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"Lady Luck and the Jack of Hearts: Gambling in Antebellum Florida," Florida
Historical Society, Daytona Beach, May 23, 1996.

"Bringing Justice to the Frontier: Lawyers, Courts, and Crime, and Punishment in
Antebellum Hillsborough County," Hillsborough County Bar Association,
Tampa, March 19, 1996.

"Cracker Florida," Humanities Lecture Series at the Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida, January 15, 1996.

"Frontier Florida: Highlands County's Cattle Heritage," Highlands County Economic Development Council, Annual Industry Appreciation Banquet, Avon Park, Florida, September 18, 1996

"Territorial Florida: The Land and its People, 1821-1845," A Sesquicentennial Symposium sponsored by the Citrus County Historical Society, Lecanto, Florida, October 7, 1995.

"The Trials and Tribulations of Antebellum Lawmen in Florida," Florida Historical Society, Fort Myers, May 19, 1994.

Florida Humanities Council (Speakers Bureau), 1993-1994

"Who are the Crackers?"

"Osceola and the Second Seminole War"

"'Cussed Rogues and Double-Dyed Scoundrels': Catching
"Criminals on Florida's Antebellum Frontier"

"The Florida Cracker in the Early Nineteenth Century," Popular Culture Association in the South, Nashville, Tennessee, October 14, 1993.

"Crime and Punishment in Antebellum Florida," Florida Historical Society, Pensacola, May 21, 1993.

"'Apprehending the Double-Dyed Scoundrel': Catching and Extraditing the Criminal in the Old South -- the Experience in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina," Institute For Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, February 7, 1991.

"'They Live[d] the Most Undesirable Lives': The Florida Cracker in the Early Nineteenth Century," Florida Historical Society, Orlando, Florida, May 1991.

CONSULTANT/ADVISOR/GRANTS

Consultant, National Digital Newspaper Project, 2013-
(Grant obtained by the University of Florida from the National Endowment of the Humanities and the Library of Congress to select historical newspapers to digitize)

Consultant, Tenth Judicial Circuit of Florida Historical Project, 2012-

Consultant, Created Equal—America's Struggle for Civil Rights, 2013-2014
(Grant Obtained by the Plant City Photo Archives from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History)

Editorial Board, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, 2002-

Editorial Board, *Tampa Bay History*, 2006-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University of Alabama Press, 2013-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University of Georgia Press, 2010-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University of Illinois Press, 2002-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University Press of Florida, 2002-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University of South Carolina Press, 2000-

Book Manuscript Evaluator, Louisiana State University Press

Book Manuscript Evaluator, University of Virginia Press, 2013

Journal Manuscript Evaluator, *Florida Historical Quarterly*

Journal Manuscript Evaluator, *Journal of Southern History*

Journal Manuscript Evaluator, *American Nineteenth Century History*

Journal Manuscript Evaluator, *Tampa Bay History*

Consultant, Oral History Project, “Decades of Change: Black and White Residents of Avon Remember the Mid-20th Century,” Avon Park Historical Society and South Florida Community College, 2008-2010.

Consultant, “Teaching American History with a Florida Flavor,” Polk County School System, Teaching American History Grant, U. S. Department of Education, 2002-05

Participating Scholar, Advisory Committee, and Panelist for Photo Exhibition, “Swamp Cabbage: An Exploration of Cracker Culture in a Fast Food Nation,” Florida Humanities Council Grant, 2004-2005. Contributed an essay to the exhibition publication, *Swamp Cabbage*, (Miami, FL, 2005).

Participating Scholar, Advisory Committee and Panelist, “Catfish, Moonshine and Cattle on the Peavine: Survival on Florida’s Last Frontier” traveling Exhibit developed by the Museum of Florida Art and Culture, South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida, 2004-2006. Contributed an essay in exhibition publication, “Catfish, Cattle, and Moonshine,” in *Catfish, Moonshine, Cattle on the Peavine: Surviving on Florida’s Last*

Frontier (Avon Park: South Florida Community College Museum of Florida Art and Culture, 2006), 5-10.

