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Education

- 1993-1998: University of Cambridge
PhD in History
Dissertation: “*The Muisca Indians Under Spanish Rule, 1537-1636*,”
directed by Dr. David A. Brading
Examination Committee: Anthony MacFarlane and Nicholas Griffiths
- 1991-1993: University of Alberta
M.A. in History
Degree Awarded September, 1993
- 1986-1990: University of Alberta
B.A. Honours in History
Completed April 1990 with First Class Honours

Employment:

Professor and Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg (August, 2012-Present)

Professor and Chair, University of North Florida (May, 2011-August, 2012)

Curator, Imagining La Florida: Ponce de León and the Quest for the Fountain of Youth (2011-2015)

Professor, University of North Florida (2010-2011)

Associate Professor, University of North Florida (2003-2010).

Assistant Professor, University of North Florida (1997-2003)

Supervisor, University of Cambridge (1996-1997)

Research and Teaching Assistant, University of Alberta (1992-1994)

English Teacher, Education for Democracy (1990-1991)
Veseli nad Moravou, Czechoslovakia (Czech Republic)

Books

St. Augustine: A Story of Unbroken History and Enduring Spirit. Strasbourg: Éditions du Signe, 2015.

Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida: Don Juan and the Guale Uprising of 1597. With Kathleen Kole. New York: American Museum of Natural History, 2011.

Invading Colombia: Spanish Accounts of Gonzalo Jiménez de Quesada's Expedition of Conquest. University Park: Penn State University Press, 2007.

·Selections from this book will also be published in *The Colombia Reader*, eds. Ann Farnsworth and Marco Palacios (Durham: Duke University Press) (Forthcoming)

The Martyrs of Florida. With Saber C. Gray. Gainesville: University Press of Florida (Forthcoming)

Edited Books

Contributing Editor. *The Encyclopedia of War*. Ed. Gordon Martel. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2011.

Editor, *Encyclopedia of Latin America*. Vol 1. Amerindians through Foreign Colonization. Washington: Facts on File, 2010.

Editor, *Iberia and the Americas: Politics, Culture, and History*. 3 Vols. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2006.

Series Editor. *Fighting Words: Competing Voices from...* (Greenwood Press, Oxford, UK and ABC-CLIO)

- The Crusades*
- Native America*
- The Pacific War*
- Revolutionary Cuba*
- World War II in Europe*
- The Russian Revolution*
- The Mexican Revolution*

Series Associate Editor. *Latin American Originals*, Penn State University Press.

- Invading Colombia*
- Invading Guatemala*
- The Conquest on Trial*
- Defending the Conquest*
- Forgotten Franciscans*
- Gods of the Andes*
- Of Cannibals and Kings*

Articles and Book Chapters

“Seventeenth-Century Florida,” in *Charting the Land of Flowers: 500 Years of Florida Maps* (Walsworth Publications) (Forthcoming, 2016)

“Foreword,” Rembert W. Patrick, *Florida Under Five Flags*. Fifth Edition. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2013.

“Juan Ponce de León and the Fountain of Youth: History, Myth, and the Commemoration of Florida’s Past,” in *The Voyages of Ponce de León*. Eds. James G. Cusick and Sherry Johnson. Florida Historical Society, 2013.

“The Nature and Quality of Early-Colonial Tribute Records in Colombia’s Eastern Highlands, 1560-1636,” *Anuario de Historia de América Latina*. No. 49, (2012), 285-311.

“Language and the ‘true conversion’ to the Holy Faith,” *The Americas*. 62:3 (January, 2006), 445-453.

· This article will also be republished in *The Colombia Reader*, eds. Ann Farnsworth and Marco Palacios (Durham: Duke University Press) (Forthcoming)

"Población, enfermedad y cambio demográfico, 1537-1636 Demografía histórica de Tunja: una mirada crítica" *Musicas: Representaciones, cartografías y etnopolíticas de la memoria*. Ana María Gómez Londoño (Ed). Bogotá: Editorial Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. 2005, 74-152.

