

Preliminary Program

Thirtieth Annual

Gulf South History & Humanities Conference

“Exploring History & Culture Along The Gulf South: From Prehistoric Times To
The 21st Century”

Pensacola Beach, Florida: October 18-20, 2012

Hilton Pensacola Beach Gulf Front Hotel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

11:00am-2:15pm

Board of Directors Meeting

2:30pm-3:45pm: Program One

Session 1

Panel Title: Gulf South Research: Resources, Techniques, and Results

Location: TBA

CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: Charles Dranguet, Southeastern Louisiana University

- Robert B. Kane, United States Air Force, “*Untapped Resources on the History of the Gulf South: Documents and Official Histories of Air Force Bases in the Gulf States.*”
- Scott Merriman, Troy University, “*In Solving Some Problems, Do We Create Others? Reflections on a Team Taught History and Science Class.*”
- Thomas Jeffers, University of West Florida, “*Allometric Analysis of Prehistoric Shell Middens in the Escambia River Estuary.*”

Session 2

Panel Title: The Plight of Free People of Color Along the Gulf Coast

Location: TBA

CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: Matthew Pursell, University of West Florida

- Michael Kelly Beauchamp, Texas A & M University at Qatar, “*Collaboration and Its Constraints: Free People of Color and Federal Officials in the Territory of Orleans.*”

- Elizabeth M. Talbot, University of Southern Mississippi, “*Domestic Disasters: Domestic Abuse Among Louisiana Freedpeople.*”
- Thomas W. Hulse, Florida State University, “*The Forced Exile of the Creole Colored Community from Antebellum Pensacola, Florida.*”

5:00pm-6:00pm: Reception

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

8:30am-9:45am: Program One

Session 3

Panel Title: Preserving the Past to Chart Our Future: The Importance of Archives and Historical Agencies in Understanding the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: James B. McSwain, Tuskegee University

- Dana Ray Chandler, Tuskegee University, “*The Built Environment: Preserving Historical Structures Through Photographic Media.*”
- Robin Reshard, Pensacola, FL, “*Using Archives to Document a Vanishing Community.*”
- Robert Overton, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., “*Does Pensacola’s Past Have a Future in Gulf South History? Preserving the Built Environment and the Historian’s Imagination.*”

Session 4

Panel Title: Patterns of Faith in the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Martin Olliff, Troy University, Dothan

- Jeffery C. Swarner, Southeastern Louisiana University, “*The Beginnings of a Perfect Union: The Mutual Dependency of Baptists and Plain Folk in the Antebellum South.*”
- Allen Adams, Troy University, “*The Intersection of Secular and Sacred: A Case Study on Functions of Frog Dip, Geneva County, Alabama.*”

COMMENTATOR: Sarah Hyde, River Parishes Community College

Session 5

Panel Title: Slavery and the Slave Trade in the Gulf South and the Caribbean Basin

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Randy Sanders, Southeastern Louisiana University

- Marjorie E. Rhine, University of Wisconsin -- Whitewater, "*Caribbean Bodies in the Scottish Colonial Economy: How Robertson's Novel Joseph Knight Reconsiders Transatlantic History.*"
- Timothy F. Reilly, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, "*Isaac Franklin's Early Years in the Domestic Slave Trade: A Case for Matching Identities.*"
- John Beeler, University of Alabama, "*Britain, Spain, the United States, and the Cuban Slave Trade During the American Civil War.*"

COMMENTATOR: Douglas B. Chambers, University of Southern Mississippi

10:00am-11:15am: Program 2

Session 6

Panel Title: The Gulf Coast in the War of 1812 Era

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Joe Knetsch, Tallahassee-based historian

- James G. Cusick, University of Florida, "*Scorched Earth: The Impact of the War of 1812 Along the U.S., Canada and Gulf South Borders.*"
- Samuel Watson, United States Military Academy, "*Army Operations Against Domestic Non-State Actors: Law Enforcement and the Extension of U. S. Sovereignty Along the Gulf Littoral, 1810-1830.*"

COMMENTATOR: Michael Thomason, University of South Alabama

Session 7

Panel Title: Archaeology and History at Arcadia, Florida's Premier Antebellum Industrial Park

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Brian R. Rucker, Pensacola State College

- Rylan N. Thomas, University of West Florida, "*Paths to Arcadia: The Purchase and Movement of Slaves to an Early 19th Century Water-Powered Industrial Complex.*"

- Roy Oberto, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc./University of West Florida, “*Timber, Troops and Tragedy: The Civil War in Santa Rosa County.*”
- Lindsey Cochran, University of West Florida, “*High-Tech Archaeology at the Arcadia Mill Simpson Lot.*”
- Adrienne B. Sams, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc./University of West Florida, “*Spatial Analysis of Domestic Artifacts at Arcadia Mill.*”

