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SEPTEMBER 3

**EDWARD L. AYERS**

*President Emeritus, University of Richmond*

**From War to Freedom:**  
Reflections on the Civil War

*Branscomb Auditorium*



Celebrated Southern historian Edward L. Ayers reflects on the transformative nature of the American Civil War and its relationship and relevance to the society we live in today.

Professor Ayers brings a lifetime of study to the task as a scholar, public intellectual, and college administrator. Recently retired as the president of the University of Richmond, he is known equally as an astute historian of the Civil War and as an enthusiastic lecturer. He has written or edited 11 books, including the Bancroft Award-winning *In the Presence of Mine Enemies*, a study that explores the Civil War in two communities, and he has directed a groundbreaking digital history project, *The Valley of the Shadow*. Professor Ayers co-hosts *BackStory*, a popular weekly radio show and podcast produced by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. He received the National Endowment for the Humanities Medal from President Barack Obama in 2012, and his books have been finalists for the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

OCTOBER 8

## DREW FULTON

*Conservation Photographer and Filmmaker*

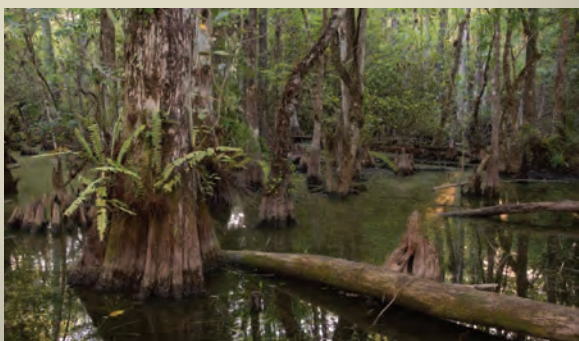
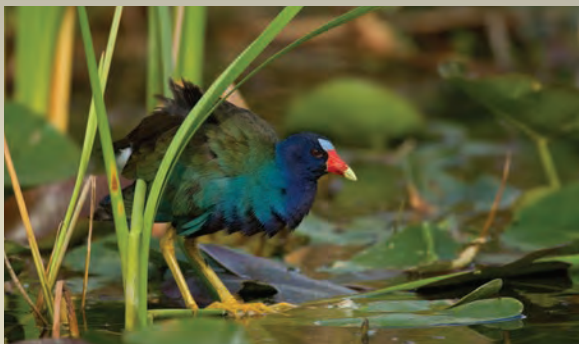
### **Filming Florida:**

A Journey of Filmmaking  
and Photography

*McKay Archives*



Drew Fulton's program, in conjunction with his exhibition in the McKay Archives gallery, is a visual presentation on his most recent work as a Florida conservation photographer and filmmaker. His three-year project, *Filming Florida*, tells the story of Florida's stunning natural landscape and rich biodiversity through a narrative of its inherent beauty, interwoven with tales of the photographer's experiences of discovery and filmmaking. A native Floridian, Mr. Fulton has been the recipient of a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship—which he used to travel throughout Australia searching for and photographing the country's numerous endemic birds—and a National Geographic Young Explorer grant to create an educational multimedia project about the cloud forests of Monteverde, Costa Rica, estimated to house 2.5 percent of the world's biodiversity. He has now turned his artistic attention back to the abundant natural beauty of his native state.



NOVEMBER 5

## SANDRA PARKS

*Educator and Writer*

### **Stetson Kennedy:** Folklorist, Journalist, Activist

*Hollis Room*



Sandra Parks, the widow of crusading journalist, human rights activist, and folklorist Stetson Kennedy (1916-2011) focuses on her late husband's life and work. Kennedy is most known for compiling folklore in the 1930s and his infamous infiltration of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1950s. Throughout his life, Kennedy crossed paths with notable figures such as Zora Neale Hurston, Woody Guthrie, Studs Terkel, and Erskine Caldwell, among others. Ms. Parks discusses these encounters while shedding light on some of the lesser-known exploits of this remarkable Floridian. Ms. Parks earned her master's degree in curriculum at the University of South Florida and completed advanced studies in education at Harvard. She serves as a curriculum and professional development consultant on teaching critical thinking, traveling annually to present workshops at universities and school districts across the country. She also is the owner of Anastasia Books and a former city commissioner of St. Augustine.



JANUARY 14

**J. MICHAEL FRANCIS**

*Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies  
and Professor of History,  
University of South Florida at St. Petersburg*

**Before Jamestown:**

Europeans, Africans, and Indians  
in La Florida, 1513–1607

*Hollis Room*



By the time the English landed on Virginia's shores, the Spanish had explored vast tracts of North America and by 1565 had founded America's oldest permanent settlement at St.

Augustine. Professor J. Michael Francis, an expert on the Spanish colonial experience in Florida, examines this largely unknown period of Colonial America, including the relations between native peoples and newcomers. A native of Canada, he received his Ph.D. from Cambridge University. He is a distinguished scholar recognized with more than two dozen honors, including stints as a research fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and the Library of Congress. His most recent book, *St. Augustine: America's First City: A Story of Unbroken History and Enduring Spirit*, was written in commemoration of the 450th anniversary of America's oldest city.

THIS LECTURE IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY  
**PROFESSOR WALTER W. MANLEY II, FSC ALUMNUS.**

FEBRUARY 18

## NATHANIEL MILLETT

*Professor of History, Saint Louis University*

### The Maroons of Prospect Bluff and Their Quest for Freedom in the Atlantic World

*Hollis Room*



During the War of 1812, Edward Nicolls of the Royal Marines armed ex-slaves, known as “maroons,” and members of the Red Stick Creek and Seminole tribes

to fight alongside the British from a fort erected at Prospect Bluff in the Florida Panhandle. This fort became the largest maroon community ever to emerge in North America and existed until its destruction by American forces in 1815. A highly regarded historian of the Atlantic World and Borderlands of colonial and revolutionary Anglo and Spanish North America, Professor Nathaniel Millett examines how the Prospect Bluff maroons constructed their freedom, shedding light on the extent and limits of their fight to claim their rights and emphasizing the opportunity offered by Prospect Bluff to examine black consciousness during the era of slavery. Prof. Millett holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Edinburgh and a Ph.D. from Cambridge University. His book, *The Maroons of Prospect Bluff* (2013), is the winner of four awards, including Florida Book Award for Nonfiction (Bronze) and the Florida Historical Society’s Rembert Patrick Book Award.



MARCH 3

**BOB H. LEE**

*Writer*

## **Backcountry Lawman:**

True Stories from a  
Florida Game Warden

*Hollis Room*



Bob Lee's 30-plus years as a game warden on Florida's St. Johns River were filled with excitement, mayhem, and sometimes danger. He has lived

through incidents of legend, including one of the biggest environmental busts in Florida history. He reveals in fascinating detail the danger and the humor in the unsung exploits of game wardens in one of the nation's most environmentally diverse states. Lee is the author of the highly acclaimed *Backcountry Lawman: True Stories from a Florida Game Warden*, an autobiographical account of his life as a game warden published by the University Press of Florida. *Backcountry Lawman* won the Florida Outdoor Writers Association 2014 Excellence-in-Craft Award for best outdoor book. Currently retired in Welaka, Florida, Lee enjoys bow fishing and serves as instructor in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's man-tracking program.

*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.*

## **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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### **ON THE COVER**

*Small American Alligator*  
Drew Fulton

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