"The Resguardo, the Mita, and the Alquiler General: Indian Migration in the Province of Tunja, 1550-1636," *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*. Vol. 11, no. 4 (Fall 2002): 375-406 (copyright 2004).

“Descripción del Nuevo Reino de Granada,” *Anuario colombiano de historia social y de la cultura*,” Vol. 30. (2003), 40-60.

“Población, enfermedad y cambio demográfico, 1537-1636: Demografía histórica de Tunja-Una mirada crítica,” *Fronteras de la Historia*, Vol. 7, (2002), 15-95.

“La tierra clama por remedio: La conquista espiritual del territorio muisca,” *Fronteras de la Historia*. Vol. 5, (2000), 93-118.

“‘In the service of God, I order that these temples of idolatrous worship be razed to the ground’: Extirpation of Idolatry and the Search for the *Santuario Grande* of Iguaque,” *Colonial Lives: Documents on Latin American History, 1550-1850*. Richard Boyer and Geoffrey Spurling eds. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000, 39-53.

Digital Publications

"San Agustín," *Enciclopedia de la Presencia Española en Estados Unidos*. (www.espaua.com/entrada/san_agustin), 2015.

"Santa Elena," *Enciclopedia de la Presencia Española en Estados Unidos*. (www.espaua.com/entrada/santa_Elena), 2015.

"Conquest of Latin America," *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Latin American Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press, Under Contract.

"Conquest of Borderlands in Latin America," *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Latin American Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Encyclopedia Entries

"Aztec Warfare" *The Encyclopedia of War*. Ed. Gordon Martel. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2011.

"Maya Warfare" *The Encyclopedia of War*. Ed. Gordon Martel. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2011.

Introduction and twenty entries in the *Encyclopedia of Latin America*. Vol 1. Amerindians through Foreign Colonization. Ed. J. Michael Francis. Washington: Facts on File, 2010.

Book Reviews

Constructing Floridians: Natives and Europeans in the Colonial Floridas, 1513-1783. By Daniel S. Murphree. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2006. *Florida Historical Quarterly*. Vol. 86, Number 2 (Fall 2006), 240-242.

Between Resistance and Adaptation: Indigenous Peoples and the Colonisation of the Chocó, 1510-1753. By Caroline A. Williams. Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, 2004. *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*. Vol. 12, No. 3 (Summer 2003), 345-346. (copyright 2005).

Non Peer-Reviewed Publications

"How Power Was Brokered in Spanish Colonial Florida," *Forum: The Magazine of the Florida Humanities Council*. (Fall, 2012)

"Who Started the Myth About a Fountain of Youth?" *Forum: The Magazine of the Florida Humanities Council*. Vol. XXXV, No. 3, (Fall, 2011), 6-9. (Awarded the 2012 Charlie Award for Writing Excellence, Best In-Depth Reporting, Silver Award, Florida Magazine Association)

Manuscript Reviews

I have reviewed dozens of manuscripts for scholarly presses, including Duke University Press, Penn State University Press, University of Utah Press, Hackett Publishing Inc., Pearson/Longman, University of Alabama Press, the University Press of Florida, *The Americas*, the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*, *Ethnohistory*, the *Journal of Southern History*, *The Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, and *Fronteras de la Historia* (Instituto Colombiano de Antropología e Historia).

Teaching Fields

Colonial Latin America
Ethnohistory
Spanish Borderlands and Colonial Florida
Pre-Columbian Civilizations
Colombia
Historiography
Spanish Paleography

Professional Memberships

CLAH (Conference of Latin American History)
Southern Historical Association (SHA)
American Historical Association
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Awards and Honors (Since 2000):

