September 15, 7 pm
“Did someone call a priest?” The Impact of Catholicism on Florida’s Prehistoric and Historic Populations
Ben Dibiase and Dr. Rachel Wentz
How has Catholicism impacted populations in Florida? We’ll examine the impact of the Spanish mission system on Native Americans across north Florida, then fast-forward to the early 20th century and head south to see how it affected early settlers in central Florida.

October 27, 7 pm—Special Event Book Release!
Chasing Bones: An Archaeologist’s Pursuit of Skeletons
Dr. Rachel Wentz
We’ll usher in Halloween with the introduction of Dr. Wentz’s new book, published by the Florida Historical Society Press. Travel with Dr. Wentz from Florida, through Europe, and into the Caribbean as she recounts her experiences learning how to analyze human remains to better understand the cultures from which they came.

November 17, 7pm
The Ghosts of Florida’s Forgotten Fort
Gregg Harding
In the summer of 2011, Gregg traveled to the Dry Tortugas to help document and photograph historical graffiti within the small magazine room at Fort Jefferson, a Civil War fort located 70 miles from Key West on the small cluster of islands known as the Dry Tortugas. We’ll explore these symbolic artworks and discuss the role they and the people who created them have played in the fort’s history.

December 15, 7 pm
Exploring Ancient Florida
Dr. Rachel Wentz
Millions of years ago, the peninsula that would become Florida broke from the west coast of Africa, settling into its present location. Since then, its landscape has gone from an African-like savannah to a tropical paradise. Ancient mega-fauna that once roamed the forests and grasslands disappeared as humans arrived. Come see what Florida was like for the earliest Native Americans.

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