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This list represents those institutions and individuals that responded to our query based on last year's list. Those individuals who are conducting research in Florida history and would like to be included in next year's issue, please send your name, affiliation (if applicable), and research topic and status to our editorial office, or send us an e-mail message at flhisqtr@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu.

American University

Keith Halderman– “Marijuana and the Myth of Victor Licata” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

Arkansas Archaeological Survey

Jeffrey M. Mitchem– “Expeditions to East Florida by Clarence Bloomfield Moore,” edited & with new introduction; “Expeditions to West and Central Florida by Clarence Bloomfield Moore,” edited & with new introduction (work in progress).

David S. Brose and Nancy Marie White– “The Northwest Florida Coast Expeditions of Clarence Bloomfield Moore,” edited & with a new introduction (work in progress).

Auburn University

Robin F. A. Fabel (faculty)– “Angry Indians: Studies of Crises in the Pre-Revolutionary Era” (publication forthcoming).

Owe J. Jensen– “The Defense Forces of West Florida in the American Revolution” (master's thesis in progress).

Sheri Marie Shuck– “Power Brokers of the Southern Frontier: The Alabamas and the Coushattas, 1500-1859” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

Broward County Historical Commission

Patrick Scott– “The First White Settlements in South Florida” and “South Florida in the Nineteenth Century” (continuing study).

California State University, Stanislaus

Bret E. Carroll (faculty)– “The Context of Cassadaga: An Historical Overview of American Spiritualism” (publication forthcoming).

Daytona Beach Community College

John J. Guthrie Jr. (faculty)– “Keepers of the Spirits: The Judicial Response to Prohibition Enforcement in Florida, 1885-1935” (published); “Cassadaga: The Continuing Story of a Florida Spiritualist Camp,” with coeditors Phillip Charles Lucas and Gary Monroe (publication forthcoming).

Leonard R. Lempel (faculty)– “Race Relations and Politics in Daytona Beach, Florida, 1900-1940” (publication forthcoming).

Flagler College

Eugene Lyon (emeritus faculty)– “Pedro Menéndez de Aviles”; “Translations, Revillagigedo Archives”; “Libro de Armadas” (translation); and “Nuestra Señora de Atocha” (continuing studies).

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Larry E. Rivers (faculty)– “The Peculiar Institution in Jackson County, Florida, 1824-1865” (completed); “The Role of Overseers and Drivers in Florida, 1821-1865”; “A Statistical View of Land and Slave Ownership in Florida, 1826-1865”; “The Role and Status of Antebellum Lawyers in Middle Florida, 1821-1865”; “The Role of Female Slaves on the Antebellum Florida Plantation” (completed); “Indentured Servitude on the Wirtland Plantation: An Experiment that Failed, 1833-1834”; “Regulation of Free Blacks in Territorial Florida, 1828-1845”; “John G. Riley: Education and Community Leader in Leon County, Florida” (completed); “Blacks in Antebellum Florida” (continuing study).

Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research, Tallahassee

Charles R. Ewen– “Hernando de Soto Among the Apalachee: The Archaeology of the First Winter Encampment,” with John H. Hann (published).

- John H. Hann—"Chattahoochee River Forebears of the Lower Creeks and Seminoles, 1675-1775"; "Historic Era Aboriginal Peoples of South Florida" (continuing studies); "Cloak and Dagger in Apalachicola Province in Early 1686" (completed); "The Apalachee Indians and Mission San Luis," with Bonnie G. McEwan (published).
- Bonnie G. McEwan—"Indians of the Greater Southeast During the Historic Period" (publication forthcoming).
- James J. Miller—"An Environmental History of Northeast Florida: The Fairest, Frutefullest and Pleasantest of All the World" (published).
- Roger Smith—"Pensacola's Tristan de Luna: The Latest Findings" (publication forthcoming).