2012: Charlie Award, Florida Magazine Association. Writing Excellence, Best In-Depth Reporting, Silver Award.
2010-2011: Outstanding Graduate Teaching, University of North Florida
2010-2011: Jay I. Kislak Fellowship, Library of Congress
2007-2011: Research Associate, American Museum of Natural History, New York
2009-2010: Finalist, Outstanding Graduate Teaching, University of North Florida
2010: SMART Research Grant (with Karen Rhodes), University of North Florida
2009: Dean's Leadership Council Faculty Fellowship, University of North Florida
2009: Cushwa Center Research Grant, University of Notre Dame
2009: Outstanding International Leadership Award, University of North Florida
2009: University of North Florida Summer Research Scholarship
2009: Undergraduate Research Grant (with), University of North Florida
2008: Intellectual Life Grant, University of North Florida
2007: Dean's Leadership Council Faculty Fellowship, University of North Florida
2007: Seed Grant from the American Museum of Natural History, New York
2007: Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities
2007: Graduate Council Transformational Learning Opportunity Grant, University of North Florida.
2006: Foundation Board Initiative Grant, University of North Florida
2006: Dean's Leadership Council Faculty Fellowship, University of North Florida
2006: Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities

2006: Undergraduate Research Grant (with Kathleen Kole), University of North Florida
2005: Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
2003: Undergraduate Research Grant (with Allison Ralph), University of North Florida
2002: Undergraduate Research Grant (with Allison Coble), University of North Florida
2002: Albert J. Beveridge Prize, American Historical Association
2002: University of North Florida Trustee Initiative Grant
2001: Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of North Florida
2000: University of North Florida Summer Research Scholarship

Television

October 8, 2015: "Conversatorios en Casa de America,"
(www.rtve.es/alacarta/videos/conversatorios-en-casa-de-america)
2014-2015: "America: Revised." Small Planet Pictures.
2014: "Journey: 450 Years of the African-American Experience," Mummy Cat
Productions.
2013: "The Legend of El Dorado," Treasures Decoded Series. Discovery UK, History
Channel, and the Smithsonian Channel.
2009: With Kathleen M. Kole, "Spanish Paleography and the Martyrs of Florida," "UNF:
Campus Connection." CW 17, Cable 9.
1998: BBC Television: Presenter and content advisor in joint BBC/TimeLife program
entitled 'The Lost World of El Dorado.' (U.S. title 'The Quest for El Dorado.')

Radio

2011: Ten one-minute segments for "Florida History Moment: Commemorating 500
Years of Spain-Florida History," Florida Humanities Council.
http://flahum.org/Media/Audio_Resources
2009: RTVE Radio España (Interviewed for one-hour feature about Seville's *Archivo
General de Indias*.
2009: WJCT Interview: "The Martyrs of the Province of Florida."

Scholarly Papers and Symposium

February 19, 2016: "Slaves, Interpreters, and the Enterprise of Florida: The Tale of
Hernando de Escalante Fontaneda," A Forum on The Calusa in Colonial Florida. Estero,
FL.

January 14, 2016: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida."
Florida Lecture Series. Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL.

November 13-15, 2015: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine,"
Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL.

October 14, 2015: "The Legacy of St. Augustine: Myth, History, and the Story of
America's "Oldest City." Library of Congress. Washington, DC.

October 2, 2015: Pedro Menéndez de Avilés y la búsqueda al galeón nombrado San
Pelayo," Universidad de Oviedo (Sede Avilés), Avilés, Spain.

October 1, 2015: "La historia de "San Agustín," RIDEA. Oviedo, Spain.

September 29, 2015: "San Agustín," Casa de América. Madrid, Spain.

August 28, 2015: "Beyond the Martyrs: Building the Church in Early-Colonial Florida," 2015 Augustinian Address, St. Augustine, FL

August 17, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida." Pinellas Co. School District Orientation, St. Petersburg, FL.

April 17-19, 2015: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL.

April 16, 2015: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Keynote Address. Phi Beta Kappa. Tampa Bay, FL.

March 21, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida." Keynote Address. National Council for History Education. St. Augustine, FL.

February 27-March 1, 2015: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL.

January 27, 2015: "St. Augustine's 450th: History and Commemoration in America's 'Oldest City,'" Lewis Auditorium, Flagler College. St. Augustine, FL.

