

**The Florida Humanities Series 2011-2012**

**October 27, 2011 - Paul Dosal, Ph.D.**



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*Florida's Hispanic Heritage: Commemorating 500 Years of Florida's Connections with Latin America and the Caribbean*  
 Born and raised in Tampa, Paul Dosal is a fourth-generation descendant of Cuban immigrants who settled in Ybor City in 1889. He is the vice provost for student success and professor of Latin American history at the University of South Florida, specializing in modern history of Cuba and the Caribbean region.

**February 16, 2012 - Alex Stepick, Ph.D.**



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*Immigration's Impact on Florida and the United States*  
 Dr. Stepick has been studying immigration and its impact on Miami for 30 years and has published nine books along with many journal articles and book chapters. He is director of the Immigration and Ethnicity Institute, professor of global and sociocultural studies at Florida International University. His article on U.S. refugee law is still used as a definitive law school reference.

**December 8, 2011 - The Ashley Gang**

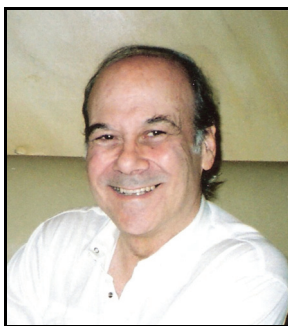


The Ashley Gang

Gang has been performing together for more than a decade.

*Telling Tall Tales, Having Fun: With Florida Songs and Stories*  
 Known for their soaring harmonies, thought-provoking lyrics, and witty repartee on stage, the Ashley

**March 22, 2012 - Seth Bramson**



Seth Bramson

*The Florida East Coast Railway: For More Than 110 Years America's Speedway To Sunshine*  
 Seth Bramson is nationally known as America's foremost authority on the history of transportation to, from and within Florida. He is one of only two people in the country who bear the official title of company historian with an American railroad and his book, *Speedway to Sunshine: the Story of the Florida East Coast Railway* is the official history of that famous line. He

is the author of 22 books on south Florida local and Florida transportation history.

**January 26, 2012 - Cynthia Barnett**



Cynthia Barnett

*Blue is the New Green: Water Sustainability and the Future of Florida*  
 Cynthia Barnett has been a reporter and editor at newspapers and magazines for 25 years. She is senior writer at *Florida Trend* magazine, where she covers investigative, environmental, public policy and business stories. Her first book, *Mirage: Florida & the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, was named by *St. Petersburg Times* as one of the top 10 books that every Floridian should read.

**April 19, 2012 - Carrie Sue Ayvar**



Carrie Sue Ayvar

*Florida Stories with Latino Sabor (Flavor)*  
 A descendant of Eastern European Jews, Carrie Sue grew up in Pittsburgh surrounded by stories. She moved to Mexico as a teenager, where she met her husband and discovered another world of stories among her newfound family and friends. Combining her childhood stories with those she has gathered during her time in Mexico and the U.S., Carrie Sue has developed an impressive repertoire of bilingual, cultural, folk and historical tales.

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