Florida International University

- Thomas Castillo—"Big City Days: Race and Labor in Progressive Era Miami" (master's thesis in progress).
- Sherry Johnson (faculty)—"Casualties of Peace: The Florida Exodus, 1763-1784" (research in progress).
- Kisha King—"The NAACP in Florida, 1940-1970" (master's thesis in progress).
- Alex Lichtenstein (faculty)—"Trouble in Paradise: Race Relations, Labor Radicalism, and Anticommunism in Florida, 1940-1960" (research in progress).
- Sallie Middleton—"The Cross-Florida Barge Canal: Waters of Strife" (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).
- Clarence Taylor (faculty)—"Black Leadership and Civil Rights in Cold War Florida" (research in progress).

Florida Museum of Natural History

- Jerald T. Milanich—"Florida's Indians from Ancient Times to the Present" (published); "A Very Great Harvest of Souls—Timucua Indians and the Impact of European Colonization"; "Chieftoms and Chieftaincy Among Native Societies in Sixteenth-Century Florida"; "Laboring in the Fields of the Lord, Southeastern Indians and Spanish Missions"; "The Timucua Indians of Northern Florida and Southern Georgia" (publications forthcoming); "Maize Agriculture and the Precolumbian Belle Glade Culture" (continuing study).

Florida Southern College

Pat Anderson (faculty)– “Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall” (continuing study).

James M. Denham (faculty)– “Cracker Times and Pioneer Lives, the Florida Reminiscences of George Gillett Keen and Sarah Pamela Williams,” with Canter Brown Jr. (study completed); “William Pope DuVal”; “A History of Florida Sheriffs,” with William W. Rogers (continuing studies).

Mary Flekke– “Frank Lloyd Wright: An Oral History” (continuing study).

Keith Huneycutt (faculty)– “The Anderson-Brown Family in Frontier Florida, 1830-1861,” with James M. Denham (continuing study).

Luis A. Jimenez (faculty)– “Operation Peter Pan [Cuban Children’s Exodus] and the Testimonial Novel” (in progress).

Randall M. MacDonald (faculty)– “Frank Lloyd Wright’s Legacy to Florida Southern” (publication forthcoming).

Steven Rogers (alumni)– “Frank Lloyd Wright, Ludd Spivey, and Florida Southern College” (continuing study).

Florida State University

John Burnett– “The Life and Career of Methodist Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass, 1900-1995”. (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

David J. Coles– “Florida Troops in the Union Army During the Civil War”; “The Florida Brigade at the Battle of Gettysburg,” with Don Hillhouse and Zack Waters; “Third Seminole War,” with Jeanne and David Heidler (continuing studies).

Caroline S. Emmons– “A History of the NAACP in Florida” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

Maxine D. Jones (faculty)– “S. D. McGill, Florida’s Civil Rights Attorney”; “Black Women in Florida”; “African Americans in Twentieth-Century Florida”; “The Ocoee Massacre”; “The Pompano Boys” (continuing studies).

Edward F. Keuchel (faculty)– “The Business Operations of the Flagler Enterprises in Florida,” with Joe Knetsch (continuing study).

- Merri Lamonica– “The Senatorial Career of State Senator Dempsey Barron” (Ph.D. dissertation completed).
 George Phillippy– “Florida’s Cabinet System to 1930” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).
 Cecil-Marie Sastre– “Fort Picolata on the St. Johns River” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).
 Jessica Slavin– “A Study of Poor Whites and Crackers in Florida, 1840-1940” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).
 Valerie Sloan– “Lincolntown Stories” (master’s thesis in progress).
 Sally Vickers– “Ruth Bryan Owen: Florida’s Congresswoman and Diplomat” (publication forthcoming).

Gulf Coast Community College

- R. Wayne Childers (faculty)– “Andrés de Arriola, Pensacola’s Governor” in collaboration with William S. Coker (research in progress).