November 14-16, 2014: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL.

July 15, 2014: "Algunos asturianos olvidados en la conquista y colonización de la Florida, 1565-1607," Real Instituto de Estudios Asturianos (RIDEA). Oviedo, Spain.

April 7, 2014: "Spain in La Florida: New Views of an Old Frontier," Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean. University of South Florida, Tampa Bay, FL.

April 4-6, 2014: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 29, 2014: "Rethinking the 1597 Guale Uprising." Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH.

March 7-9, 2014: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

January 16, 2014: "After Ponce: Rethinking the Early History of La Florida and the Keys," Florida Keys Community College V.I.P. Lecture Series. Key West, FL.

November 1, 2013: "Mapping La Florida." Keynote Address, Society for the History of Discoveries Annual Meeting. Tampa Bay, FL.

May 9, 2013: "La Florida durante la colonización española," Delivered on the Spanish Navy Training Ship, Juan Sebastian de Elcano. Port Canaveral, FL.

April 5-7, 2013: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 28, 2013: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607," Northern Central Regional Planning Council. Lake City, FL

March 25, 2013: "Rethinking La Florida: From Ponce de León to Jamestown," Capitol Gallery. Tallahassee, FL

March 1-3, 2013: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

February 22-24, 2013: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

February 8-10, 2013: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

February 3, 2013: "Mapping La Florida in the Age of Exploration," Miami International Map Fair. Miami, FL.

January 16, 2013: "San Pedro Island in Sixteenth-Century Spanish Florida," Cumberland Island, GA.

December 1, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. West Palm Beach, FL

October 18, 2012: "Beyond the Martyrs: Rethinking the Spiritual Conquest of Florida," Florida's Hispanic Heritage: Commemorating Florida's Quincentenary in Tampa Bay. Tampa Bay, FL.

October 3, 2012: "Cinco siglos de presencia española en Florida," Fundación Ramón Areces. Madrid, Spain.

September 21, 2012: "Sources and Controversies in Early Florida History," Flagler College. St. Augustine, FL.

August 28, 2012: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida." Annual Augustinian Address. Cathedral Basilica, St. Augustine, FL.

June 17-21, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

June 10-14, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

June 1-2, 2012: "Beyond the Martyrs: The Spiritual Conquest of La Florida," Teaching American History Seminar. Duval Co. Schools. Jacksonville, FL

May 21, 2012: "La Florida y España: 500 Años de Historia," Casa de América. Madrid, Spain.

May 4-6, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL.

April 13-14, 2012: "Rethinking Matanzas: Spanish and French Competition for La Florida," Teaching American History Seminar. Duval Co. Schools. Jacksonville, FL

March 30-April 01, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 16-18, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 2-4, 2012: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

February 25, 2012: "Pioneers in Colonial Florida," Brevard Co. Teachers Workshop, Cocoa Beach, FL.

January 26, 2012: "Rethinking the Matanzas Massacre and the Struggle for La Florida," Lee County Foreign Language Association, Fort Myers, FL.

January 6, 2012: Invited Chair, "On a Mission: Ecclesiastics, Natives, and Religion in Latin America. Colonial Studies Committee, CLAH. Chicago, IL

November 29, 2011: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," Invited Lecture. Library of Congress, Washington, DC.

October 29, 2011: Invited Chair, "Crisis and Change on the Spanish Colonial Frontier," Southern Historical Association, Baltimore, Maryland.

July 7-10, 2011: "Spanish St. Augustine." Lead Scholar for Palm Beach Co., St. Augustine, FL.

April 1-3, 2011: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 11-13, 2011: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

March 04-06, 2011: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

February 11-13, 2011: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar, Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

January 27, 2011: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," Invited Lecture. Florida Humanities Council Board of Governors Meeting. Ybor City, Florida.

