Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Award Open to Applicants Researching Florida/the American South at the University of Florida

Gainesville, FL—The University of Florida’s Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) is now accepting applications for the Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Award, open to individuals wishing to conduct research using the resources of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program or Special Collections at the George A. Smathers Libraries. See below for application procedures.

Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Award ($1,000 award)
This grant has been created in honor of Dr. Julian Pleasants, in recognition of his contributions during his tenure as director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida. Dr. Pleasants, author of Hanging Chads (2003), Orange Journalism (2004), and Gator Tales (2006), established an exemplary record in teaching, scholarship, and service to UF and the community and continues to be an avid supporter of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program.

Applicants for this award should be actively engaged in research about the American South, broadly understood (including Latin America & the Caribbean), and demonstrate a need for on-campus access to the resources of the Oral History Program and/or Special Collections. The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will award one (1) visiting scholar grant for 2015.

Procedures for Application
Applicants should provide: (1) a letter of intent, including their contact information; (2) a brief (300 word) proposal describing their research, the product they intend to create (thesis, book chapter, article, etc.), and resources at the university library that they intend to use; (3) the month in which they intend to visit UF; (4) a travel budget; and (5) a current CV.

Responsibilities of Award Recipients
Individuals who receive awards are expected to spend at least one week (five working days) in Gainesville in pursuit of their research and will submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project. Grants will be awarded at the time of researchers’ arrival at the University of Florida. Award recipients are expected to acknowledge the Julian Pleasants Visiting Scholar Award and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program in any published work, thesis, or dissertation.

Research work may be undertaken anytime between the announcement of awards (February 4, 2015) and December 31, 2015. Funds must be used in the calendar year awarded.

Application Deadline: March 9, 2015.
Send Applications to:
Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, c/o Dr. Paul Ortiz, 241 Pugh Hall, PO Box 115215, Gainesville, FL, 32611

For more information on the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, see: http://www.history.ufl.edu/oral/

For more information on Special Collections, George A. Smathers Library, see: http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/spec/