



**HUMANITIES AND
THE SUNSHINE STATE**

FLORIDA WATER STORIES
In partnership with the Florida Humanities Council

Summer Seminar for High School Students 2019 Agenda

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Program Description:

Floridians have an extensive relationship with water. From the food we eat, to our favorite pastimes, to the industries that flourish here, to our diverse population, Florida's most significant issues are tied to water. Through an introduction to how various humanities disciplines study water, Humanities and the Sunshine State will explore contemporary cultural topics such as tourism, food justice, aquifer sustainability, industrial growth, and race relations. Through practicing methods of humanities research — archival study, oral history, digital curation, archaeological excavation, ethical critique, and textual interpretation — students will learn what the humanities do, and how the lessons they generate build an informed citizenry. Through hands-on activities, we will explore how water has shaped the past and present of Florida, and how our interactions with water today will shape the future of our state.

Seminar Preparatory Reading Texts (available in the pre-circulated PDF):

Jeff Goodell (2017), "The Oldest Story Ever Told", *The Water Will Come: Rising Seas, Sinking Cities, and the Remaking of the Civilized World*.

Cynthia Barnett (2007), "Conspicuous Consumption", *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*

Kenneth E. Sassaman (2016), *What Does Shell Mound Archaeological Site Have to Do with Water and Climate Change?*

Edward González-Tennant (2016) "Hate Sits in Places: Folk Knowledge and the Power of Place in Rosewood, Florida"

Steven Noll (2004), "Steamboats, Cypress & Tourism: An Ecological History of the Ocklawaha Valley in the Late Nineteenth Century", *The Florida Historical Quarterly*

Zora Neale Hurston (2006, 3rd edition), *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, excerpts

Paul Faulstich (2006), "Sacred Space/Place", *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*

Christopher H. Bachelder (2015). *Eighth Wonder, Loosed Upon the Word: The Saga Anthology of Climate Fiction*.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 16 – WELCOME AND DISCOVERING WATER STORIES

- 1:00-2:00 pm **Arrival and Check-In to Hume Hall**
- 2:30-3:30 pm **Convocation, Graham Gallery**
Parents depart at 3:00pm, followed by student icebreakers.
- 3:30-5:00 pm **Florida's Waters, Graham Gallery**
Introductory session to the week's focus, aims, and final projects. Following a discussion of Florida waters past and present with Dr. Steve Noll, we will have student breakout groups with counselors and leaders to share our water object stories.
- 5:15-6:15 pm **Dinner at Gator Corner (Campus Dining Hall)**
- 6:30-7:30 pm **Archives and Introduction to the Final Project – Judaica Suite, Smathers Library**
Students will meet with Archivists Flo Turcotte and Bridget Bihm-Manuel and receive packets of archival materials that tell Florida's water stories to study in groups: What is this document? Why might it be important? What does it tell us about water? How does it change your view of Florida? These materials will prepare students for the week ahead.
- 8:00 pm **Dormitory Meeting and Journal Decorating**
- 10:00 pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

MONDAY, JUNE 17 – FLORIDA'S URBAN WATER STORIES

Wear bug repellent today, and bring a hat and sunscreen.

- 7:30 am **Meet in Hume Hall to Depart for Breakfast**
- 7:45-8:15 am **Breakfast at Gator Corner, Followed by Departure for Glen Springs**
- 8:30 am **Hop on the bus to Sweetwater Wetlands Park (O'Connell Center Parking Lot)**
- 9:00-12:00 pm **Gainesville Springs Field Trip to Sweetwater Wetlands, Boulware Springs, and Glen Springs**
We will embark on a half day field trip to uncover historic water sites in UF's backyard with Linda Demetropoulos (Nature Operations Manager for the City of Gainesville), Amy Goodden (Jones Edmunds), and Exalted Ruler Bill Senterfitt of the Gainesville Elks Lodge 990. We will compare springs once used for swimming and for public utilities, and discuss the complexities of planning for urban waters in the growth of communities.
- 12:30-1:30 pm **Lunch at the Fresh Food Company, University of Florida**

- 2:00-3:00 pm **Quenching the Thirst of an Empire, Pugh Hall 170**
Presentation by UF Classics Professor Mary Ann Eaverly on ancient Rome, aqueducts, and culture's influence on urban water use.
- 3:15-4:15 pm **Documenting Florida's Unwritten Water Stories with Oral History, Pugh Hall 120**
Dr. Ryan Morini of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will introduce students to the diverse experiences of Florida's waters told through oral histories, and guide students in how to conduct living history interviews about Florida's waters today.
- 4:15-5:30 pm **Free Time**
Students can check themselves out with counselors in groups of 3+ to explore campus.
- 5:30-6:00 **Daily Digest in Hume Hall**
At 5:30pm, we'll regroup in the dorm lounge to reflect upon the day's events.
- 6:30-8:30 pm **Dinner and Bowling at the Reitz Union Game Room**
After a busy day, we will unwind in the Reitz Student Union game room.
- 10:00 pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 - FLORIDA'S FRESH WATER STORIES

Wear swimsuits and your program t-shirt. Bring a towel, dry clothes, hat, sunscreen, and bug spray.