COMMENTS: The Audience

Session 8

Panel Title: Maritime History of the Gulf South, Part One

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Jeffrey Owens, Tyler Junior College

- Christopher T. Dewey, University of West Florida, “*A Tale of Two Shipwrecks: The Confederate Schooner William H. Judah and the U.S. Steamer Convoy.*”
- Deanne S. Nuwer, University of Southern Mississippi, “*Ebenezer Clark: A Gulf Coast Shipbuilder Extraordinaire.*”
- Robert Rutledge, University of West Florida, “*The Cement Ships of Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach.*”

COMMENTATOR: Amy Mitchell-Cook, University of West Florida

11:30am-12:45pm: Program 3

Session 9

Panel Title: The Civil War’s Impact in Florida

Location: TBA

CHAIR: William S. Belko, University of West Florida

- Judy Connolly, University of North Florida, “*Fort Jefferson: At the Tip of Florida’s Civil War Experience.*”
- Edward H. Wisner, Naval War College, “*The Bayport Raids and Their Enduring Legacy.*”
- Eric P. Totten, University of Central Florida, “*‘I Wonder How Many of the Augustinians of the Olden Time Will Ever Come Back:’ Union*

Occupation, Refugees, and Demographic Change in St. Augustine's Community, 1862-1865."

COMMENTATOR: Robert B. Kane, United States Air Force

Session 10

Panel Title: Exploring Louisiana's Heritage

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Victoria Mocsary, Southeastern Louisiana University

- Samuel C. Hyde, Southeastern Louisiana University, "*Burning Bowling Green Plantation, 1863: Civil War Incident, Reflection of Continuity/Discontinuity in Louisiana's Florida Parishes.*"
- Sarah Vining, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, "*Murder, Mayhem, and the Mentally Insane: Violent Patients and Inadequate Administration at Central Louisiana State Hospital.*"
- Karen Williams, Louisiana State University, "*Louisiana Literature and Carnival.*"

COMMENTS: The Audience

Session 11

Panel Title: Gulf South Topics I: The Civil War in the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Debra A. Ryals, Pensacola State College

- Brian R. Rucker, Pensacola State College, "*Unionists in West Florida*"
- Penny L. Clark, Lamar University, "*War and Passion: The Civil War Diaries of Novaline James Baldwin.*"

COMMENTS: The Audience

LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

2:00pm-3:15pm: Program 4

Session 12

Panel Title: Healing, Oral and Written Narratives, and American Indian Women's Voices

Location: TBA

CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: Jeanne Gillespie, University of Southern Mississippi

- Jeanne Gillespie, University of Southern Mississippi, "*Cacica Maria Menendez's Words with the Spanish Crown – Letters from the Timucua Chief to the King from St. Augustine, FL, 1598 and 1601.*"
- Tammy Greer, Center of American Indian Research and Studies, "*Houma Women's Words: Oral Narratives of Rosalie Courteau and the Houma Connections to Their Land.*"
- Norma Steve Hickman, Ashley Hickman Billy, and Sonja Monk, Mississippi Band of Choctaws, "*A Tribute to Rosalie Wilson Steve: Choctaw Healers and Elders as Women of Action.*"

Session 13

Panel Title: Reaching the Public: A Discussion of Programs for Sharing Florida's History

Location: TBA

MODERATOR: James G. Cusick, University of Florida

PANELISTS: Dean DeBolt, University of West Florida
Benjamin D. Brotemarkle, Florida Historical Society
Connie Lester, University of Central Florida
James G. Cusick, University of Florida

Session 14

Panel Title: Gulf South Topics II: Presidential Visits and Naval Stores

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Randall Broxton, Pensacola State College

- Ryan P. Semmes, Mississippi State University, "*The World Tour Continues: Ulysses S. Grant Visits the Gulf Coast.*"
- Joseph S. Meyer, Cultural Resources Management, Eglin Air Force Base, "*There's More in the Cup Than Just Dip: The Turpentine Industry.*"

COMMENTS: The Audience

3:30pm-4:45pm: Program 5

Session 15

Panel Title: Social Change and Resistance in the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Carol Ellis, University of South Alabama

- Keith M. Finley, Southeastern Louisiana University, "*From Secession to Massive Resistance: Southern Responses to 'Outside Agitators.'*"
- Harvey H. Jackson, Jacksonville State University, "*The Rise and Decline of the 'Redneck Riviera.'*"

COMMENTATOR: Matt Casey, University of Southern Mississippi

Session 16

Panel Title: Culture and Memory in Regions of the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Deanne S. Nuwer, University of Southern Mississippi

- Victoria Mocsary, Southeastern Louisiana University, "*Hungarian Settlement, Louisiana, 1896-2012: A Synthesis.*"
- Darlene Mosley, Pensacola State College, "*Life on the Farm in Escambia County, Florida, 1920-1940: A Mother's Memories; A Family's Legacy.*"
- Wesley Meiss, University of West Florida, "*The Prohibition of Santa Rosa County: A 98 Year Drought.*"