January 3, 2011: "Spanish Florida in the Sixteenth Century," Invited Lecture. Florida Humanities Council. Manatee County, Florida

November 21, 2010: "Murder, Martyrdom, and the Struggle for La Florida: Rethinking Spanish Florida's Mission History, 1565-1606," Invited Lecture. New Mexico History Museum, Santa Fe, NM.

October 21-23, 2010: "Between Columbus and Jamestown: Spanish St. Augustine," Lead Scholar for Two-Day Workshop for Osceola Co. Teachers. Florida Humanities Council. St. Augustine, FL

October 16, 2010: "Why St. Augustine?" Tampa Bay History Center, Tampa Bay, FL.

September 15, 2010: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida." Invited Lecture, Penn State University.

August 4, 2010: "Spanish Florida and the Spanish Empire" and "Disease in the New World," Teaching American History: Sarasota County. Gathering of People, Places, and Ideas: New Spain, the Americas, and La Florida. St. Augustine, FL.

May 1, 2010: "Daily Life in Early Spanish Florida," Florida Humanities Council Teachers Center Workshop, Melbourne, FL.

April 24, 2010: "La Florida in the Spanish Empire," Penn State University.

February 6, 2010: "The Columbian Exchange: Peoples and Disease," Florida Humanities Council Teachers Center Workshop, Melbourne, FL.

December 5, 2009: "The Military in St. Augustine," Florida Humanities Council Teachers Center Workshop, Melbourne, FL.

November 6, 2009: "St. Augustine in Historical Context," Florida Humanities Council, St. Augustine.

October 17, 2009: "Why Spanish St. Augustine?" Florida Humanities Council Teachers Center Workshop, Melbourne, FL.

April 23, 2009: With Kathleen M. Kole, "From Guale to St. Catherine's: The 1597 Guale Uprising and the Ethnohistory of St. Catherine's Island," Society for American Archaeologists Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

November 13, 2008: With Kathleen M. Kole, "Politics, Murder, and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida: don Juan and the Guale Uprising of 1597," Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Charlotte, NC.

January, 2006: Panel Organizer with Noble David Cook: "Re-evaluating the verisimilitude of early Amerindian population counts." Panel for the *American Historical Association* annual meeting.

January, 2006: "The nature and quality of early-colonial tribute records in Colombia's Eastern Highlands, 1560-1636." *American Historical Association*, Philadelphia.

September, 2001: Invited Key-Note Lecture: *Understanding the Spiritual Conquest in the New World: The Province of Tunja in Early-Colonial New Granada*, Encuentro Internacional de Estudiantes, Villa de Leiva, Colombia.

August, 2000: Invited Paper: "*Espanoles e Indios: Tunja en el siglo XVI*," XI Congreso Colombiano de Historia, Santafé de Bogotá

March, 1997: '*Religion in the Andes, 1537-1650*.' Presented at the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Cambridge.

Oct. 1996: "*And God sent a terrible pestilence: Disease, demographic change and native society in early-colonial Colombia*." Center for Latin American Studies, Cambridge.

Invited Public Lectures

February 12, 2016: "St. Augustine: History and Memory in America's Oldest City." Elsie Quirk Library, Englewood, FL.

February 12, 2016: "St. Augustine: History and Memory in America's Oldest City." Englewood Charlotte Public Library, Englewood, FL.

February 10, 2016: "St. Augustine: History and Memory in America's Oldest City." Road Scholar Program. St. Petersburg, FL

December 12, 2015: "Designing Spanish Florida: Discovery, Settlement, and Exploration in the Age Before Jamestown," Designing America Exhibit. Former Residence of the Ambassador of Spain. Washington, DC.

December 4, 2015: "St. Augustine: America's Oldest City." Jacksonville Art & Antique Show, 2015.

November 10, 2015: "St. Augustine: America's Oldest City." Mission San Luis. Tallahassee, FL.

October 26, 2015: "La historia de St. Agustín." Centro Cultural Español, Miami, FL.

October 24, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach, FL

September 26, 2015: "St. Augustine: America's Oldest City." Florida Book Fair. St. Augustine, FL.

