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James Abraham

Editor and Publisher

- Bloody Streets and Crooked Lines: 100 Years of Black Voter Suppression in Florida
- The Fighting Baileys: Florida’s Black Military Experience

Vincent Adejumo

Senior Lecturer of African American Studies, University of Florida

- Black Nationalism in Florida
- The Destruction of Rosewood
- The Ocoee Florida Massacre

Carrie Sue Ayvar

Storyteller

- Stories of Florida—Con Sabor!
- More Than Orange Blossoms: Feisty, Fabulous Females of Florida
- Walking the Florida Lands and Sands: Meeting Florida Folk through Their Tales and Lore

Uzi Baram

Professor of Anthropology, New College of Florida

- The Historical Archaeology of the Sunshine State
- What Kind of Ancestors Do You Want to Be?: Sea Level Rise and Heritage Sites in Florida

Cynthia Barnett

Environmental Author and Journalist, University of Florida

- Rain: A History for Stormy Times
- State of Water, State of Mind
- The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of Oceans

Martha Bireda

Director, Blanchard House Museum

- African and African-American Contributions to American Culture

J. Michael Butler

Kenan Distinguished Professor of History, Flagler College

- The Civil Rights Movement in Florida
- The Magnificent Drama: Martin Luther King in Saint Augustine
- St. Augustine’s Confederate Monument: Myth, Memory, and Contextualization

John Capouya

Author and Professor

- Florida’s Got Soul!
- Respect: Soul Music and the Civil Rights Movement

Jim Clark

Senior Lecturer, University of Central Florida

- The Hidden History of Florida
- Presidents in Florida
- Writers in Paradise

Cori Convertito

Lead Historian, Florida Keys History Center

- Key West Hand Print Fabrics: An Island Industry
- Henry Flagler: Florida Visionary
- Key West’s Black History

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*President, Archival and Historical Research Associates*  
- The African Diaspora Experience in Florida  
- Florida Maroons and Black Seminole Society

Annette Fromm  
*Consulting Curator*  
- Seminole Portraits: Reflections Across Time

David Head  
*Historian and Author, University of Central Florida*  
- Pirates, Privateers, and the Fall of Spain's Empire: How Spanish American Independence Brought Florida to the United States

Tameka Hobbs  
*Historian and Antiracist Educator*  
- Strange Fruit in Florida: Racial Violence in the Sunshine State

Chris Kahl  
*Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller*  
- A Musical Journey Through Florida

Rodney Kite-Powell  
*Historian, Tampa Bay History Center*  
- Charting the Land of Flowers: 500 Years of Florida Maps  
- Outpost to Statehood: The Florida Territory

Eliot Kleinberg  
*Author and Journalist*  
- Weird Florida  
- War in Paradise: World War II in Florida

Magdalena Lamarre  
*Educator and Scholar*  
- Afro-Caribbean Migration to Florida  
- Southern Road to Freedom: Florida's Underground Railroad  
- Female Superheroes: What Are Their Real Powers?

Panayotis League  
*Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology, Florida State University*  
- Zora Neale Hurston: The Founding Mother of American Musicology  
- Golden Harvest: The Music and Traditions of the Greek Spongers of Tarpon Springs

Victoria Machado  
*Scholar and Educator, Rollins College*  
- Sacred Waters: Exploring the Protection of Florida’s Fluid Landscapes

Gary McKechnie  
*Speaker, Travel Writer and Author*  
- Sunshine State Soundtrack: The Famous Musicians of Florida  
- What in the World? How Walt Created Disney World

Gary Mormino  
*Historian, University of South Florida*  
- Florida’s Turbulent Decade, 2000-2010

Eliot Kleinberg  
*Author and Journalist*  
- Weird Florida  
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Caren Neile  
*Educator and Storyteller, Florida Atlantic University*  
- Florida Lore  
- Only in Florida: Our Stories, Our Selves

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Steve Noll  
**Master Lecturer, University of Florida Department of History**  
- Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal  
- Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: Florida’s Transportation History  
- Florida and Water: A Historical Perspective

Craig Pittman  
**Writer and Author**  
- Cat Tale: The Wild, Weird Battle to Save the Florida Panther  
- Oh, Florida! How America’s Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country  
- The State You’re In: Florida Men, Florida Women, and Other Wildlife

David Powell  
**Author**  
- Early Cuban Exiles: Memories of Loss, Struggle, and Rebirth

Bob Stone  
**Folklorist, Photographer and Author**  
- Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition

Lu Vickers  
**Scholar and Author**  
- Remembering Paradise Park  
- Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids

Kimberly Voss  
**Full Professor, University of Central Florida**  
- Women Politicking Politely: Breaking Boundaries in the Workplace and the Home

Ethan Watford  
**Musicologist, University of Central Florida**  
- From Hungary to Florida: The Life and Works of a Hungarian Twentieth-Century Composer

Marcia Zerivitz  
**Founding Executive Director of the Jewish Museum of Florida, Florida International University**  
- Jews of Florida: Centuries of Stories  
- The Roots of Antisemitism

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