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1998 ANNUAL MEETING
FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

May 28-30, 1998
Tampa Holiday Inn Select
Tampa, Florida

THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR:
A CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

Thursday, May 28, 1998

8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

SESSION I

9:15-10:15 a.m. "Scan Do!" – The Boca Grande Historical
Society Enters the Computer Age
Chair: Robert A. Taylor, *Florida Institute of
Technology*
Presenter: Theodore VanItallie, *Boca
Grande Historical Society*

SESSION II

10:30-11:00 a.m. "Making Do!" – The Tebeau Library of
Florida History and Community Resources
Nick Wynne, Executive Director, *Florida
Historical Society*

SESSION III

11:15-11:45 a.m. "Must Do!" – State Resources and Local
Historical Societies
Frederick Gaske, *Bureau of Historic Preserva-
tion*
12:00-1:30 p.m. CONFEDERATION LUNCHEON AND
AWARDS PRESENTATION
2:00 p.m. ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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- 2:00 p.m. Walking Tour of the Tampa Theater
Film: *Precious Memories*
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tour of Oaklawn Cemetery– St. Louis Cemetery
Oaklawn Tour by Julius J. Gordon
St. Louis Tour by Arsenio Sanchez
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tampa Historical Society Reception
Henry B. Plant Museum
University of Tampa
- 8:00 p.m. Walking Tour of Ybor City
Gary Mormino, *University of South Florida*

Friday, May 29, 1998

- 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION
- 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

CONCURRENT SESSIONS
SESSION I

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. NATIVE-AMERICAN IDENTITY IN FLORIDA AND THE SOUTH
Chair: John Belohlavek, *University of South Florida*
“Rejecting the Other: Seminole Nativism, Circa 1835”
Richard Blackman, *University of South Florida*
“As Dark as Midnight: Class, Gender and Cherokee Removal”
Carolyn Johnston, *Eckerd College*
“Inventing the Seminoles: Native People and the Media, 1732-1842”
Patrick Riordan, *University of South Florida*

SESSION II

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. SPIES AND SPYGLASSES: THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR ON LAND AND SEA
Chair: Paul Dosal, *University of South Florida*
“A Canadian Connection: The Spanish Spy Network in Montreal and Canada During the Spanish-American War”

Eric Jarvis, *King's College (London, Ontario)*
"Richmond Pearson Hobson and the Naval War of 1898"

Harvey Rosenfeld, *City University of New York*
"Jacky Fisher's Ships and the Spanish-American War"

Riccardo Busetto, *University of Padua*
"The Sinking of the *Merrimac*, June 3, 1898"
Walter E. Pittman, *University of West Alabama*

SESSION III

8:30-10:30 a.m.

MISSILES, MEGABYTES AND MEMOREX: TECHNOLOGY AND THE PRESENTATION OF FLORIDA HISTORY

Chair: Irvin D. Solomon, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

Panelists: Julian Pleasants, *University of Florida*

James Schnur, *University of South Florida*

Robin Sellers, *Florida State University*

Eric Strahorn, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

Jacquelyn Kent, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

Gordon Patterson, *Florida Institute of Technology*

SESSION IV

10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

SOLDIERING IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Chair: Kathleen Paul, *University of South Florida*

"General Henry Clark Corbin and the American Army, 1896-1906"

John K. Mahon, *University of Florida*

"Bullets Could Not Kill Him: First Sergeant Henry A. Dobson in the Spanish-American War"

Alicia Addeo, *University of South Florida*

"I Am Entitled to the Medal of Honor and I Want It: Theodore Roosevelt and His Quest for Glory"

Mitchell Yockelson, *National Archives*

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SESSION V

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VOICES OF THE RIVER NATURE AND
HUMANITY IN THE EVERGLADES

Chair: Rebecca Johns, *University of South
Florida*

"The Plume Wars of South Florida"

Barry Reese, *University of South Florida*

"Ten Acres and An Alligator: The Ever-
glades, 1916-1924"

David McCally, *University of Florida*

"Seminole Cattle Women in Modern Flor-
ida"

Louise Gopher, *Seminole Nation of Florida*

Susan Stans, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

SESSION VI

10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BASEBALL IN FLORIDA

Chair: Ellen Babb, *Heritage Village and His-
torical Museum*

"Short Season, Long Tradition: Major
League Baseball in Central Florida, 1908-
1998"

Raymond Arsenault, *University of South Florida*

"Clowning Around: Cultural Conflict in
Black Baseball"

Ray Mohl, *University of Alabama-Birmingham*

"From Boosterism to Big Business: Spring
Training in St. Petersburg"