September 26, 2015: "Pedro Menéndez de Avilés and the Search for the San Pelayo," Ormond Beach Historical Society. Ormond Beach, FL.

September 16, 2015: "St. Augustine's 450th: History and Commemoration in America's "Oldest City." Tampa Bay History Center. Tampa Bay, FL.

April 17, 2015: "Africans in Colonial Florida," 2nd Annual Civil Rights Bus Tour. St. Augustine, FL.

April 2, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Hernando County Preservation Board. Brooksville, FL.

March 18, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Road Scholar Program. St. Petersburg, FL

February 13, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Elsie Quirk Library, Englewood, FL

February 13, 2015: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Englewood Charlotte Public Library, Englewood, FL

October 20, 2014: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." St. Petersburg Ladies Yacht Club. St. Petersburg, FL

October 8, 2014: "Imagining La Florida," Cocktails with the Curator. St. Petersburg Museum of History. St. Petersburg, FL

September 19, 2014: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607. Jamestown Society. Tampa Bay, FL

April 19, 2014: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607. West Pasco Historical Society. New Port Richey, FL

March 24, 2014: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607. National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Tampa Bay, FL

March 22, 2014: "Why Mose? Africans in Spanish Florida, 1513-1764." Fort Mose Historic State Park. St. Augustine, FL

March 19, 2014: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Pasco Library Supporters Luncheon. Plantation Palms Golf Club, Land O Lakes, FL

March 4, 2014: "After Ponce: Rethinking the Early History of La Florida," Marco Island Historical Society, Marco Island, FL.

January 23, 2014: "After Ponce: History and Historical Commemorations." Stuart Society, Museum of Fine Arts, St. Petersburg, FL.

November 19, 2013: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," Largo Public Library, Largo, FL

November 13, 2013: "After Ponce: Rethinking the Early History of La Florida," Museum of Florida History, Tallahassee, FL

November 06, 2013: "Secrets from Spanish Colonial Archives," Discover First America Lecture Series, St. Augustine, FL

October 4, 2013: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607. African American Heritage Society. Pensacola, FL

October 2, 2013: "Before Jamestown: Europeans, Africans, and Indians in La Florida, 1513-1607." Daytona Beach Regional Library. Daytona Beach, FL.

September 5, 2013: "After Ponce: Rethinking the Early History of La Florida," St. Petersburg Museum of History. St. Petersburg, FL

May 11, 2013: "La Florida Before Jamestown," Clearwater East Branch Library. Clearwater, FL.

April 14, 2013: "Beyond Lizards, Snakes, and Inedible Roots: A Guide to Colonial Florida Foods," with Annie M. Francis. Lecanto, FL.

April 9, 2013: "Discovering Florida History," Kiwanis Club. St. Petersburg, FL.

February 5, 2013: "La Florida Before Jamestown," Marco Island Historical Society, Marco Island, FL.

January 25, 2013: "Imagining La Florida: History Myth, and Commemoration," Town and Gown Winter Luncheon. St. Petersburg, FL

January 17, 2013: "La Florida Before Jamestown: Myth, History, and Commemoration." The New York Branch, National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims. New York, NY.

January 04, 2013: "Finding Soto: Rethinking a Sixteenth-Century Florida Conquest Expedition, 1539-1543," Florida Living History. Mission San Luis. Tallahassee, FL

December 12, 2012: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," Prologue Society. Miami, FL

November 14, 2012: "Ponce de León and the Quest for the Fountain of Youth," Bethesda by the Sea Episcopal Church, West Palm Beach, FL

October 27, 2012: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," Ormond Beach Historical Society.

October 22, 2012: "Why St. Augustine?" Lecanto, FL.

August 20, 2012: "Finding Ponce: Myth, History, and the Quest for the Fountain of Youth." Meniak Club. Jacksonville, FL.

April 30, 2012: "Florida's Teachable Moment." The Business of Viva Florida 500. Tampa Bay, FL.