Historical Museum of Southern Florida

- Christine Ardalan– “Black Nurses and Midwives in Miami, 1896-1960” (continuing study).
 Cesar Becera– “Logging Industry in South Florida” (continuing study).
 Tina Bucuvalas– “Cuban Folklife” (continuing study).
 Robert S. Carr– “Archaeological Investigation of the Addison Homestead, Dade County” (continuing study).
 Dorothy Fields– “Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida” (continuing study).
 Christopher Kernan and Cesar Becerra– “Human Impact on Dade County Pinelands” (continuing study).
 Leah LaPlante– “Charles Torrey Simpson - South Florida Naturalist” (publication forthcoming).
 Arva Moore-Parks– “Dade County”; “Julia Tuttle”; “Mary Barr Munroe” (continuing studies).
 W. S. Steele– “Seminole Wars in South Florida” (continuing study); “Military History of the Joe Robbie Dolphin Stadium Site” (publication forthcoming).
 William M. Straight– “The History of Medicine and Disease in Florida” (research in progress).

Steve Stuempfle— “Caribbean Percussion Traditions in Miami” (study in progress).

Historic Property Associates of St. Augustine

Sidney P. Johnston (senior historian)— “No Palaces Among Us: Cassadaga’s Historic Architecture, 1895-1945” (publication forthcoming); “Bert Fish: Florida Lawyer and American Diplomat” (research in progress).

Indian River Community College

Robert A. Taylor (faculty)— “Lucius B. Northrop and the Second Seminole War”; “Lincoln’s Loyalists in Florida”; “Governor Dan McCarty”; “Fort Pierce’s Naval Amphibious Training Base, 1943-1946” (continuing studies).

Jacksonville University

Craig Buettinger (faculty)— “Slavery in the Florida Courts” (continuing study).

King’s College London, Ontario

Eric Jarvis (faculty)— “Canadians in Florida, 1920-Present”; “A comparative Study of East and West Florida and the Old Province of Quebec, 1763-1783” (continuing studies).

Louisiana State University

Paul E. Hoffman (faculty)— “A History of Florida’s Frontiers, c. 1500 to c. 1870” (continuing study).

Miami-Dade Community College

Paul S. George (faculty)— “A History of the Miami Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged” (completed); “A History of Gesu Catholic Church (Miami) and “A History of Catholicism in Southeast Florida” (research in progress); “Criminal Justice in Miami and Dade County Since the 1890s” (continuing study); “A History of Stiltsville”, “A History of the Belcher Family”, and “A History of the Frohock Family” (completed). “Port of Miami”; “Burdine Family”; “Miami Beach’s Jewish Community,” (continuing study for exhibition).

Museum of Florida History

- Elizabeth A. (Betsy) Crawford– “The Florida Home Front During the Civil War (continuing study).
 Clint Fountain and Erik Robinson– “Florida Furniture, Late 18th through Early 20th Centuries” (continuing study).
 Robert B. Graetz– “Florida’s Civil War Flags” (continuing study).
 Julia S. Hesson– “Home Extension Work in Florida” (continuing study).
 Kenneth Horne– “19th Century Civil War Music and Musical Instruments”; “St. Johns Midden Material”; “Credible Pirate Stories” (continuing studies).
 Charles R. McNeil– “19th and 20th Century Tourism in Florida” (continuing study).
 Erik T. Robinson– “Nineteenth and Early-Twentieth-Century Art in and about Florida” (continuing study).
 K. C. Smith– “Florida Maritime History” (continuing study).
 Brent A. Tozzer– “Florida Folklife and Material Culture: Florida Sports” (continuing study).

Pensacola Junior College

- Randall Broxton (faculty)– “The Waltons: Dorothy, George and Octavia (Walton LeVert)”; “Letters of Northwest Florida Pioneers”; “Escambia County Public Schools” (continuing studies). “History of the Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference” (work in progress).
 Brian R. Rucker (faculty)– “Nixon’s Raid and Other Precursors to Jackson’s 1814 Invasion of Spanish West Florida”; “An Encyclopedia of Education in Antebellum Pensacola” (publications forthcoming); “Floridale: The Rise and Fall of a Florida Boom Community” (work in progress); “Antebellum Pensacola”; “History of Santa Rosa County” (continuing studies).

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

- Antonio de la Cova (faculty)– “Colonel Henry Theodore Titus: A Florida Filibuster in Cuba, Bleeding Kansas and Nicaragua” and “José Martí’s Fernandina Filibuster Fiasco of 1895” (continuing studies).

