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James Abraham

Editor and Publisher

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



Holly Lynn Baumgartner

Dean and Professor, NSU

- Banyan Trees and Blue Balloons: A South Florida Childhood



Vincent Adejumo

Senior Lecturer of African American Studies, University of Florida

- The Destruction of Rosewood
- The Ocoee Florida Massacre



Martha Bireda

Director, Blanchard House Museum

- The Little Town that Unity Built
- Making a Way Out of No Way



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



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



Uzi Baram

Professor of Anthropology, New College of Florida

- Seeing Florida Heritage Through Archaeology
- What Kind of Ancestors Do You Want to Be?: Sea Level Rise and Heritage Sites in Florida



John Capouya

Author and Professor

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



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



Mario Cartaya

Author and Retired Architect

- Across the Florida Straits to Cuba—A Living History of the Buildings Left Behind

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Jim Clark

Senior Lecturer, University of Central Florida

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



Rodney Kite-Powell

Historian, Tampa Bay History Center

- Charting the Land of Flowers: 500 Years of Florida Maps
- Outpost to Statehood: The Florida Territory



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



Eliot Kleinberg

Author and Journalist

- Weird Florida
- War in Paradise: World War II in Florida
- Hurricane!



Annette Fromm

Consulting Curator

- Seminole Portraits: Reflections Across Time
- Charles Deering: Artist, Collector, Patron, Preservationist



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?



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
- Britain's Loyal Colonies Lost: The American Revolution in Florida



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



Tameka Hobbs

Historian and Antiracist Educator

- Strange Fruit in Florida: Racial Violence in the Sunshine State



Victoria Machado

Scholar and Educator, Rollins College

- Sacred Waters: Exploring the Protection of Florida's Fluid Landscapes



Chris Kahl

Florida Folk Singer and Storyteller

- A Musical Journey Through Florida



Gary McKechnie

Speaker, Travel Writer and Author

- Sunshine State Soundtrack: The Famous Musicians of Florida
- What in the World? How Walt Created Disney World



Bob Kealing

Author and Historic Preservationist

- Good Day Sunshine State: How the Beatles Rocked Florida



Gary Mormino

Historian, University of South Florida

- Florida's Turbulent Decade, 2000-2010
- Ten Foods That Define Florida





David Morton

Film Historian, University of Central Florida

- A Motion Picture Paradise! A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry



Michael Tougias

New York Times Bestselling Author

- Florida and the Untold Story of the Cuban Missile Crisis



Caren Neile

Educator and Storyteller, Florida Atlantic University

- Florida Lore
- Only in Florida: Our Stories, Our Selves
- Fabulous Fictional Florida



Lu Vickers

Scholar and Author

- Cypress Gardens: America's Tropical Wonderland
- Remembering Paradise Park
- Weeki Wachee, City of Mermaids



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



Kimberly Voss

Full Professor, University of Central Florida

- Women Politicking Politely: Breaking Boundaries in the Workplace and the Home
- Florida Women, Advice & Social Change



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



Keri Watson

Associate Professor of Art History, University of Central Florida

- The Art of Walt Disney
- Picturing Paradise: From James Audubon to the Florida Highway Men
- The Barefoot Mailman and Florida's Post Office Murals



David Powell

Author

- The Early Cuban Exiles: Memories of Loss, Struggle, and Rebirth



Wayne Wood

Author and Historian

- Frank Lloyd Wright and His Surprising Influence in Florida
- The Amazing Architecture of Northeast Florida



Bob Stone

Folklorist, Photographer and Author

- Florida Cattle Ranching: Five Centuries of Tradition



Marcia Zerivitz

Founding Executive Director of the Jewish Museum of Florida, Florida International University

- Jews of Florida: Centuries of Stories
- The Roots of Antisemitism



Betty Jean Steinshouer

Literary Historian

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas and Rachel Carson: Their Books Changed the World
- Scribbling Women in Florida

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