

## March 15 *Ace Atkins*

Writer, Oxford, Mississippi



*The White Shadow* (Book Talk and Signing)

### \*The Robert and Rose Stahl Criminal Justice Lecture

Born in Troy, Ala., Ace Atkins attended Auburn University where he honed his skills as both a writer and a defensive end on the undefeated 1993 Auburn University football team. Before turning to writing full time,

Atkins worked as a crime reporter in the newsroom of The Tampa Tribune, earning a Pulitzer Prize nomination for his seven-part series on the 1955 unsolved murder of Tampa socialite and gambling king pin Charlie Wall. Atkins wrote two crime novels set in the South, *Crossroad Blues: A Nick Travers Mystery* (1998) and *Leavin' Trunk Blues* (2001) while working as a reporter. Commercial success as a novelist and an offer to become a visiting journalism professor at the University of Mississippi convinced him to concentrate on writing full time. He wrote the highly acclaimed *Dark End of the Street* (2002), *Dirty South* (2004), and *White Shadow* (2006). The latter is based on his five years of research on the Wall slaying, including sealed court and police records, countless interviews with players of that period, and even an extended research trip to Havana. Atkins resides near Oxford, Miss., with his wife Angela and their dogs Elvis and Polk Salad Annie.

All lectures will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hollis Room on the Florida Southern campus and are free and open to the public.

# Florida Lecture Series

In its eleventh year, the Florida Lecture Series at Florida Southern College is a forum that brings speakers to the FSC Lakeland Campus to lecture on Florida life and culture from a wide range of discipline, including history, public affairs, law, sociology, criminology, anthropology, literature, and art. The overall objective of the series is to bring members of the community, faculty, and student body together in order to interact and learn from leading scholars in their field.

For information about the series, call 863.860.3001 or email: [historycenter@flsouthern.edu](mailto:historycenter@flsouthern.edu).

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## Gov. Bob Graham

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Bob Graham, one of Florida's most important political figures of the twentieth century, is the fourth child of south Florida pioneer, mining engineer, cattleman and legislator Ernest "Cap" Graham. Graham excelled at the University of Florida and Harvard Law School, and began his celebrated career in public service with ten years in the Florida Legislature. Graham's next eight years as Florida governor (1978-1986) were among the most important in the state's history, and Florida's impressive strides in higher education and environmental protection were largely attributable to Graham's leadership. During his subsequent three terms in the United States Senate, Graham was admired as one of the Senate's most thoughtful and respected voices. Perhaps his finest hour in that body came in October 2002 when, as chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, he sounded the alarm against al Qaeda, Hezbollah, and Hamas as the greatest threats to American security. These sentiments were expressed in his book, *Intelligence Matters: The CIA, the FBI, Saudi Arabia, and the Failure of America's War on Terror* (2004, with Jeff Nussbaum). Since his 2004 retirement from the Senate and unsuccessful bid for the Democratic Party's nomination for president, Graham has served as an Institute of Politics Fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He lives in Miami with his wife of 47 years, Adele. They have four daughters and many grandchildren.



October 12

## Kathryn Holland

Professor of History, Auburn University

*"Living off the Land: William Bartram's Description of Late Eighteenth-Century Florida Foodways"*

Alabama native Kathryn Holland-Braund, a specialist in southern colonial history, holds degrees from Auburn University (M.A.) and Florida State University (Ph.D.). A professor of history at Auburn University, her primary research focuses on the ethno-history of the Creek and Seminole Indians in the eighteenth and early nineteenth

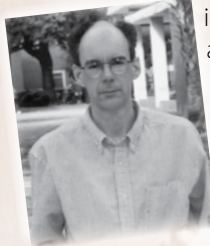


## November 16 Jim Cusick

P. K. Yonge Library, University of Florida

*"East Florida's Other War of 1812"*

James Gregory Cusick, a specialist in the study of the Spanish colonial period in Florida, holds degrees in journalism (B.S.) and anthropology (M.A., Ph.D.). He has lived in Florida since high school and is a long-time resident of both St. Johns County and Alachua County. For the past eight years, Cusick has been a curator and archivist for the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History in the department of special collections at the University of Florida's George Smathers Library. He serves on the board of directors for the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, the St. Augustine Archaeological Association and the Florida Historical Society.



Cusick also serves as president of the Seminole Wars Historic Foundation and is a research associate at the St. Augustine Historical Society. His first book, *The Other War of 1812* (2003), was published by the University Press of Florida and is being reissued in paperback by the University of Georgia Press.

century. She is the author or editor of four books including *Deerskins and Duffels: The Creek Indian Trade with Anglo-America, 1685-1815* (1993) and *William Bartram on the Southeastern Indians* (1995, with Gregory A. Waselkov). Her articles and reviews have appeared in many journals including the *Journal of American History*, the *American Historical Review*, the *Journal of Southern History*, the *American Indian Quarterly* and the *Alabama Review*. Braund serves as president of the Bartram Trail Conference, an organization dedicated to celebrating the travels of William Bartram. She lives in Dadeville, Ala., with her husband Kyle.

## January 25 Steve Engle

Professor of History, Florida Atlantic University

*"Struggle for the Heartland: The Civil War in the West"*

A native of West Virginia, Engle holds degrees from Shepard College (B.A.) and Florida State University (Ph.D.), and has been chair of the Florida Atlantic University Department of History since 2001. He specializes in nineteenth century American history with an emphasis in the Civil War and Reconstruction era. More specifically, his research focuses on civil-military relations and ethnic dimensions of the Civil War. He is the author of several books, including *Yankee Dutchman: The Life of Franz Sigel* (1993), *Don Carlos Buell: Most Promising of All* (1999), *Struggle for the Heartland* (2001), and *The American Civil War in the West* (2001). He co-authored (with Gallagher, Krick and Glatthaar) *The American Civil War: This Mighty Scourge of War* (2003). Engle has presented several papers at professional conferences in the United States and Germany, and his articles and reviews have appeared in the *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Civil War History*, *Journal of Southern History*, and the *AHA Perspectives*. The winner of numerous teaching awards, Engle was named Distinguished Teacher of the Year in 2000. He was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany and in 2003 was named a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians. Engle serves as the executive treasurer for the Society of Civil War Historians.



## February 8 Rosalyn Howard

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Central Florida

*"From Tampa Bay to Red Bays: Florida's Black Seminole Diaspora"*

Dr. Howard is an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Central Florida, specializing in cultural anthropology. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1999. Much of Howard's current research focuses on how the interrelationships of African and indigenous peoples in the Americas and the Caribbean relate to cultural identity. Her book, *Black Seminoles in the Bahamas* (2002) explores both the historical relationships of Seminole Indians and Black Seminoles, and their present-day descendants in Florida. Her latest research involves an interdisciplinary project, "Looking for Angola," about a maroon community formerly located near Sarasota, Fla., that could have direct connections to the Bahamian Black Seminole descendants on Andros Island. Her research about the existence of the Black Seminoles' pathway to freedom in the Bahamas will become part of "The Slave Route," a project mapping the African Diaspora that is being conducted by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) in Paris.



The Center for Florida History at Florida Southern College strives to enhance the teaching, study, and writing of Florida history. The center seeks to preserve the state's past through cooperative efforts with historical societies, preservation groups, museums, public programs, media and interested persons, and through conducting training Florida history for school teachers. This unique center is not a library nor a museum; it is a source of continuing information created to enhance and increase interest in and appreciation for the history of Florida.

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