Advisory Board, *Annual Editions: Western Civilization, vol. 2; Annual Editions: American History*, vol. 1; Guilford, Conn.: McGraw-Hill/Duskin, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 editions.

Organizer and Presiding Scholar with Canter Brown and Larry Rivers, Symposium on Celebration of African American Heritage in Florida, Bartow, Florida, February 2, 2001 and February 1-2, 2002, January 31-Feb 2, 2003, February 13-14, 2004.

Consultant, "Curious Coalitions and Parallel Lives," An Exploration of Race Relations in Bartow, Florida in History." Florida Humanities Council sponsored initiative linking two organizations (traditionally white Polk County Historical Association and one traditionally black, the Bartow Neighborhood Improvement Corp.) to hold a series of public forums on race relations in Bartow through history, 1999-2000.

Consultant, Lakeland Ledger's "Fifty Greatest Floridians of the 20th Century," published as *The 50 Most Important Floridians of the 20th Century* (Lakeland, March 1, 1998).

Advisor, "African-Americans in Polk County," History Exhibit, Polk County Historical Museum, March, 2000-2002.

DOCUMENTARIES/RADIO/TELEVISION INTERVIEWS:

Perspectives: "Florida Governor William P. DuVal," WFSU Radio, March 3, 2016.

<http://news.wfsu.org/post/perspectives-florida-governor-william-p-duval>

"Florida's Population Increase," Interview on *Florida Matters*, WUSF Radio, April 2, 2014

http://www.wusf.usf.edu/news/program/florida_matters/episode/2014-04/florida_matters_floridas_population_increase

"Uncovering Florida's Violent Legacy," March 25, 2010, Broadcast on *Florida Frontiers*, aired on various Florida NPR stations statewide.

<https://myfloridahistory.org/frontiers/radio/program/58>

“A Tale of Two Sisters: They Moved to Florida on the Eve of Florida’s Bloodiest Seminole War.” WQCS—Indian River State College, April 2, 2010—Interview broadcast on other PBS stations statewide

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wqcs/jukebox?action=viewMedia&mediaId=893986>

“Florida’s Boom and Bust Economies,” Interview on *Florida Matters*, WUSF Radio, February 4, 2009.

http://www.wusf.usf.edu/news/program/florida_matters/episode/2009-02/the_economy

Commentator, “The Role of the Clerk,” a DVD produced for the Florida Clerks of Court, (Tallahassee: Ron Sachs Communication, 2007)

Commentator, “Cracker Country: Songs, Stories, and Interviews about the Wild Folks who Tamed Florida.” CD Produced by the Florida Humanities Council, 2006.

“A Questions of Honor” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, July 2007.

https://floridahumanities.org/audio_archive/bertram-wyatt-brown-a-question-of-honor/

“Florida Women in the Civil War,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, October 2005.

<https://myfloridahistory.org/frontiers/radio/program/64>

“Ashley Gang,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, January 2005.

“Florida’s Cracker Culture,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, February 2005.

“Echoes from a Distant Frontier,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, January 2005

“Florida Sheriffs: A History,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, January 8, 2002.

“Cracker Times and Pioneer Lives,” Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida November 17, 2000.

Consultant/Commentator, "A Common Path: Florida's Peoples, Culture and Immigration," Documentary produced by Alan Lipke/Reality Works, 2000.

Consultant/Commentator, "The Struggle for Paradise: Five Hundred Years in Florida," video taping for PBS--Florida Public Television, Ocala, Florida, June 12, 1999.

"Polk County in the Civil War," video taping for Polk County Public Schools, Bartow, Florida, November 23, 1998.

"Rogue's Paradise," Television Interview broadcast on Hillsborough County Public Access Channel, "Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, May 14, 1997.