March 31, 2012: "Finding Ponce: Myth, History, and the Quest for the Fountain of Youth." Mission Nombre de Dios Museum. St. Augustine, FL

March 15, 2012: "Juan Ponce de León and the Quest for the Fountain of Youth: History, Myth and Commemoration. Florida History Museum. Tallahassee, FL.

March 10, 2012: "Discovering the Lost History of Florida's Ancient Past," West Melbourne Library. Melbourne, FL.

March 10, 2012: "Discovering the Lost History of Florida's Ancient Past," Cape Canaveral Library. Cape Canaveral, FL.

February 14, 2012: "Rethinking the 1597 Guale Uprising," Guale Historical Society, St. Mary's, Georgia.

February 11, 2012: "Murder, Myth, and Mystery: Tales from Sixteenth-Century Florida," Southeastern Regional Meeting of the Uptown Civitan Club. Amelia Island, FL.

February 5, 2012: "Who Started the Myth of Juan Ponce de León and the Fountain of Youth?" Lecanto, FL.

January 14, 2012: "Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida," St. Augustine Historical Society. St. Augustine, FL.

November 10, 2011: "Writing La Florida's Past: Where History and Archaeology Meet," *Not in My Backyard: Do We Really Support Historic Preservation?* Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. St. Petersburg, FL

October 24, 2011: "Florida's Teachable Moment." The Business of Viva Florida 500. Tampa Bay, FL.

August 9, 2011: "Florida 500: History, Myth, and Commemoration." Uptown Civitan Club. Jacksonville, FL.

May 27, 2011: "Franciscan Missions of La Florida," Ormond Beach, FL.

Professional Development Conferences

February 08-10, 2012: Academic Chairpersons Conference, Orlando, FL

September 25-28, 2011: Institute for Academic Leadership: Department Chairs Workshop. Howey-in-the-Hills, FL

May 22-25, 2011: Institute for Academic Leadership: Department Chairs Workshop. Howey-in-the-Hills, FL

February 06-08, 2008: 25th Annual Academic Chairpersons Conference, Orlando, FL.

Professional Service

2015-Present: Board of Directors, University of Florida Historic St. Augustine Committee.

2014-Present: Board Member, Santa Elena Foundation. Beaufort, SC.

2010-2015: St. Augustine Commemoration Commission, Thirteen-member Federal commission appointed by the US Department of the Interior.

2011-2012: Chair of the Colonial Studies Committee of CLAH (Conference on Latin American History)

2011: Kimberley Hanger Prize Committee Member, Latin American & Caribbean Section, Southern Historical Association.

2010-2011: Secretary of the Colonial Studies Committee of CLAH (Conference on Latin American History)

2010: Chair, Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., Graduate Student Prize, Latin American & Caribbean Section, Southern Historical Association.

2009-Present: Academic Advisor, Florida Humanities Council
2009-Present: Member of the Committee of 1565, St. Augustine, FL
2008-Present: Editorial Board, *University Press of Florida*
2006-Present: Book Review Editor, *Ethnohistory*
2004-Present: Editorial Board: *Ethnohistory*
2004-2006: Associate Book Review Editor: *Ethnohistory*

Study Abroad Programs

May-August 2015: Seville and Valladolid, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias, Archivo de la Real Chancilleria de Valladolid* (7 students)
May-August 2014: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (7 students)
May-July 2013: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (4 students)
May-July 2012: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (5 students)
June-July 2011: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (2 students)
May-August 2009: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (6 students)
May-June 2008: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (6 students)
March 2008: Southern Spain-Honors Course, *The Cross and the Sword* (15 students)
May-June 2007: Seville, Spain. Research at the *Archivo General de Indias* (3 students)
June-July 2005: Peru-Latin America Abroad Course on the history of Peru (14 students)
May-June 2005: Southern Spain-Core Abroad Program (20 students)
May 2004: Southern Spain-Core Abroad Program (15 students)
May 2004: Guatemala/Belize-Latin America Abroad course on the Maya (11 students)
May 2003: Southern Mexico: Latin America Abroad (14 students)
May 2002: Guatemala/Honduras-Latin America Abroad course on the Maya (15 students)
May 2001: Mexico/Guatemala-Latin America course on the Maya (15 students)
May 2000: Peru-Latin America Abroad course on the history of Peru (16 students)
May 1999: Mexico- Latin America Abroad course on the Maya (15 students)
June 1998: Mexico-Latin America Abroad course on the Maya (8 students)

