

# Florida Humanities Speakers Directory



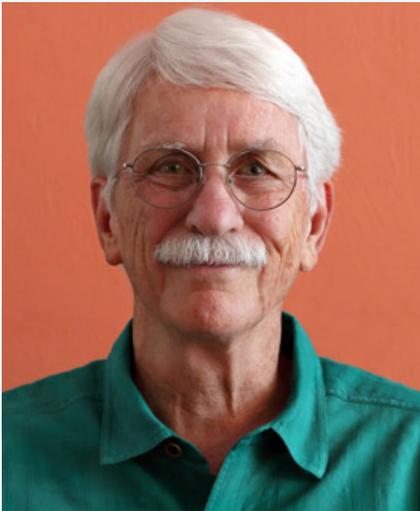
Engaging Speakers



Compelling Topics



Thought-provoking  
Discussions



## Bob Stone

*Photographer, Folklorist*

Bob Stone is an independent folklorist and media-producer based in Gainesville. In 2011, the Florida Department of State honored him with the Florida Folk Heritage Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a lifelong advocate of the folk arts and folk artists of Florida. He conducted extensive field documentation and served as co-curator for the large travelling exhibition Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition, which has been viewed by more than 520,000 visitors from Florida to Nevada. He edited the exhibition catalog, which was published in February 2013 by the Florida Cattlemen's Foundation. His documentary photos have been shown in numerous exhibitions and published in Newsweek, The New York Times, Forum, Wooden Boat and other print media. He is the author of Sacred Steel: Inside an African American Steel Guitar Tradition, University of Illinois Press, 2010.

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### Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

## Programs Available

### Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition

Exploring and celebrating the history and culture of the nation's oldest cattle ranching state. Few realize that cattle first came to the United States through Florida, introduced by Juan Ponce de Leon in 1521. See and hear all aspects of Florida cattle ranching traditions, including Cracker cow-whips and unique ranch gate designs, swamp cabbage and other foodways, cowboy church and Cracker cowboy funerals, Seminole ranching past and present, occupational skills such as roping and branding, the vibrant rodeo culture, side-splitting cowboy poetry, feisty cow-dogs, and much more.

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