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Editor's Note:

As you have probably read in the last issue, the *Florida Historical Quarterly* has had a change in editors. I know that I am standing in the shoes of a long line of respected members of the Florida academy—most recently, Dr. Craig Thompson Friend. I want to thank Craig for his work in making the *Florida Historical Quarterly* an academically respected state journal and for his diligence in facilitating a smooth transition. The best way I can honor the work of those who went before me is to continue to publish a journal that presents the history of the state and meets the standards of the discipline.

I am a Southern historian with fields in agriculture and economic history. My Ph.D. is from the University of Tennessee, and I taught at Middle Tennessee State University and Mississippi State University before coming to the University of Central Florida. I have had experience with state history and historical societies, having been employed by the Tennessee Historical Society as associate editor of the *Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture* and having served the Mississippi Historical Society as book review editor for the *Journal of Mississippi History*.

I am excited about the *Florida Historical Quarterly* and look forward to the challenge of providing a journal that is academically sound and accessible to a wide audience. Many readers and contributors have already contacted me by letter, phone and email. Thank you for your support; I will count on your expertise in the coming weeks.

In this issue of the *Quarterly*, you will find the work of three young and promising scholars. In addition to the articles and book reviews, please note the call for papers for the upcoming

meeting of the Florida Historical Society and Tom Muir's compilation of contact information for the state's historical societies.

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Call for Papers

The 2006 Florida Historical Society Annual Meeting will be held May 24-27 at the Registry Resort in North Naples, Florida: www.registryresort.com.

One Hundred and Fifty Years of Writing Florida History is the theme of the 2006 Meeting commemorating the Society's 150th anniversary. With this theme in mind, scholars are encouraged to submit proposals for individual papers and presentations, as well as entire sessions (three presenters and session chair), that focus on the many individuals who have written about Florida history. However, proposals on *all* themes and topics involving Florida history are also welcomed. Graduate students are encouraged to apply.

All proposals for individual papers and presentations should include the title and synopsis of the paper or presentation, and the presenter's vita and contact information (telephone number, e-mail and snail mail addresses). Suggestions for fellow presenters and session chairs are welcomed. Proposals for entire sessions should include the session title and theme, title and synopsis of each paper or presentation, as well as a vita and contact information for each session participant.

Send inquiries and proposals to: Leonard Lempel, Professor of History, Daytona Beach Community College, P.O. Box 2811, Daytona Beach, FL. 32120-2811. Submissions may be e-mailed to lempell@dbcc.edu. Proposals must be received by January 16, 2006. Applicants will be informed of the committee's decision by March 1.