



# Florida Humanities Speaker Series

## February – June 2019 Florida Humanities Speaker Series

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

Historic Anderson-Price Memorial Building

42 N. Beach St., Ormond Beach

### Ormond Beach Historical Society

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### FREE ADMISSION

#### Feb. 23, 2019 - *The African Diaspora Experience in Florida*

Florida has a relationship with African descendants unlike any other state. Throughout each period of Florida history there is a significant presence of the African Diaspora. **Dr. Anthony Dixon**, B-CU, discusses this relationship by utilizing both broad and specific topics from 1513 to the present.

#### March 23, 2019 – *From Colored to Black: The Stories of North Central Florida*

Listen and learn as we present a special play based on over eighty years of Oral Histories of African Americans from North Central Florida, encompassing stories from the St. Augustine Civil Rights Movement, the resettlement of Rosewood, Gainesville's Old Lincoln High School, and more. This unique theatrical experience provides the foundation for critical dialogue around Black history and identity.

#### March 30, 2019- *Making Chief Osceola: The Abolitionists and the Rise of an American Myth*

**Dr. Andrew Frank**, FSU, explores how Osceola became a national phenomenon after his death. We learn how he is remembered and misremembered. Special attention is paid to the role of anti-war and abolitionist activists in promoting and fabricating a series of enduring myths about him.

#### April 27, 2019 - *U-Boats So Close to Home: An American Family's World War II Story of Survival*

**Michael J. Tougias**, NY Times bestselling author, offers a dramatic presentation based on his co-authored book *So Close to Home*. He will use slides of the attack by the first U-boat to enter the Gulf of Mexico, the survivors, and the rescue to make this an edge-of-your seat multi-media program.

#### May 25, 2019 – *Blanche Ames: Artist, Activist, Inventor* \*

Join us as **Charley DuToit** shares the life of Ormond Beach's, Blanche Ames (1878-1969). Remembered for superb drawings of orchids collected with her husband, botanist Oakes Ames, she also expressed belief in women's equality through her art, words and actions. She published political cartoons for suffrage, authored a biography of her father, Gen. Adelbert Ames of Ormond Beach, and patented a variety of inventions.

#### June 22, 2019 - *Air Mail and Early Aviation in Volusia-Flagler Counties* \*

Explore pioneering aviators, including Charles K. Hamilton and Ruth Law, who flew from the white sand beaches of Ormond and Daytona, with author **Tom Duncan**. Hear how the advent of contract air mail service along the Florida East Coast spurred local aviation development beyond the existing natural and makeshift landing fields.

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