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Friday, October 14, 2005 *All daytime sessions held in 349 J. Wayne Reitz Union.*  
*A light continental breakfast will be available at 8:15 a.m.*

## Welcome & Opening Remarks

9:00 a.m.

**Welcome** .....Brian Ward, Chair, Department of History, University of Florida  
**Opening Remarks** .....William A. Link, Richard J. Milbauer Professor of History

## Session One: Letters

9:30 a.m.

**Chair** .....Sean Adams, University of Florida  
**Donald Davidson and the Segregationist Intellect** .....Ben Houston, University of Florida  
**Conservatism and Its Discontents:**  
**Mel Bradford, Abraham Lincoln, and the American Right** .....Jay Langdale, University of Florida  
**The Strange Career of Gideon Gibson:**  
**An Early American Tragedy** .....Christopher Morris, University of Texas at Arlington  
**Comment** .....John Mayfield, Samford University

## Session Two: Gender

11:00 a.m.

**Chair** .....Angel Kwolek-Folland, University of Florida  
**Marrying Up, Marrying Down:**  
**Gender, Race, & Ethnicity in Jim Crow Texas** .....Stephanie Cole, University of Texas at Arlington  
**Judging Edda: Divorce, Dishonor,**  
**and the Reinforcement of Patriarchy** .....Judith Hunt, Loyola University  
**Southern Women, Western Gents and**  
**Urban Boosters in Spokane, Washington** .....Nancy Engle, Eastern Washington University  
**Comment** .....Louise Newman, University of Florida

## Lunch Break *box lunches will be provided for conference participants*

12:30 p.m.

## Session Three: Intellect

1:30 p.m.

**Chair** .....Fred Gregory, University of Florida  
**Nature's Enslavement in the Old Southwest:**  
**William Dunbar and Plantation Science** .....Robert Jay Malone, History of Science Society  
**The South and the Revolutions of 1848** .....Daniel Kilbride, John Carroll University  
**Comment** .....David Hackett Fischer, Brandeis University

## Session Four: Slavery, Race, & Ethnicity

3:00 p.m.

- Chair.....Julian Pleasants, University of Florida
- Black & White: The Racial Place of Southern Jews from the Civil War through Civil Rights** .....Mark Greenberg, University of South Florida
- Voodoo in Black and White**.....Jeff Anderson, Middle Georgia College
- What Then Makes an Indian?: The Problem of Identity in the Early American Southeast**.....Andrew Frank, Florida Atlantic University
- Comment**.....Charles Joyner, Coastal Carolina University

## Evening Remarks: An Appreciation of Bertram Wyatt-Brown

7:00 p.m.

*Emerson Alumni Hall, 1938 W. University Ave.*

- David Chalmers, presiding  
Comments by Charles Joyner, David H. Fischer, James B. Stewart, and Robert Zieger

**Saturday, October 15**

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## Session Five: Faith

9:00 a.m.

- Chair.....Jon Sensbach, University of Florida
- “We are Virginians for the time being”: Antebellum Quakers and Regional Identity in the Upper South** .....Glenn Crothers, University of Louisville
- God, Race, Sex, and Politics in the Late Twentieth Century** .....Andy Moore, St. Anslem College
- “The mob was to kill a Wesleyan”:  
Wesleyan Perfectionist Missionaries in Virginia and North Carolina, 1847–1851** .....Randall Stephens, Eastern Nazarene College
- Comment**.....Vernon Burton, University of Illinois

## Session Six: Place

11 a.m.

- Chair.....David Colburn, University of Florida
- Juan Bautista Witten, Formerly Known as Big Prince: An African in the Age of Atlantic Revolutions** .....Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University
- “Ain’t no Honor in a Ditch of Dreams”:  
the Cross-Florida Barge Canal** .....Steve Noll, University of Florida  
Chris Beckmann, Oak Hall School  
Dave Tegeger, Santa Fe Community College
- Comment**.....Jack Davis, University of Florida  
Michael Gannon, University of Florida

**Lunch Break** *box lunches will be provided for conference participants*

12:30 p.m.

**Session Seven: Civil War**

2:00 p.m.

- Chair .....Matthew Gallman, University of Florida
- The Politics of Honor and Masculinity** .....Christopher Olsen, Indiana State University
- Abraham Lincoln and Southern Honor** .....Daniel W. Stowell, Papers of Abraham Lincoln
- “No place, no person, is safe from this profanation”: Defending Confederate Womanhood During Sherman’s March** .....Lisa T. Frank, Florida Atlantic University
- Comment** .....Charles Dew, Williams College
- Closing Remarks** .....Bertram Wyatt-Brown

**Closing Reception**

5:00 p.m.

*At the home of William A. Link, 5727 NW 43rd Rd.*



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