Seminole Tribe of Florida, Department of Anthropology & Genealogy

Patricia R. Wickman (Director)— “The Tree That Bends: Discourse, Power, and the Survival of the Maskóki People”; and “HTLV-II Risk Factors in Native Americans in Florida,” with George W. Lewis, William A. Sheremata, Symalina Dube, Dipak Dube, and Bernard J. Poiesz (published); “Seminole Lives: The People and Their World, A Tour With Chief James Billie”; “Osceola: A Hero’s Story” (for young readers); “Osceola’s Journey: The Seminoles Revisit Charleston” film documentary (publications forthcoming); “The Old Ways Will Survive: Seminole Traditions Remembered”; “Between Two Worlds: The Betty Mae Jumper Story,” with Betty Mae Jumper (continuing studies); “So You Think There’s A Seminole in Your Family Tree?” (published).

Stetson University

Ann Jerome Croce and Paul Jerome Croce (faculty)— “Keepers of the Veil: Life Stories of Cassadaga’s Senior Residents” (publication forthcoming).

Phillip Charles Lucas (faculty)— with coeditors John J. Guthrie Jr. and Gary Monroe, “Cassadaga: The Continuing Story of a Florida Spiritualist Camp” (edited volume forthcoming).

Tallahassee Museum of History & Natural Science

Linda Deaton— “The Florida Panther: Its Cultural and Natural History” (research in progress).

Tampa Bay History Center

Canter Brown Jr.— “Florida’s Black Public Officials, 1867- 1924”; “Jewish Pioneers of the Tampa Bay Frontier”; and “Tampa Before the Civil War (published); “Genealogical Records of the African American Pioneers of Tampa and Hillsborough County” (publication forthcoming); “Cracker Times and Pioneer Lives, The Florida Reminiscences of George Gillett Keen and Sarah Pamela Williams,” with James M. Denham (study completed); “Biography of John J. Dickison,” with David J. Coles; “Founding of the AME Church in Florida”; “Biography of William H. Kendrick”; “Biographical Directory of the Florida Legislature, 1821-1920” (continuing studies).

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Raymond A. Mohl (faculty)– “Jews, Blacks, and the Civil Rights Movement in Miami, 1945-1960”; “Sunshine State/Sunbelt City: Essays on Modern Florida History”; “Shadows in the Sunshine: A History of Race Relations in Miami, 1896-1996”; (publications forthcoming); “Black Baseball in Florida” (continuing study).

University of Central Florida

Theodore Cedros– “Florida’s Right-to-Work Amendment” (master’s thesis in progress).

Todd Sebring– “The Ku Klux Klan in Florida, 1940s to the Present” (master’s thesis in progress).

Imar DaCunha– “Public Amusements in Turn-of-the-Century Orlando” (master’s thesis in progress).

University of Florida

David E. Ashwell Jr.– “The Closing of Lincoln High and the Problem of Integrating American Education, 1964-1972” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

James C. Clark– “The 1950 Florida Senatorial Primary Between Claude Pepper and George Smathers” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

David R. Colburn (faculty)– “A History of the Rosewood Episode of 1923,” with Maxine Jones, Larry Rivers, and Thomas Dye (continuing study). “A Historical Perspective on Florida Since 1945” with Lance deHaven-Smith (publication forthcoming).

David P. McCally– “The Everglades: Environmental Biography” (publication forthcoming).

Susan R. Parker– “Economic Relations in Eighteenth-Century Spanish Florida” (Ph.D. dissertation in progress).

Valerie Sloan– “Lincolnville Stories” (master’s thesis in progress).

University of Miami

Greg Bush– Community oral history projects in East Little Havana, South Miami, Homestead and Miami; “The Miami Arena and the Culture of Spectacle”; and “Documentary History of Florida” (continuing studies).

