

MARCH 10

Steven Noll,
senior lecturer in history,
University of Florida and



David Tegeder,
associate professor of history,
Santa Fe College



“Ditch of Dreams: The Cross-Florida Barge Canal and the Struggle for Florida’s Future”

For centuries, men dreamed of cutting a canal across the Florida peninsula. Intended to reduce shipping times, it was championed in the early 20th century as a way to make the mostly rural state a center of national commerce and trade. With federal funding, work on the Cross Florida Barge Canal began in the 1930s, but the canal quickly became a lightning rod for controversy, and pressure from environmental citizen activists forced it to a halt in 1971. Steven Noll and David Tegeder tell the complex story of competing interests amid the changing political landscape of modern Florida in their book, *The Ditch of Dreams*, which received the Florida Historical Society’s 2010 Rembert Patrick Award for a scholarly book on a Florida history topic.

Noll holds a Ph.D. in American history from the University of Florida, an M.A. and M.Ed. from the University of Florida, and a B.A. from the College of William and Mary. Prior to *The Ditch of Dreams*, he published two other books, *Mental Retardation in America* and *Feeble Minded in our Midst*, and numerous articles.

Tegeder holds a Ph.D. in U.S. Southern history and M.A. in U.S. history from the University of Florida, and a B.A. from the University of Central Florida. His research interests include the history of Southern race and labor relations and environmental history, and he has published and presented widely on these topics.

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SEPTEMBER 24

Douglas Brinkley,
professor of history, Rice University



“Saving Wild Florida: From John James Audubon to Barack Obama”

What would Roosevelt think? That’s the question being posed by presidential historian Douglas Brinkley, who in 2009 published *Wilderness Warrior*, a biography that focuses on Theodore Roosevelt’s pioneering crusade to create national parks and preserve environmental havens such as the Everglades. President Roosevelt, an avid bird-watcher, naturalist, and founding father of America’s conservation movement, camped and fished along the very Gulf Coast that is now struggling with the after-effects of the April 20 Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Brinkley, dubbed by *The Chicago Tribune* as “America’s new past master,” is a professor of history at Rice University and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*. A prolific and widely acclaimed author, six of his books have been selected as New York Times Notable Books of the Year, and his 2007 book *The Great Deluge*, the story of Hurricane Katrina, won the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award. This summer he published *Witness to America*, a newly updated collection of 150 first-hand accounts of American history from the Revolutionary War to present. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Ohio State University, and a master’s and Ph.D. from Georgetown University.



OCTOBER 14

Carlton Ward, Jr.,
photographer

“Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier”

Carlton Ward, Jr., knows the lay of the land. An eighth-generation Floridian from a pioneering ranching family, Ward has built a career out of capturing images of natural Florida to call attention to conservation issues in the state. Most recently, he has documented Florida’s ranches and the people who work on them for his book, *Florida Cowboys: Keepers of the Last Frontier*.

An ecologist by training, he wrote *Conservation Photography*, the first thesis on the emerging field, while he was in graduate school. His first book, *The Edge of Africa*, grew out of a three-year project with the Smithsonian Institution and received international acclaim. Ward regularly produces stories for newspapers and magazines, including *Smithsonian*, *GEO*, *National Wildlife*, *Africa Geographic*, *Nature Conservancy*, and *Outdoor Photographer*. Between international assignments, he is focused on Florida conservation issues and has begun several long-term projects celebrating the state’s vanishing natural heritage. He is a founding member of the International League of Conservation Photographers and founded the Legacy Institute for Nature & Culture in 2004 to promote Florida conservation through science and art.

NOVEMBER 4

Dale Gyure,
associate professor of architecture,
Lawrence Technological University



“Frank Lloyd Wright and Florida Southern College”

Florida Southern College is one of the most interesting and autobiographical designs ever produced by America’s most renowned architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. In creating this remarkable ensemble of buildings – the world’s largest single-site collection of Mr. Wright’s work – he drew upon his interest in nature, his progressive education, and his passionate belief in democracy. The result is a unique and unified vision of modern, Floridian architecture.

Dale Allen Gyure, an architectural historian, has written the first in-depth study of Mr. Wright’s only campus, *Frank Lloyd Wright’s Florida Southern College*, which publishes in October 2010. Gyure teaches architectural history at Lawrence Technological University and historic preservation at Goucher College. His research focuses on American architecture of the 19th and 20th centuries, particularly the intersections of architecture, education, and society, and his work has been widely published. Before earning his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia, Gyure practiced law in Tampa. In 2000, he received the Carter Manny Award for the year’s best dissertation in architectural history. His second book, *The Chicago Schoolhouse, 1856-2006: High School Architecture and Educational Reform*, will publish in 2011.

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JANUARY 13*

Gary Noesner,
retired FBI negotiator



“Calm, Creative Communications in Crisis: My Life as an FBI Hostage Negotiator”

Gary Noesner’s world is hard to imagine for most of us. In 30 years with the FBI, the last 10 as chief of its Crisis Negotiation Unit, Critical Incident Response Group, he led law enforcement’s response to prison riots, right-wing militia standoffs, religious zealot sieges, terrorist embassy takeovers, airplane hijackings, and overseas kidnappings involving American citizens.

In September 2010, he publishes *Stalling for Time*, a memoir about his involvement in some of the nation’s most high-profile FBI cases from the last three decades, including the hijacking of the Achille Lauro cruise ship; the Branch Davidian siege in Waco, Texas; and the Washington, D.C., sniper case. Noesner grew up in Florida and graduated from Florida Southern College before going to Quantico to pursue his dream of becoming an FBI agent. He retired from the FBI in 2003 and since has served as a senior vice president with Control Risks, an international risk consultant. He has appeared on television documentaries produced by A&E, the History Channel, Discovery, TLC, and National Geographic. He is the founder of the National Council of Negotiation Associations.

***ROBERT & ROSE STAHL CRIMINAL JUSTICE LECTURE**

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.



FEBRUARY 10

Canter Brown, Jr.,
executive vice president and chief legal
officer, Fort Valley (Ga.) State University



“I Can’t Believe All That Happened in Polk County! Are You Sure?”

On the occasion of Polk County’s 150th anniversary, native son Canter Brown, Jr., will tell tales of some of the extraordinary people, events, and things in the county’s history. He promises to name some of the county’s more colorful saints and scoundrels while underscoring the diversity of Polk’s experience. Without a doubt, his hometown of Fort Meade will come into play, too.

One of Florida’s leading historians, Brown holds a B.A., J.D., and Ph.D. from Florida State University. He has written extensively on Florida and Southern history, including 10 books. Two titles were widely praised: *Florida’s Peace River Frontier* earned him the Florida Historical Society’s Rembert W. Patrick Award, and *Ossian Bingley Hart: Florida’s Loyalist Reconstruction Governor* was given a Certificate of Commendation by the American Association of State and Local History. He has written a two-volume history of Polk County: *In the Midst of All That Makes Life Worth Living: Polk County to 1940* and *None Could Have Richer Memories: Polk County Since 1940*.

ABOUT THE LECTURE SERIES

In its 15th 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.