

## SPOHP January Newsletter

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# January 2022 SPOHP Newsletter Blast

## What We've Been Up To:

### *Emancipation Betrayed* Book Signing Event

On Sunday, January 23rd, the Harn Museum of Art hosted SPOHP director Dr. Paul Ortiz for a book signing event where he presented his 2005 publication *Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the Bloody Election of 1920*.



## SPOHP Open House Event

On Tuesday, January 25th, SPOHP hosted an open house event to connect with on-campus and community partners. Around 15 students came to learn about our different project collections, and we are looking forward to working with those interested in joining us in our mission. If you missed this event but want to participate in our program, please visit our website linked below or follow us on social media to learn more about our work.

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**Book Launch**

**African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida**  
Jacob U'Mofe Gordon and Paul Ortiz, co-editors  
[Register for the virtual event here!](#)

**Thursday, January 27, 2022**  
**3:00pm-4:00pm**

**Extra-credit sign-in sheets will be available upon request**

**African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida**  
Published by Library Press@UF, this volume gives behind the scenes access to the history of African American Studies at the University of Florida. In addition to revealing the origins of this remarkable program, the book documents the groundbreaking research contributions of Black faculty at UF. The text features testimonies from Black Floridians about the program's impact on the South and includes reflections by and about prominent UF alumni and scholars such as Patricia Hillard-Nunn, Judge Stephan Mickle, David Horne, and many more!

**Join us on Jan 27, through Zoom or SPOHP's FB, as moderator, David A. Canton leads a discussion featuring Jacob U'Mofe Gordon and Paul Ortiz, co-editors of African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida. An opportunity for Q&A will follow.**

<https://uf.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0tcQ6oqJ0wGtPh0gqCNjz2YhAUvmy6vDSS>

## African American Studies Book

On Thursday, January 27th, SPOHP hosted a book launch event for *African American Studies: 50 Years at the University of Florida*, a ground-breaking book co-edited by Dr. Paul Ortiz and Dr. Jacob U'Mofe Gordon which documents the history of the African American Studies program at UF. This remarkable book will also be promoted at the Sunshine State Book Festival from April 9th-10th, and is available as an ebook for free online.

[Online Book](#)



## Reanimating African American Oral Histories of the Gulf South (RAAOHGS)

Through Reanimating African American Oral Histories of the Gulf South, a collaborative project supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, community members will be able to engage with oral histories of over 700 African Americans in the Gulf South. To stay updated with the team's upcoming work, connect with us on social media!



## African American History Project

SPOHP continues to research Gainesville Sun articles to better understand the lynchings that occurred during the 19th and 20th century, as well as the role of the media in reporting incidents of racial violence. If interested in participating in this research investigation, please email [adolfhoromero@ufl.edu](mailto:adolfhoromero@ufl.edu).

Additionally, in collaboration with Rev. George Guy and the Office of Planning and Development, SPOHP is working to uncover the history of St. Augustine Episcopal Church. First established in 1889 in downtown Gainesville, it was the first Anglican Church to serve Black congregants. In the upcoming months, the team will file a historical marker application to commemorate the church.

## Florida Naturalist Project (FNP)

In early February, SPOHP field researchers will be traveling to Tampa and St. Petersburg, Florida to conduct oral histories with scientists, professors, and community members about the degradation of the state's water and natural resources. This project is an extension of the Florida Water Management Collection. To listen to previous interviews from these projects, visit the link below.

## Past Interviews

## Upcoming Events and Public Programs:

### Black Thursday Exhibit

Please join us at the Matheson Museum on February 2nd, 2022 for the opening of its newest exhibit: "We're Tired of Asking: Black Thursday and Civil Rights at the University of Florida." The exhibit, which will run for a year, highlights the arrest of sixty-six Black students on the University of Florida campus during a peaceful demonstration in 1971.

### Online Exhibit

### LPPI Event: Looking Ahead

Join the UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative (LPPI) and SPOHP on April 19th at 2:00 pm EST for a dynamic conversation about Latinx candidates and voters in Florida, the issues taking center stage during these upcoming races, and how the current situation in Florida reflects important trends in national politics with implications for the country as a whole.

### RSVP

## Ottoman Greeks in the US (OGUS) Symposium

In collaboration with SPOHP's Ottoman Greeks of the US (OGUS) project, the University of Florida will be hosting a symposium titled "Assessing the Ethnic Groups of the Late Ottoman Empire through a Decolonial Lens" from September 9th to 11th, 2022. To submit an abstract or learn more about this event, visit <https://ogus.oral.history.ufl.edu/events/fall-2022-symposium/abstract-submissions/>.

## Black History Month

In honor of Black History Month, from February 1st to March 1st, SPOHP will be promoting our African American History Project (AAHP) oral history collections. Connect with us on our social media to stay updated on other events amplifying Black voices and history in the upcoming weeks!

### Digital AAHP Interview Collections

## Stay Connected

Follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with our program and the work we're doing!



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