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Panelists

Marilyn Bishop Shaw

Mrs. Shaw is the author of the beloved children's book *Solomon*, a story of strength, survival and the importance of family. Shaw comes from a long line of storytellers. Growing up on a farm near a small town in North Florida, she later moved back to teach in the very same town. Her interest in Florida history inspired her to write *Solomon*.

Johnnie (John) E. Griffin

Mr. Griffin is a native Floridian. Presently, he serves as a City Councilman for the City of Groveland, Florida. Mr. Griffin's hobbies are raising beef cattle and Second Seminole War re-enacting. He is a past/present member of the Dade Battlefield Society; South Lake County Historical Society; Groveland Historical Society; Seminole War Foundation; Florida Cattlemen Association and Florida Cracker Horse Association.

Matthew Griffin

Having visited Seminole War Reenactments with his uncle, Matthew began participating in re-enactment events and sharing the vital role African Americans played during the course of Florida's history. In his spare time, Matthew is a student at the University of Florida and a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity.

Dr. Steven Noll

Senior Lecturer Steven Noll received his Ph.D. in 1991 in American History from the University of Florida, his M.A. in 1985 from the University of Florida, and M.Ed. from the University of Florida in Special Education in 1976 and his B.A. in 1974 from the College of William and Mary.

Program Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Commissioner Adam H. Putnam
- 6:05 p.m. University of Florida Welcome
 Dr. Elaine Turner, Senior Associate
 Dean College of Agricultural & Life
 Sciences
- 6:10 p.m. Florida History Briefing Commissioner Adam H. Putnam
- 6:15 p.m. Introduction of Panelists Commissioner Adam H. Putnam
- 6:20 p.m. Q &A with Panelists
- 6:50 p.m. Q & A with Audience
- 7:15 p.m. Adjournment