Jack E. Davis, *University of Alabama-Birming-
ham*

SESSION VII

2:00-4:00 p.m. POLITICS, POPULAR CULTURE AND
THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Chair: Alejandro de la Fuente, *University of
South Florida*

"Aftermath of War: Florida's Reaction to
America's Policy Toward Revolutionary
Cuba, 1898-1998"

William Marina, *Florida Atlantic University*

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"Dime Novels and the Spanish-American War: Interpretations and Iconography"

Paul Camp, *University of South Florida*

"'When Santiago Fell': Race, Racial Superiority and Empire Building in Novels of the Spanish-American, 1898-1905"

Jim Walsh, *University of Southern Mississippi*

SESSION VIII

2:00-4:00 p.m.

VIOLENCE, RACISM AND CIVIL RIGHTS IN FLORIDA, 1840-1998

Chair: Alan Petigny, *Brown University*

"Florida Law Enforcement Officers Killed In the Line of Duty, 1840-1925"

William Wilbanks, *Florida International University*

"'Not a Single Battle But Rather a War': The NAACP and the Fight to Equalize Teachers' Pay In Florida"

Caroline Emmons, *Florida State University*

"Desegregation of the Florida National Guard"

Thomas Honsa, *Manatee Community College*

"The Political Economy of White Supremacist Violence in Florida, 1890-1998"

Joe Knetsch, *Florida Department of Survey and Mapping*

Pam Gibson, *Manatee County Library*

SESSION IX

2:00-4:00 p.m.

FLORIDA'S COASTAL COMMUNITIES AND THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

Chair: Charles Arnade, *University of South Florida*

"The Spanish-American War in Manatee County and Sarasota"

Pam Gibson, *Manatee County Library*

Ann Shank, *Sarasota Department of Historical Resources*

"Miami and the Spanish-American War"

Paul George, *Miami-Dade Community College*

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“Key West and the Spanish-American War”
Wright and Joan Langley, *Langley Press, Key West*

TOUR

4:30-6:00 p.m. Tour of the Restored Tampa Union Station
Jim Shepherd, *Tampa Union Station*
7:15-10:00 p.m. ANNUAL BANQUET AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

Saturday, May 30, 1998

8:15-8:45 a.m. Annual Society Business Meeting

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SESSION X

8:50-10:20 a.m. GOING TO POT?: THE FIBER INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Chair: Greg Padgett, *Eckerd College*

“The Florida East Coast Canal”

William G. Crawford Jr., *Broward County Historical Commission*

“The Florida Fiber Company, Duncan U. Fletcher and the Middle River Enterprise”

Rodney Dillon, *Broward County Historical Commission*

“The Myth of Victor Licata: Florida’s Contribution to Marijuana Prohibition in the 1930s”

Keith Halderman, *American University*

“Their New Jerusalem: The Koreshan Unity’s Commercial Plans for Southwest Florida”

Irvin D. Solomon, *Florida Gulf Coast University*

SESSION XI

8:50-10:20 a.m. THE ATLANTIC CONNECTION: FILIBUSTERING, THE YELLOW PRESS AND REVOLUTIONARY CUBA, 1895-1898

Chair: Susan Fernandez, *University of South Florida*

"Fernandina Filibuster Fiasco: Jose Marti's 1895 Cuban Expedition"

Antonio R. de la Cova, *Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*

"Georgia's Coastal Defenses During the Spanish-American War"

Hans Neuhauser, *Georgia Environmental Policy Institute*

"Evangeline Cisneros and the Yellow Press"

Teresa Prados Torreira, *Columbia College-Chicago*

SESSION XII

8:50-10:20 a.m.

CITY STREETS AND COUNTRY ROADS:
FLORIDA COMMUNITIES IN THE 20TH
CENTURY

Chair: James B. Crooks, *University of North Florida*

"Starke and the Coming of I-75 and I-10"

Evan Bennett, *University of South Florida*

"The Girls Recreation Center of Orlando
and the Creation of a Social Service Net-
work in the 1920s"

Kari Frederickson, *University of Central Florida*

"Tampa in 1955"

Ernest Jernigan, *Central Florida Community College*

"Race, Planning and the Contradictions of
a Consumer City: St. Petersburg in the
1920s"

Bruce Stephenson, *Rollins College*

10:45 a.m.

Circulo Cubano in Ybor City

Special Presentation on the Spanish-Amer-
ican War

Narrated by E. J. Salcines

12:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting Picnic

Ybor State Museum Garden