- 7:20 am **Meet in Hume Hall to Depart for Breakfast**
- 7:30-8:15 am **Breakfast at Gator Corner, Followed by Departure for High Springs, Highway 27 Boat Ramp**
- 8:30 am **Depart for Santa Fe River- Bus at O'Connell Center**
- 9:15-11:15 am **Santa Fe River Canoe Tour**
Following an introduction to the history of Florida springs and contemporary degradation risks with Dr. Steve Noll and Lars Anderson, we will canoe down the Santa Fe River to Gilchrest Blue Springs, stopping at several smaller springs along the way to see their varying degrees of health.
- 11:30-1:30 pm **Picnic Lunch and Swimming at Gilchrest Blue Springs, 7450 NE 60th St., High Springs**
- 1:30-2:30 pm **Return to UF**
- 2:30-4:00 pm **Clean Up and Free Time in Hume Hall**

- 4:00-5:15 pm **Water as a Sacred Space, Hume Hall Classroom**
Religion PhD Student Vickie Machado will invite students to explore what is the 'sacred' by investigating the cultural and religious significance of the Florida springs. This will be followed by journal reflections.
- 5:15-5:45 pm **Daily Digest in Hume Hall**
- 6:00-6:45 pm **Dinner at Gator Corner (Campus Dining Hall)**
- 7:00-8:30 pm **Telling Water Stories with Danielle Jordan, CSE E-231 Computer Lab**
After an introduction to storytelling by assistant instructor Danielle Jordan, the seminar leaders will work with the groups to help them to identify final project formats and stories to focus their work in the remainder of the week.
- 10:00pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 – DIGGING UP FLORIDA WATER STORIES

Please wear a hat and sunscreen for our farm visit.

- 7:30 am **Meet in Hume Hall to Depart for Breakfast**
- 7:45-8:30 am **Breakfast at Gator Corner, Followed by Walk or Bus to UF Field and Fork Gardens**
- 8:30-9:00 am **Walk or Campus Bus to UF Field and Fork Gardens**
- 9:00-10:30 am **Tour and Work in Field & Fork Gardens, next to Lake Alice**
We will explore UF Field & Fork Gardens to discuss water sustainable agriculture in practice with Field & Fork Farm Manager James Longanecker, and get our hands dirty harvesting local crops for the Field & Fork Food Pantry.
- 10:30-12:00 pm **Florida Migrant Labor and Environmental Justice, Corry Village Commons**
Following a short break, Dr. Rosana Resende of Latin American Studies and Women's Studies affiliate will discuss contemporary research and policy on farmworker migration and justice in Florida, and create a town hall simulation about Florida water use.
- 12:00-1:30 pm **Locavore Lunch with Val Leitner, Corry Village Commons**
After enjoying local Satchels Pizza for lunch, we will enjoy local desserts prepared by food historian Val Leitner according to recipes from Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, and discuss the importance of food and recipes in telling the stories of a community.
- 1:30-2:00 pm **Campus Bus to Smathers Library 100**

- 2:00-4:00 pm **Environmental Storytelling and the Cross Florida Barge Canal, Smathers Library 100**
Steve Noll will introduce us to the story of the Cross Florida Barge Canal and the beginnings of environmental activism in Florida, and then students will work with UF archivists Jim Cusick, Jim Liversidge, Flo Turcotte, and Bridget Bihm-Manuel to examine primary sources in the humanities related to water sustainability.
- 4:00-5:30 pm **Free Time**
Students can check themselves out with counselors in groups of 3+ to explore campus.
- 5:30-6:00 pm **Daily Digest, Hume Hall lounge**
- 6:15-7:00 pm **Dinner at Gator Corner (Campus Dining Hall)**
- 7:15-8:30 pm **1923 Rosewood Massacre Introduction, Hume Hall Classroom**
Students will work in groups to piece together the story of what happened in the 1923 Rosewood Massacre with help from Steve Noll and using oral histories from the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program and archaeological evidence with Dr. Ed Gonzalez-Tennant (UCF, Anthropology), and learn about the role of community groups in preserving Rosewood history with Ms. Sherry DuPree of the Rosewood Heritage Foundation.
- 8:30-10:00 pm **Free Time in Dormitory**
- 10:00 pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

THURSDAY, JUNE 20 - FLORIDA'S SALT WATER STORIES

Please wear long pants, closed toed shoes, and program t-shirt. Please bring a swimsuit, dry clothes, a hat, sunscreen, and bug spray. Bring a long-sleeved shirt as well for forest excursions.

