



LaBelle Heritage Museum

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2018 Florida Humanities Council Speaker Schedule

- (1) Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – **Florida and World War II - by Gary Mormino.** If you need to have important events explained in a Florida perspective ask Gary Mormino, the Frank E. Duckworth Florida Professor of History Emeritus at USF and winner of FHC's 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing relates how World War II forever changed Florida from the South's smallest state to a Sunbelt Megastate.
- (2) Wednesday, February 14, 2018 – **Doc Anna Swamp Doc of Florida - by Carrie Sue Ayvar.** "If you've never heard the roar of a bull alligator and some night bird answer, you haven't lived," said Dr. Anna Darrow (1876-1959), only the 2nd woman doctor licensed in Florida, who braved swampland and some of the most dangerous outlaw gangs this state has ever seen. Chautauqua Scholar, Carrie Sue Ayvar, introduces you to this fearless wife, mother, doctor, pharmacist, artist and even veterinarian when needed. Carrie Sue is a nationally acclaimed bilingual storyteller dedicated to preserving and promoting the art of storytelling whose performances blend entertainment and education. Carrie Sue loves to share some of Florida's unique history with audiences throughout the state.
- (3) Wednesday, March 14, 2018 – **Making Chief Osceola; The Abolitionists and the Rise of an American Myth - by Andrew Frank, Ph.D.** Andrew Frank, Allen Morris Associate Professor of History at FSU, returns to LaBelle to present an overview of Osceola's place in the Seminole Wars and the debates that occurred in the United States over Indian Wars, Indian removal, and their connections to American slavery. In this context, we learn about how Osceola has been remembered and misremembered since his capture and death. Special attention is paid to the role of anti-war and abolitionist activists in promoting and fabricating a series of enduring myths about him.

These Florida Humanities Council speaker programs held at the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Center, 1085 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle 33935 are free and open to the public. Since seating is limited, advance general admission reservations at www.EventBrite.com are highly recommended to insure you will have seats waiting for you and to give you a ticket for the door prize drawing.

Come join LaBelle Heritage Museum for some exciting programs.