

Florida Humanities Speakers Directory



Engaging Speakers



Compelling Topics



Thought-provoking
Discussions



Caren Neile

Storyteller, Scholar, Author

Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., MFA, has taught storytelling studies at Florida Atlantic University since 2001. A Fulbright Senior Specialist, she has performed and lectured in six countries and ten states. She has published five books, including *Only in Florida* and *Florida Lore*, both through the History Press, and appears weekly as co-host of the South Florida public radio segment *The Public Storyteller*. Dr. Neile is the past chair of the National Storytelling Network and a co-founder of the academic journal *Storytelling, Self, Society*, published by Wayne State Press.

Programs Available

Only in Florida! Your Story, Yourself

Florida history isn't something that just happens to other people. Based in part on Dr. Neile's book *Only in Florida* (History Press), you will learn how to tell your own story and that of your family, in workshop or performance/lecture format, or as part of a friendly competition.

Short Takes: A Grab Bag of Old Florida Stories

From the Ghost of Bellamy Bridge to the Ashley Gang, Florida history is brimming with fascinating characters and memorable events. Enjoy lively interpretations of some of the better-known Florida tales of lovers, criminals, and celebrities, as well as others you might not have encountered. Stories performed are based on Dr. Neile's book *Florida Lore* (History Press).

Your Florida Story, Made to Order

Care to host a professional performance of the story of your town? Is there a person, event or group you want to honor? Simply provide the material and sit back while a veteran storyteller/scholar does the rest, creating and performing a show for your community to keep and treasure.

The Story of Olive

Olive Chapman Lauther came to South Florida as a child in the late 19th century. Her story, which includes swimming with baby alligators and feasting on wild pigs for Thanksgiving dinner, was captured in her engaging 1963 book *The Lonesome Road*. Olive's experience comes to life—complete with “flying” bugs—in this lively and informative performance of her delightful and unusual early life and the birth of a remarkable city: Delray Beach.

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Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

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