University of South Florida

- Kevin Archer (faculty)– “The New Town of Celebration” (continuing study).
- Raymond O. Arsenault (faculty)– “A History of St. Petersburg, 1950-Present” (continuing study); “Short Season, Long Tradition: A History of Major League Baseball in Central Florida” (continuing study); “The Public Storm: Hurricanes and the State in Twentieth-Century America” (continuing study).
- Ellen Babb– “Women in Pinellas County” (continuing study).
- Evan Bennett– “The Impact of Interstate Highways Upon Small Town Life in Florida” (study completed).
- Richard Blackmon– “History of the Florida Railroad Company” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Gerard Breslin– “Race and the St. Petersburg Police Department, 1945-1997” (honors program thesis completed).
- Lynn Campbell– “A History of the Florida Lottery” (honors program thesis completed).
- Naomi Chance– “A History of Sanibel Island” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Sheila Cohen– “Race, Gender, and Lynching in Florida” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Richard R. Deutsch– “A House Divided: The Early Jewish Community of Tampa” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Karen Dimond– “The Anti-Smoking Program in Florida” (honors program thesis completed).
- Paul Dosal (faculty)– “History of Tampa’s Cuban Community” (continuing study).
- Amy Goodden– “Judge James Sanderlin and the Civil Rights Movement in Pinellas County” (honors program thesis completed).
- Stephanie Holder– “An Environmental History of Fort DeSoto” (honors program thesis completed).
- Thomas Honsa– “Desegregation of the Florida National Guard” (continuing study).
- Robert Ingalls (faculty)– “The Red Scare in Tampa” (completed).
- R. E. Lee Irby– “The History of Aging in St. Petersburg” (master’s thesis in progress); “Cross-Florida Barge Canal” (continuing study).
- Peter Klingman (faculty)– “Tampa Bay Politics”; “History of University of South Florida” (continuing studies).

- Michael Lashbrook– “History of Tarpon Springs” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Gail Miller– “231st Transportation Company (Pinellas County and the Vietnam War)” (honors program thesis in progress).
- Donna Millott– “Race, Women, and Education in Tampa” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Gary R. Mormino (faculty)– “Florida and World War II” and “A Social History of Florida” (continuing studies).
- Maura Reedy– “Busing and School Desegregation in Pinellas County, 1971-1997 (honors program thesis in progress).
- Barry Reese– “The Murder of Guy Bradley and the Plume Wars of South Florida” (continuing study).
- Platon Rigos (faculty)– “Tampa Bay Politics” (research in progress).
- Nano Riley– “Florida’s Migrant Workers in the 1990s (honors program thesis in progress).
- Patrick Riordan (faculty)– “The Formation of Seminole Identity” and “Native American History in Colonial Lower South” (continuing research).
- James Schnur– “The History of the Johns Committee” (continuing study).
- David Seth Walker– “An Environmental History of Cooper’s Point” (continuing study).
- William Watson– “The 26th of July Movement in Tampa” (master’s thesis in progress).
- Brent Weisman (faculty)– “Archaeological-Historical Profile of Anclote Key”; “Survey of Tampa’s Afro-Cuban Community and Buffalo Soldier Site”; “Pioneer Settlement Site at Rookery Bay” (continuing studies).
- Nancy White (faculty)– “Native Americans in Northwest Florida” (continuing study).

University of West Florida

- William S. Coker (emeritus faculty)– “Andrés de Arriola, Pensacola’s Governor” in collaboration with R. Wayne Childers; “Spanish Maps of Colonial Panzacola” (research in progress).
- Jane E. Dysart (faculty)– “Antebellum Pensacola” (research in progress).

Sandra Johnson— “Illegal Trade Between the Spanish in Pensacola and the French in Mobile During the First Spanish Period” (master’s thesis in progress).

Norma Harris— “Native Americans at Santa Maria de Galve” (master’s thesis in progress).

Independent Scholars, Researchers, Consultants, and Local Historians

Christopher A. P. Fitts— “Florida Towers” (publication forthcoming).

Jim C. Studnicki— “Perry’s Brigade of the Army of Northern Virginia” (continuing study).

Sandra Thurlow— “Stuart on the St. Lucie” (continuing study).