COMMENTS: The Audience

Session 17

Panel Title: Maritime History of the Gulf South, Part Two

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Alan J. Bliss, University of North Florida

- Amy Mitchell-Cook, University of West Florida, "*Maritime Heritage of Pensacola's Waterfront: Stevedores in the Late 19th Century.*"
- Robert Rutledge, University of West Florida, "*The Ray Hardware Collection: A Study of Pensacola's Maritime History as Seen Through the Commercial Lithography of a Local Merchant.*"
- Derek S. Zumbro, University of West Florida, "*The Submarine War in the Gulf of Mexico.*"

COMMENTATOR: Della Scott-Ireton, Florida Public Archaeology Network

RECEPTION AND BANQUET

6:00pm-7:00 pm: Cash Bar

7:00pm-8:30 pm: Dinner

GUEST SPEAKER: Robert Bradley, Chief Curator at the Alabama Department of Archives and History, "*The Road to Civil War.*"

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

8:30am-9:45am: Program One

Session 18

Panel Title: Exploring Florida's Past

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Brian R. Rucker, Pensacola State College

- Patsy West, Director, Seminole/Miccosukee Archive, "*From Abiaki to Sam Jones: A Pivotal, Yet Unknown Culture Hero.*"
- David P. McCally, Bethune-Cookman University, "*Pragmatic Crackers: Florida Cattlemen and Their Lives.*"
- Nathan Woolsey, Milton, FL, "*Thomas W. Jones: The Life and Times of a Small-Town Florida Merchant of the Progressive Era.*"

COMMENTS: The Audience

Session 19

Panel Title: How Is The Weather? It's Impact on the Gulf South

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Gene Kirkpatrick, Tyler Junior College

- Sherry Johnson, Florida International University, "*Climate Cycles as Agents of Historical Processes Along the Southern Frontier, 1738-1739.*"
- Alexandra McKenna, Lamar University, "*Destruction and Wind: The Story of Galveston's 1900 Storm.*"

COMMENTATOR: Louis M. Kyriakoudes, University of Southern Mississippi

10:00am-11:15am: Program Two

Session 20

Panel Title: Stetson Kennedy: A Southern Vox Populi (Voice of the People)

Location: TBA

CHAIR/COMMENTATOR: Sandra Parks, Stetson Kennedy Foundation

- Alan Harris Stein, Consortium of Oral History Educators, “*Stetson Kennedy’s Legacy as Oral Historian in the Federal Writers Project.*”
- Jon Bosworth, independent journalist, “*Kennedy as an Active Journalist: His Reportage and Participation in Civil Rights Demonstrations Across the South.*”
- Sandra Parks, Stetson Kennedy Foundation, “*Kennedy’s Publications and Their Significance in Preserving Mid-20th Century Southern Culture and History.*”

Session 21

Panel Title: Exploring Pensacola’s Past

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Randall Broxton, Pensacola State College

- Michael C. Cullen, University of West Florida, “*Forgotten Streams of Pensacola.*”
- Brenda Rees, Shaping Florida, “*T. T. Wentworth, Jr. Museum 55th Anniversary.*”

COMMENTS: The Audience

11:30am-12:45pm: Program Three

Session 22

Panel Title: The Impact of Women and Native Americans on Gulf South Colleges

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Bob Glennon, Fairhope (AL) Museum of History

- Edward McCormack, University of Southern Mississippi, “*Gulf Park College for Women (GPCW) in Perspective: An Overview.*”
- Gary G. DeSantis, Florida State University, “*FSU and the Seminole Tribe of Florida: Iconography, Agency, and Identity.*”

COMMENTATOR: Anne Ulentin, Louisiana State University

Session 23

Panel Title: The Southern Frontier

Location: TBA

CHAIR: Lawrence A. Clayton, University of Alabama

- Frederick M. Beatty, Troy University, “*The Frontier Trader in the Colonial and Revolutionary South: Not What He Appears.*”
- James H. O’Donnell, Marietta College, “*From Deputy Surveyor of West Florida to Surveyor General of the United States: The Arc of Rufus Putnam’s Career.*”
- Kevin T. Harrell, University of Mississippi, “*The Terrain of Factionalism: Creek Neutrality in Transition.*”

COMMENTS: The Audience

To submit proposals please contact Dr. Brian Rucker at brucker@pensacolastate.edu, or for more information, please contact Dr. Randall Broxton at rbroxton@pensacolastate.edu, or: Gulf South Historical Association, c/o The Center for Southeast Louisiana Studies, Southeastern Louisiana University, SLU Box 10730, Hammond, LA 70402.

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REGISTRATION \$40.00 _____ **STUDENT REGISTRATION \$25.00** _____ **BANQUET \$40.00** _____

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Will you be joining the Association at the Thursday evening reception: Yes No

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