"Crime and Punishment in Antebellum Florida," Florida Humanities Council Radio Interview, broadcast on selected NPR stations in Florida, September 8, 1997.

https://floridahumanities.org/?post_type=audio_archive&s=Denham

"Cracker Women and Their Families," Television interview broadcast on Hillsborough County Public Access Channel Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa, October 9, 1997.

"Cracker Tales," NPR--WUSF Radio Interview, December 1, 1996

https://floridahumanities.org/?post_type=audio_archive&s=cracker

"Traditional Florida Thanksgivings," NPR--WUSF Radio Interview, November 27, 1996.

"Lawton Chiles, Florida's Past, and the 1994 Governor's Election," NPR--WUSF Radio Interview, November 2, 1994.

"Cracker Western," NPR—WUSF Radio Interview, January 1, 1994.

https://floridahumanities.org/audio_archive/cracker-western/

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, OFFICERSHIPS AND MEMBERSHIPS

President, Florida Conference of Historians, 2014-2016

Florida State Historical Marker Review Board, 2005-2006

Polk County Historical Commission, 2002-2007, Chair, 2005-2007

Board of Directors, Polk County Historical Association, 1995-2008

Vice President (2001-2005), President 2005-2007

President, Historic Lakeland Incorporated, 2001; Board of Directors, 1997-

Board of Directors, Florida Historical Society, 1995-1997

Summer Faculty Development Grant, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2004

Other Memberships:

Member, Southern Historical Association, 1985-

Member, Society of Civil War Historians 1997-

Member, Georgia Historical Society 1997-

Member, Association of Documentary Editing 1997-
Member, Mandarin, Florida, Historical Society, 2000-
Member, Society of Florida Archivists

FELLOWSHIPS/SUMMER INSTITUTES/AFFILIATIONS

Investigator, Historical Violence Database: A Collaborative Research Project on the History of Violent Crime and Violent Death, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Participant, "Slavery: Scholarship and Public History," Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, Columbia University, New York, August, 2004

Participant, Jessie Ball duPont Summer Seminar for Liberal Arts College Teachers, "Constructing America: Cross-Cultural Passages to a New Life," National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, June 1-24, 2000.

NEH Summer Institute, "The Civil Rights Movement, History and Consequences," Harvard University, 1999.

Summer Fellow, Institute for Historical Editing, University of Wisconsin/National Historical Publications and Records Commission, 1997.

Fellow, C-SPAN in the Classroom, Seminar for College Professors, Washington, D. C., August 14-15, 1997.

Fellow, Grady McWhiney Research Foundation, 1997-

Summer Fellow, Military History Program, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1993.

Summer Fellow, Institute For Southern Studies, University of South Carolina, 1990

FACULTY SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

Director, Lawton Chiles Center for Florida History, 2001-
Sabbatical Leave, Spring Semester, 2000, Spring Semester, 2008
Faculty Senate, 1997-1998.

Faculty Professional Interests Committee, 1999-2002, 2007-2010

Tenure Review Committee, 2011-2015

Summer Faculty, Harlaxton College, Grantham, England, 1995, 1999, 2007

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Rembert Patrick Book Award, Florida Historical Society, for *Fifty Years of Justice*, 2016
Named Distinguished Author by the Board of Trustees of the Florida House in
Washington, D. C., 2016
Awarded Tenure, 2011.
Preservationist of the Year, City of Lakeland, 2005
James J. Horgan Book Award, Florida Historical Society, for *Florida Sheriffs*, 2002.
Arthur Thompson Prize, Florida Historical Society, 1992.
Fullerton Merit Award, 1991.
Governor's Distinguished Professor Award, 1990.
Limestone College Nominee, Professor of the Year for State of South Carolina, 1990.

BOOK-LENGTH WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Lawton Chiles” (continuing study)

"Charles E. Hawkins: A Biography of a Sailor of Three Republics" (continuing study)