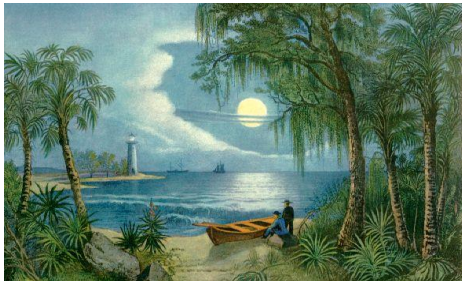

Conference Overview

The Hero (and Anti-hero) in the Sunshine State: Conchs, Crackers, Crooks,
Explorers, Pioneers, Detectives, Poets, Lovers . . .



Florida Coast, Currier and Ives

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November 8-10
2006



Cracker Cowboys, Remington

FCEA President Steve Glassman opened the conference with a meeting of the Executive Board at the Restaurant of the Imperial Swan Hotel on Wednesday evening, November 8th. Among the business discussed at the meeting was the selection of Indian River Community College in Fort Pierce as the site for the 2007 conference with April Van Camp as the program chair. The Board also discussed an amendment to the Bylaws proposed by President Glassman and agreed to take the proposal to the general membership at the FCEA business meeting Friday morning, where it was approved.



On Thursday, November 9th, the conference got off to a big start with the Plenary session featuring Jim Rogers and Alexander Bruce, professors from Florida Southern College, with presentations on Frank Lloyd Wright and his architecture at Florida Southern College. All day Thursday and Friday until noon, FCEA members participated in breakout sessions on topics related to the conference theme, The Hero (and anti-Hero) in the Sunshine State, and in other sessions on Florida Studies, literary criticism, rhetoric, popular culture, pedagogy, and African-American Studies. Several sessions featured poets reading their work, including the Thursday afternoon Coffee House, where listeners also relaxed to the guitar music of Professors Rich McKee of The Ringling School of Art and Design and

Harry Papagan of Macon State College. In all, around 115 presenters and panelists took part, and many others joined them as their audience.

Thursday's activities concluded with a bustling reception in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel with music by the Stradivarius Quartet. Professor Steve Brahle and Palm Beach Community college hosted a hospitality suite later that evening, and the good fellowship continued.



At noon on Friday, November 10th, conference activities shifted to the Hollis Room at FSC, where everyone enjoyed a fine luncheon. Professor Socky O'Sullivan of Rollins College then introduced Dick Adicks, Professor Emeritus of the University of Central Florida, and O' Sullivan presented him with the FCEA Distinguished Colleague Award. Next, the featured guest writer, Florida author Tim Dorsey, regaled the audience with a lively speech and readings from his novels. After Dorsey's book-signing, Mr. Mark Tlachac led a guided tour of Florida Southern's collection of Frank Lloyd Wright architecture.

This conference offered a great experience to everyone involved. The FCEA is looking forward to a super conference next year in Fort Pierce.

Submitted by Keith

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Distinguished Colleague



FCEA honored Richard Adicks with its fifth annual Distinguished Colleague Award (see [website](#)) for his long time commitment to our organization, his teaching, research, and collegiality. Dick is Professor Emeritus at UCF and the author of the novel, *A Court for Owls*, and *Oviedo, Biography of a Town*.

Florida English



If you did not sign the address list at the registration table of the Lakeland conference to have this year's issue of *Florida English* mailed to you, please send an email to Associate Editor, Jeff Grieneisen, grienej@mccfl.edu that includes your preferred mailing address. Also, if you know of any FCEA members at your institution who were unable to do so, or did not attend the conference, please advise them to do the same. The journal will be arriving in two weeks or less. Thanks very much for your patience and understanding. And please send us your poems, essays, short stories, etc. for consideration for the 2007 issue. See the [Florida English](#) webpage for submission guidelines.

Spread the word.

Also, please contact Jeff if you would like to order additional copies to disseminate to your departments and college libraries.

Florida Studies

Was your paper at the 2006 FCEA Conference on a Florida literary topic? Submit it for consideration in the [FCEA Florida Studies Proceedings](#), published by Cambridge Scholars Press, Cambridge, UK. Manuscripts are due by **December 15**. See the [FCEA Florida Studies Proceedings](#) webpage for submission guidelines.

Florida Studies: Proceedings of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Florida College English Association was published June 1, 2006. We encourage all members to order a copy for their college libraries as well as their own personal libraries.

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2007 Conference

The 2007 Fall Conference will be held in Fort Pierce, Florida, on November 8-9, 2007. April Van Camp is Conference Chair and will be providing more information at a later date.