

David Morton

Learn about Florida's amazing contributions to the film industry and its key role in creating the modern entertainment industry! David Morton discusses how Florida became a "third coast" to the American film and television industries over the past one hundred years.



David Morton received his Ph.D. in Texts and Technology from the University of Central Florida in 2019, where he is also an instructor in History and Media Studies. He received the 2016-17 Fulbright scholarship and serves as program director for the Flickering Landscapes Conference Series. His book, *A Motion Picture Paradise!: A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry* is published by the University Press of Florida.

A promotional poster for a book talk. The background is light blue with decorative vertical bars in yellow, red, and green, and black starburst graphics. On the left is the book cover for 'Motion Picture Paradise: A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry' by David Morton, featuring a vintage film scene. To the right, the text reads 'Book Talk WITH David Morton author of MOTION PICTURE Paradise'. Below this is a paragraph of text about the book and an invitation to a discussion and Q&A session. A portrait of David Morton in a red shirt is positioned in the lower-left area of the poster.

MOTION PICTURE Paradise
A History of Florida's Film and Television Industry
David Morton

Book Talk
WITH **David Morton**
author of **MOTION PICTURE Paradise**

Motion Picture Paradise is a sweeping story of filmmaking in Florida, featuring studios and filmmakers across the peninsula by looking at the many iconic films and television shows shot in the state. In the early years of the American film industry, Florida was a favorite location for pioneer movie makers, and David Morton chronicles the state's importance to producers throughout the next 125 years.

Join us for a discussion and Q&A to learn more about Florida's film history!

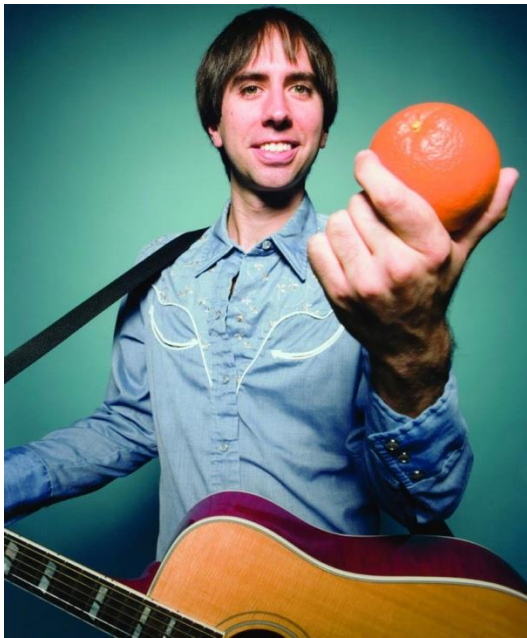
Chris K

Event Details

Florida Humanities Speaker Chris Kahl takes audiences on a historical journey through the state, featuring performances of songs covering a wealth of historical events, characters, and folklore with in-depth storytelling about Ponce de Leon's voyage to Florida in 1513, Henry Flagler's building of Florida's East Coast Railroad, Florida's unique eco-systems, and more. Original songs come from Chris Kahl's Florida-themed albums, *Orange Blossom Memories* and *Sunshine Kid*.

About Chris Kahl

Chris Kahl is a Florida folk musician and storyteller who highlights Florida history, characters, and folklore through his original songs. He wrote and recorded two Florida-themed albums, *Orange Blossom Memories* and *Sunshine Kid*. He is an artist in residence in numerous school districts, where he educates students about Florida history through his music. He performs statewide and has presented for the Florida State Touring Roster, Florida Historical Society, and Arts4All Florida, among others. He is a graduate of Rollins College.



Eliot Kleinberg



In 1998, the original *Weird Florida* posited that Florida was the wackiest state of all. That much weirdness called for a second volume in 2006: *Weird Florida II: In a State of Shock*. Now, more than two decades later, who can argue otherwise? This presentation by author and journalist, Eliot Kleinberg, includes a whirlwind tour of 500 years of Florida history, capped with a strong argument for Florida's transplants to become Floridians.


About Eliot Kleinberg

Eliot Kleinberg spent more than four decades as a reporter, including more than 33 years at *The Palm Beach Post*. In addition to covering local news, he wrote extensively about Florida and its history. He produced two history columns and more than a dozen books about the state. He also runs a blog on bad writing and how to fix it called, "Something Went Horribly Wrong."

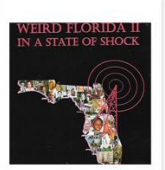
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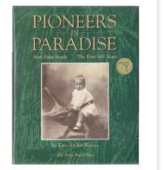
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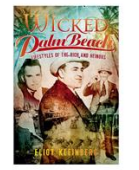
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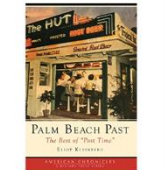
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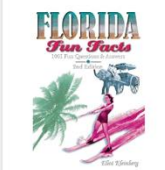
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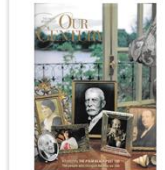
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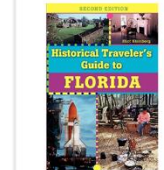
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