

Note to Readers

It is with pleasure that I present the latest edition of the Florida Geographer. The diversity of the papers exhibits a continuing interest on the part of the readership in ensuring a quality publication. I appreciate that and also those who have given of their time to review the manuscripts as they have come in. The journal could not proceed without such effort.

Once again I make a call for manuscripts. We have a vibrant Society here in Florida and this, its flagship journal, should be considered an excellent outlet for research undertaken by its members, including K-12 teachers and students at all levels. Each manuscript will be reviewed and authors will be well-informed about the whole process from manuscript to final publication. The editors are enthusiastic about your work and are here to enable it to see the light of day in the form of this journal. Please do not hesitate to send it our way. As I mentioned in my last note, this work can include pedagogical notes, field-based observations, and other work not necessarily of research manuscript form. I believe the journal should be used as a forum for any information deemed important to our readers on a State-wide basis.

One possibility for this latter might be surveys or formal reviews of the latest books or articles of pertinence to researchers and others in the State. For example, our past editor, Dr. Morton D. Winsburg, has just published an important book: *Atlas of Race, Ancestry, and Religion in 21st-Century Florida* with the University of Florida Press. Much like his well-known *Atlas of Florida* and *Florida Weather* books, this latest edition of Winsburg's research promises to be an integral addition to the libraries of all those undertaking geographic studies of Florida. I hereby invite those who may wish to review this book for the journal to send me a note of interest. Similarly, a recent book by Gary R. Mormino: *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida*, has also recently been published by the same press. This book is overflowing with important information that would be of use to those interested in the recent past of the State. Finally, a more popularly-targeted recent book by Diane Roberts: *Dream State: Eight Generations of Swamp Lawyers, Conquistadors, Confederate Daughters, Banana Republicans, and Other Florida Wildlife*, published by the Free Press, simply cries out to be read thoroughly, if only to get a sense of the popular geographic imaging of our State. Again, drop me a line if you would like to comment on these books or others that you think need to be brought to the attention of our readers.

Finally, thanks once again to my Managing Editor, Kris Bezdecny, now on the faculty of the Center for Urban Transportation Research here at the University of South Florida and continuing Ph.D. student, for making sure this journal gets published. Without her, I would be lost in the sea of details she charts so well.

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