

FLORIDA TRUST INSIDER TOUR:

Exploring St. Augustine's Spanish Colonial History

SPEAKERS AND TOUR GUIDES

Marsha Chance, is a native of St. Augustine and earned an MS degree in Anthropology from Florida State University. She is a semi-retired professional archaeologist, museum educator and preservation consultant with over 45 years of experience in cultural resource assessment, exhibit planning and implementation, and a variety of other preservation related work. She was formerly employed at San Luis Archaeological and Historic Site, the Spanish Quarter Living History Museum, the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Museum of Florida History, and was the Director of the Cultural Resources Division at Environmental Services, Inc. She has served as a Trustee at St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum, as a member and President of the St. Johns County Historic Resource Review Board and was a member of the Florida Historical Commission. Presently she is the President of the St. Archaeological Association and is the Curatorial Chair at the historic Peña-Peck House.

J. Michael Francis, Ph.D., received his doctorate in History in 1998 from the University of Cambridge. Between 1997-2012, Dr. Francis taught at the University of North Florida, where he also served briefly as Chair of the Department of History. In 2012, Dr. Francis was named the Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg. His teaching fields include colonial Latin America, Early Florida, Spanish Borderlands, the Pre-Columbian Americas, and Spanish Paleography. Dr. Francis has received more than two dozen national and international awards, including a four-year appointment as Research Fellow at the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and the Jay I. Kislak Fellowship at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. He has written and edited five books, and he has published numerous book chapters and articles. His most recent book is entitled *St. Augustine: America's First City*. Dr. Francis serves as the Executive Director of an ambitious new project called *La Florida: The Interactive Digital Archive of the Americas*, and in 2018 Governor Rick Scott appointed Dr. Francis to serve on the Florida Historical Commission.

Thomas Jackson, retired as Recreation Supervisor for St. Johns County and has been a lifelong resident of St. Augustine and volunteer public servant. Much of his volunteer service is dedicated to documenting and sharing African American history from his personal life to historical experiences of African Americans. The local public history programs are enriched from his service and support through the Fort Mose Historical Society, the "Journey-450 Years of the African American Experience" exhibit, St. Benedict the Moore Restoration, the Historic Preservation Advisory Board, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Committee, St. Johns Oral History project, and as an advisor to the Spuds-Elkton-Armstrong Gullah Geechee Community. He has also been recognized for service by the Castillo de San Marcos and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Leslee Keys, Ph.D., is Director of Historic Preservation and Special Initiatives and an Assistant Professor at Flagler College. She balances public and private expertise with academic experience, focuses on conservation of urban and rural cultural resources, develops and implements creative responses to community challenges, and builds

partnerships across disciplines. Her career includes securing millions of dollars in funding for development and implementation of programs, for building and landscape preservation, and to further higher education initiatives. Her recent efforts address impacts to cultural resources of sea level rise and disasters. She holds a doctoral degree from the University of Florida which honored her with its first Distinguished Alumni Award in Historic Preservation. She has worked in Ohio, Kentucky and Florida. She is a Trustee Emerita of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, serves on the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees.

Chuck Meide, is an underwater and maritime archaeologist and currently the Director of LAMP (Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program), the research arm of the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum. He earned BA and MA degrees in Anthropology with a focus in underwater archaeology in 1993 and 2001 from Florida State University where he studied under George R. Fischer, and undertook Ph.D. studies in Historical Archaeology at the College of William and Mary starting the following year. In 2014, the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum announced that Meide would lead an expedition to search for the lost French fleet of Jean Ribault, wrecked in 1565. The search area was located in Canaveral National Seashore waters and was carried out in partnership with the National Park Service, the State of Florida, NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration, the Center for Historical Archaeology, and the Institute of Maritime History.

J.B. Miller retired as land resource specialist for the St. Johns River Water Management District and as biologist for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. During his career Miller has advocated for responsible stewardship of cultural and natural resources as author of several land management planning documents. He is currently providing professional expertise to the City of St. Augustine in the development of the Fish Island Archaeological Site Management Plan.

Robin Moore, RPA, has worked in archaeology and historic resources management in Florida for over 24 years. As St. Johns County's first Historic Resources Manager, Mr. Moore spent a decade developing and managing the County's cultural resources preservation program including outreach projects, archaeology and historic preservation ordinance creation, and documentation of historic structures and archaeological sites. Prior to that position, he performed underwater archaeological research with the Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program. Mr. Moore is now an archaeologist with the US Army Corps of Engineers covering a district from Pensacola to Puerto Rico.

Herschel Shepard, FAIA, began his practice in 1961 as Herschel E. Shepard, Architect, in Atlantic Beach. His signature preservation piece was the 1978 restoration of the Florida Historic Capitol. Shepard's career included many preservation projects in St. Augustine beginning in the 1970s with the 1807 Joaneda House. Other St. Augustine projects include the Ximenez-Fatio House, the city's Alcazar Building (Lightner Museum/City Hall), the St. Augustine Historical Society's Gonzales-Alvarez House, (aka The Oldest House), the Tovar House and the Segui Kirby-Smith House. His awards include the city's de Aviles Award (2012). Shepard retired as faculty from the architectural preservation program at the University of Florida in 1996 but continued to teach as an adjunct through 2001. He continues to work in limited practice as a consultant.

Roger Smith, Ph.D. received his Bachelor's Degree in History in 2006, a Master's Degree in American History in 2008, and a Ph.D. in Early American History and Atlantic World Studies, with a certificate of scholarship in Museum Studies, in 2011 – all from the University of Florida. His work on the American Revolution in the South has received the Aschoff Fellowship Dissertation Award and the Jack and Celia Proctor Award in Southern History. Dr. Smith now represents the firm of Colonial Research Associates, Inc., and speaks across the South on his Revolutionary War research. With wife Christina Smith they formed Colonial Research Associates and now manage the Ximenez-Fatio House Museum.

Paul L. Weaver, III, holds a M.A. in Latin American history from the University of Florida. He studied Spanish paleography with training in translating and transcribing documents dating to the sixteenth century. He served as a Historic Site Specialist with the Historic St. Augustine Preservation Board and later the Florida Department of State and as archivist with the Library of Florida History. Weaver is a current board member of the city's Historic Architectural Review Board and privately is employed as preservation consultant for Historic Property Associates. Last year he was appointed board president of the St. Augustine Historical Society and recently was published in *Oldest City: The History of St. Augustine*.

Andrea White, Ph.D., is the City Archaeologist for the City of St. Augustine. She earned her doctorate at Louisiana State University and has accumulated over twenty years of career service in archaeology with an emphasis on urban-based historical and Spanish Colonial studies as well as prehistoric, public, and underwater archaeology across the southern and eastern U.S. Dr. White has served as an editor for *The Florida Anthropologist* and *Society for Historical Archaeology* among her volunteer services and continues to lead the City of St. Augustine Archaeology Program which relies on many volunteers to conduct archeological excavations, lab processing, and documentation.

Jenny Wolfe is the Historic Preservation Officer for the City of St. Augustine and chief of the Historic Preservation Division. In this capacity she serves the community by supervising the local regulatory review process for historic and archaeological resources and recommending cultural resource policies that support the city's Historic Preservation Master Plan. Additionally, her position develops and manages historic preservation grant projects to include historic property surveys, national register nominations, physical rehabilitation projects, heritage tourism programs, and planning documents. She is also resource for many broader strategies related to furthering the quality of life in St. Augustine including design review for the overlay zones, disaster response and resiliency planning, and increasing the use of technological tools for the department. Since 2014, Ms. Wolfe has been a board member to the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and currently serves as the board's Vice President.