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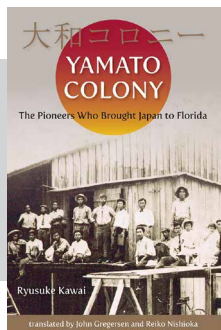


Moderated by Les Standiford

Author of over twenty books and Founding Director of the Creative Writing Program at Florida International University.

Monday, October 12 • 1 pm

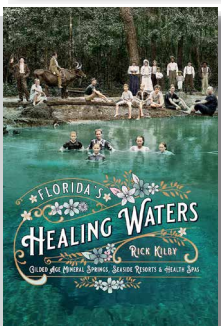
Free Event. Registration is required.



John Gregersen

Yamato Colony: The Pioneers Who Brought Japan to Florida

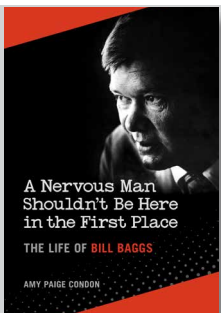
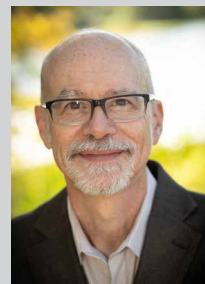
Celebrating the lives of ordinary men and women who left their homes and traveled an enormous distance to settle and raise their families in Florida, this book brings to light a unique moment in the state's history that few people know about today.



Rick Kilby

Florida's Healing Waters: Gilded Age Mineral Springs, Seaside Resorts, and Health Spa

Kilby's book spotlights a little-known time in Florida history when tourists poured into the state in search of good health. Kilby shows how Florida's natural wonders were promoted and developed as restorative destinations for America's emerging upper class. The rapid growth in tourism infrastructure that began during the Gilded Age lasted well into the twentieth century, and Kilby explains how these now-lost resorts helped boost the economy of modern Florida.



Amy Paige Condon

A Nervous Man Shouldn't Be Here in the First Place: The Life of Bill Baggs

In this first biography of this influential editor of the *Miami News*, Amy Paige Condon retraces how an orphaned boy from rural Colquitt, Georgia, bore witness and impacted some of the twentieth century's most earth-shifting events: World War II, the civil rights movement, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Vietnam War. From bombardier to reporter then accidental diplomat, Baggs, a white editor of a prominent southern newspaper, championed unpopular ideas and used his daily column as a bully pulpit for social justice and wielded his pen like a scalpel to reveal the truth.