PhD Thesis Committees

2010-2011: Susana Matallana, “La Gaitana and the Spanish Conquest of Colombia,” Rutgers University. Invited external reader. Thesis Defended April 13, 2011.

MA Thesis Committees

Thesis Director

2015: Karen Rhodes, Marriage in San Agustín de la Florida, 1784-1821: Practical Application of the *Real Pragmática de Casamiento*.”

2014: Saber Gray, “‘I do not know how to fulfill those demands.’ Rethinking the Jesuit Withdrawal from La Florida.”

2011: Karen Cousins, “Reimagining Religion: The Development of Indigenous Christianities in Colonial Colombia, 1537-1637.”

2009: Kathleen M. Kole, "Social Reinvention and Adaptation: The 1597 Guale Uprising and the Spanish Conquest of the Southeastern Atlantic Coast."

2005: Allison Michelle Coble, "The Illusion of Power in the Province of Santa Fé: The Limitations of Spanish and Indigenous Rule in the *Encomiendas* of Chía and Fontibón."

Committee Member

2010: Jim Boehm, "Maryland's Northern Borderlands in the Seventeenth Century: European Settlers and Indian Travelers Along the Chesapeake Bay's Upper Western Shore, 1652-1699."

2005: Troy J. Webber, "Good Neighbor Diplomacy in Cuba, 1933-1934: The U.S. Decision to Overthrow Ramón Grau San Martín."

2001: Elizabeth Pope Simmons, "The Rejection of Menènge Tradition in Early Modern England: Equestrian Elegance at Odds with English Sporting Tradition."

Honors Thesis Committees

Thesis Director

2012: Karen Rhodes, "Godparenthood as a Vehicle for the Transmission of Values, Influence, and Status in St. Augustine, Florida during the Second Spanish Period (1784-1821)."

2009: Saber Gray, "'The only thing left for him to take from me is my life:' The 1602 Investigation of Colonial St. Augustine."

Department Service

2009-2010: Undergraduate Assessment Committee

2006-Present: Graduate Studies Committee

Search Committees (Since 2003)

2012-2013: Member, Modern US History Search Committee

2010: Chair, African/Afro-Caribbean Search Committee (one-year position)

2009-2010: Chair, Early Modern Britain Search Committee

2008-2009: Member, US History Search (one-year position)

2007-2008: Member, Asia Search Committee

2006-2007: Chair, Modern Latin America Search Committee

2006-2007: Member, Colonial U.S. Search Committee

2003-2004: Member, Modern European Search Committee

University Service

2014-2016: Academic Programs Committee, USFSP

1998-2012: Coordinator and Founder, David C. Johnson Fund for Latin American Studies

1999-2010: UNF Foreign Culture Committee
2008-2009: University of North Florida Sabbatical Selection Committee
2004-2005: UNF International Council
2003-2005: University Scholarship Committee
2003-2005: UNF Activity Abroad Risk Review Committee
2003-2004: Distinguished Voices Lecture Series Committee Member

Community Service

2010-2012: History Mentor, Sarasota County School Board.
2010: Named Honorary Member of the National Order of Damas y Granaderos de Gálvez, Jacksonville, FL Chapter.
1999-2012: Academic Advisor for the National Order of Damas y Granaderos de Gálvez.
1998-2012: Member of the National Scholarship Committee for Landstar Trucking
2007: Participant in the Florida Humanities Council New Grant Program Focus Group
2004: Lifetime Learning Seminar Series: *The Rise and Fall of the Classic Maya*