Florida Folklore Society Annual Meeting 2023
February 24, 2023
Online and UCF Downtown

Theme: Folklorists at Work and Networking: Approaches to Researching and Promoting Folklore in the Sunshine State and Beyond

9:30-10:00am: Participants and Presenters Sign In/Set Up

Session #1 (Virtual): Florida Folklife Program and Heritage Education 10:00-11:15am (On zoom)
Event Welcome and Opening Remarks
Participants:
- Gregory Hansen, Professor of Folklore and English, Arkansas State University and former Florida Folklife Program Education Coordinator
- Teresa Hollingsworth, Senior Program Director, Film/Media & Traditional Arts at South Arts and former Florida Folklife Program Education Coordinator

Moderator: Tina Bucuvalas, Director, Florida Cultural Resources, Tarpon Springs, FL
(45-minute presentation/discussion, 15 minutes Q&A)

Session Description: Join former Florida Folklife Program (FFP) staff members Gregory Hansen and Teresa Hollingsworth in the first of our two FFP roundtable discussion sessions. Participants will speak to their experiences with studying and advocating for folklore in the Sunshine State, as well as share ideas for how folklorists can most effectively network with each other and folk artists going forward in order to strengthen the Florida Folklore Society and all the people it serves. This session will focus on the connections between Florida folklife and heritage education.

11:15am-1:00pm: Lunch Break and UCF Downtown/Maker Space Tour (for those in person)

Session #2 (In Person): Maker Culture and Folklife Studies: A Presentation and Dialogue 1:00-2:00pm
Participants:

- Dominick Tartaglia, Florida State Folklorist
- Jordan Lipscomb, Maker Space Manager and Visiting Instructor, UCF Games and Interactive Media program
- Eddie Lohmeyer, Assistant Professor of Digital Media, UCF Games and Interactive Media program

Moderator: Natalie Underberg-Goode, President, Florida Folklore Society
(45-minute presentation, 15 minutes Q&A)

Session Description: Join Florida State folklorist Dominick Tartaglia, UCF GaIM/NSCM Maker Space manager and visiting instructor Jordan Lipscomb, and Assistant Professor of Digital Media Eddie Lohmeyer for a lively presentation and discussion about the connections or affinities between contemporary maker culture and folk artists as makers in another, historical sense. What is maker culture,

and how is it similar to or informed by folk artists as makers, who make things? What is maker culture, and what can folklorists contribute to the discussion of it? What would a folkloristic perspective on maker culture look like? What could contemporary makers working with tools like 3D printers and laser cutters learn from traditional folk artists like traditional chair caners and weavers? What could contemporary folk artists learn from makers in maker spaces?

2:00-2:15pm: Break

Virtual Session #3 (Virtual): Florida Folklife Program and Documenting Folklife 2:15-3:15pm (on Zoom)
        Participants:

- Amanda Griffis, Cultural Anthropologist and Tribal Liaison, National Park Service and former Florida State Folklorist
- Bob Stone, Folklorist, 2011 Florida Folk Heritage Award Winner and former Florida Folklife Program Education Coordinator

Moderator: Peggy Bulger, Board of Directors, Florida Humanities Council
(45-minute presentation/discussion, 15 minutes Q&A)
Event Closing Remarks and Invitation to FFS Business Meeting

Session Description: Join former Florida Folklife Program staff members Amanda Griffis and Bob Stone in the second of our two FFP roundtable discussion sessions. Participants will speak to their experiences with studying and advocating for folklore in the Sunshine State, as well as share ideas for how folklorists can most effectively network with each other and folk artists going forward in order to strengthen the Florida Folklore Society and all the people it serves. This session will focus on the approaches to documenting Florida folklife.

3:15-3:30pm: Break

3:30-4:30pm: FFS Business Meeting (Virtual) (On Zoom)

4:30-6:00pm: Dinner and Social Time (for those in person)