- 7:20 am **Meet in Hume Hall to Depart for Breakfast**
- 7:35-8:00 am **Breakfast at Gator Corner, Followed by Departure for Cedar Key**
- 8:15 am **Bus departure from O'Connell Center**
- 9:00-11:00 am **Visit to Cedar Key Shell Mound, 17650 SW 78 Pl, Cedar Key**
Following an introduction to the day's activities, we will visit Cedar Key Shell Mound with Dr. Ken Sassaman, director of the Laboratory of Southeastern Archaeology. Following the tour, we will study archaeological artifacts from Shell Mound and learn how to piece together what they teach us to understand native use of the environment in Cedar Key. (Rain Plan: Cedar Key Public Library, 460 Second Street.)
- 11:15 am **Depart for Cedar Key**
- 11:30-1:30 pm **Picnic Lunch and Swimming at Cedar Key City Park, 88 2nd St., Cedar Key**

- 1:30-4:30 pm **Visit to Cedar Key Museum State Park and Rosewood Sites**
With permission from Col. Robert Whitener, we will visit water sites involved in the Rosewood Massacre (Wright house, historical marker and water well, Rosewood cemetery, and Gulf Hammock railroad engine) led by Rosewood Heritage Foundation historian Sherry DuPree and UCF archaeologist Dr. Ed Gonzalez-Tennant.
- 5:00-6:00 pm **Preserving African American Histories, Reflection, and Dinner at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, 310 SW 5th St., Chiefland**
With permission from Rev. Walter Hunt, we will visit an African American church in Chiefland for a meeting with Artist and Levy County Historian Carolyn Cohens, reflection on the day's events, and a discussion of preserving African American water stories.
- 6:00-7:00 pm **Soul Food Dinner at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**
- 7:00-8:00 pm **Return to UF, Followed by Free Time in Hume Hall**
- 10:00 pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 – MAKING WATER STORIES

- 7:30 am **Meet in Hume Hall to Depart for Breakfast**
- 7:45-8:30 am **Breakfast at Gator Corner**
- 8:30 am **Campus Bus to Harn Museum of Art**
- 9:00-10:00 am **Climate Fiction Seminar, UF Harn Museum of Art**
Prof. Noll and Dr. Sophia Acord will lead us through an interactive, honors-style seminar class on the climate fiction short story in the preparatory reading packs, to discuss how telling water stories can foment positive adaptation and social change.
- 10:15-12:00 pm **Painted Waters Museum Activity and Digest**
We will learn how art tells stories about water with Dr. Eric Segal, Director of Education and Curator of Academic Programs. After we get our hands wet making some water-inspired art with Assistant Educator Mimi Stocker, we will explore water-themed artworks in the museum and share them with each other.
- 12:00-1:30 pm **Bag Lunch at the Harn Museum**
Following lunch, we will have a final group digest and journal reflection.
- 1:30 pm **Campus Bus to CSE E-231 Computer Lab**
- 2:00-5:00 pm **Final Project Group Work, CSE E-231 Computer Lab**
Students will return to the Language Lab to finish their final projects in groups and practice delivering final presentations.

6:00-8:00 pm **Pool Party and BBQ Dinner, Graham Pool**

8:00-9:00 pm **Walk to Bat House on campus to see bat flyover**

9:00 pm **Dormitory Meeting**

10:00 pm **Students in Rooms – Sweet Dreams!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 22 – SHARING OUR WATER STORIES

Today's the day to look sharp for the final banquet!

9:00-9:30 am **Bagel Breakfast in Hume Hall Dormitory**

9:30-10:30 am **Closing Discussion and Social Movement Exercise with Leaders, Hume Hall Dormitory**

After a follow-up discussion with Dr. Noll and the instructor team, assistant instructor Danielle Jordan will teach us how to organize action on environmental issues.

10:45-11:30 pm **Admissions Panel and Q&A, Farrison Hall (2nd Floor), and Final Goodbyes**

Students and returning parents will have a chance to speak with staff in UF admissions, advising, College of Medicine admissions, and the Career Connections Center, as well as student program alumni.

11:30-12:00 pm **Final Goodbyes!**

12:00-2:00 pm **Closing Banquet, Ustler Hall Atrium (2nd Floor)**

Following 30 minutes to eat lunch, six student groups will take turns delivering 10-minute presentations of their final projects to parents, seminar instructors, and guests.

2:00 pm **Return to Hume Hall**

2:30-3:30 pm **Hume Hall Check-Out and Departures**