



2017-18 Florida Humanities Speaker Series

Refreshments at 9:30 a.m.; Program 10-11 a.m.

Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building

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Ormond Beach Historical Society

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FREE ADMISSION

September 30, 2017– *The Grand Dames: Historic Hotels of Florida**

Florida's sands, sun and laid-back lifestyle have attracted hoteliers for ages. These fabled hotels of yesteryear all still welcoming guests. Take a modern day tour and learn the fascinating stories of these historic luxury hotels from around the state with **James "Zach" Zacharias**, Senior Curator of Education and Curator of History at MOAS.

October 21, 2017 – *Flagler County: A Centennial History* *

Come along as we trace the 100 year journey of Flagler County from a sparsely populated rural and coastal region to one of the fastest growing areas in the US. Author **Randy Jaye** will discuss many historic places and fascinating stories that will unlock mysteries of this area's long history.

October 28, 2017 – *Weeki Wachee: City of Mermaids*

When Newt Perry sank a theater into Weeki Wachee Spring in 1947 and filled the water with mermaids, he probably had no idea that they would become world famous. Using vintage photos and videos, author **Lu Vickers** will show how Perry developed his underwater dream at Silver Springs and Wakulla before founding Weeki Wachee.

November 18, 2017- *Hurricane!*

How these amazing but devastating weather machines work and have affected Florida, focusing on recent storms and on the great 1928 storm, the second-deadliest disaster in U.S. history, and subject of journalist **Eliot Kleinberg's** award-winning book *Black Cloud*.

January 27, 2018 – *Lighthouses of the Sunshine State*

From St. Augustine's 16th century signal towers to an inland lighthouse in Lake George, Florida's lighthouses have been a source of curiosity, folklore and refuge. Marine Archaeologist **Brendan Burke** follows the rich tradition of Florida's lighthouses and shares stories from our legacy of lighting the coast.

February 24, 2018 – *Liberia and Sudan: The African-American Community in Ormond Beach**

Join **Cathy Lee Curry**, President of Oakridge Cemetery, as she shares the history of the founding communities of Liberia and Sudan, established by African-Americans in Ormond Beach in the 1880s and 1890s with Granada Boulevard as their border.

March 31, 2018 – *Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment*

Using engaging historic postcards, photos and a lively presentation, **Dr. Peggy Macdonald**, Director of the Matheson History Museum in Gainesville, blends Florida, women's and environmental history to provide audiences with an inspirational message about the power a small group of committed citizens has to defend Florida's environment.

April 28, 2018 – *Blue Revolution: A Water Ethic for Florida*

Florida's economy and lifestyle are built on a foundation of pure and plentiful water. In her uplifting program, journalist **Cynthia Barnett** shows us how one of the most water-rich states in the nation could come to face water scarcity and quality woes – and how it doesn't have to be this way.

May 26, 2018 – *The Legacy of Franklin Roosevelt's WPA in Florida*

The Works Progress Administration, one of FDR's most wide-ranging, yet controversial programs, provided much needed work during the Great Depression. **David Schmidt**, Curator of the Florida Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, reviews the WPA and still existing projects in Florida.

June 23, 2018 – *Discover West Volusia History along the St. John's River**

Follow along with authors and historians **Ron and Alice Howell**, as they meander up the St. Johns River in the late 1800s, when steamboats were still king, visiting historic cities and meeting fascinating pioneers along the way.

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