biography, *The Man Who Saved Sea Turtles*. Now associate professor of history at Florida State University, Davis teaches the history of science and medicine and environmental history. He recently received a two-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to complete his second book, *Pesticides and Toxicology: A Century of Environmental Health*, and he is working on a three-year collaborative research grant from the National Science Foundation, which seeks to strengthen graduate education in biology and the history and philosophy of science.



FEBRUARY 25

Dan Warren,
attorney at law, Daytona Beach

“If It Takes All Summer: Martin Luther King, the KKK, and State’s Rights in St. Augustine, 1964”

In the summer of 1964, Dan Warren took on the Ku Klux Klan and won. As special counsel to Gov. Farris Bryant, Warren was charged with quelling racial tensions in St. Augustine. Working diligently with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and local officials, Warren cracked down on Klan violence and pushed integration on reluctant public officials. Ignoring threats from the Klan and political repercussions, Warren proceeded to afford protection for civil rights demonstrators. In 2007, he published *If It Takes all Summer*, an insider’s view to one of America’s most important civil rights struggles, which won the Florida Historical Society’s Harry T. Moore Award.

Warren, a lawyer in Daytona Beach, entered public life in 1961 when Gov. Bryant appointed him the State Attorney. After he resigned from office in 1968, Warren returned to his law practice and spent much of the remainder of his career defending the rights of others, especially minorities. He has written extensively on constitutional rights, especially the First Amendment (free speech and free press), Fourth Amendment (unlawful search and seizure) and Fifth Amendment (self-incrimination). He has received the NAACP Trail Blazer Award and the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Civil Rights Award.

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

In its 14th year, the Florida Lecture Series at Florida Southern College is a forum that brings speakers to the FSC campus to lecture on 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 student body together to interact with and learn from leading scholars in their fields.

All lectures are held at 7 p.m. in the Hollis Room on the Florida Southern College campus in Lakeland and are free and open to the public.

