

## GORDON M. PATTERSON

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 1979, U.C.L.A., C. Phil(History), 1973
- Universitat Heidelberg, Dolmetscher Institute, 1976-1978; Philosophisches Seminar, 1974-1975
- Goethe Institute, Murnau, 1973
- Goethe Institute, Berlin, 1971
- B.S., Northwestern University, Public Address/History, 1970

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Humanities, 1994-present
- Associate Professor of History, Florida Institute of Technology, 1981-1994
- Lecturer, University of Maryland, 1974-1981
- Instructor, U.C.L.A., 1973
- Assessing Editor, *Journal of Mind and Behavior*
- Editor in Chief, Open Forum Series, Krieger Publishing Company

### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- *Florida Institute of Technology: A History* (In-Press).
- *History in Song: Encounters in a New World*, Vols. I, II, III Study Guides and Activity Book, co-author with Joy Patterson, Ironwood Productions, March, 1993.
- *The Essential of Medieval History* (Study Guide), Research and Education Association, 1990.
- *The Essentials of Ancient History* (Study Guide), Research and Education Association, 1990.
- "Space University: Lift-Off of Florida Tech," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Summer, 2000.
- "The Skirted Soldiers: The Women's Army corps in Daytona," *Forum Magazine of Florida Humanities Council*, 1999.
- "Missiles as Artifacts: the Creation of the Air Force Space and Missile Museum," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, LXXVIII, No. 1 (summer), pp. 23-45, 1999.
- "Countdown to College; Launching Florida Institute of Technology," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, LXXVII, No. 2, Fall 1998, 19-22.
- "Ditches and Dreams: Nelson Fell and the Rise of Fellsmere," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, LXXVI, No. 5, Summer 1997, 1-19.
- "Hurston Goes to War: The Army Signal Corps in Saint Augustine," *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Fall 1995, 166-183.

### CHAPTERS IN BOOKS

- "Color Matters," in *Technohistory*. Edited by Chris Gray, Krieger Publishing Company, 1996.
- "The 1930s: Depression Florida," in *Florida Decades: A Sesquicentennial History 1845-1995*. Edited by James J. Horgan and Lewis N. Wynne, St. Leo Press, 1995.
- "Sara Lee Creech: Working for Racial Sensitivity," *Florida Pathfinders*. (St. Leo: St. Leo Press, 1994).

### RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Florida's War on Mosquitoes: A History of Mosquito Control (in-progress)
- Improving Paradise: An Environmental History of Florida (various topics in progress)
- Zora Neale Hurston

## HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- East-West Center Award, East West Center at University of Hawaii Manoa, 1999
- N.E.H. Summer Institute, East-West Center at University of Hawaii Manoa, 1997
- N.E.H. Summer Seminar, University of Wisconsin, 1993
- N.E.H. Summer Institute, U.C.L.A., 1991
- N.E.H. Summer Seminar, University of Illinois, 1989
- Center for Theoretical Studies Stipend, University of Miami, 1989
- Stanford Dante Institute, N.E.H. Grant, 1988
- N.E.H. Summer Stipend, Yale University, 1986
- Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst Stipendium, 1974-1975
- Fulbright Fellow 1974-1975
- University of Pittsburgh, European Studies Award, 1973
- U.C.L.A. Chancellor's Fellow, 1970-1974
- Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship, Northwestern University, 1968
- Hardy Fellow, Northwestern University, 1966-1970

## RELEVANT KNOWLEDGE

Spent eight years in Europe. Lived in Vienna and Heidelberg. Conversant in German.

**Proposed CUAP Research Area:** *Environmentalism in the US and Hungary: Historical Comparisons & Contrasts.* Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* (1962) opened an epoch of environmental concern. Governments and individuals, corporations and communities have wrestled with controlling pollution, the impact of population growth on environmentally sensitive areas, and the challenge of maintaining economic expansion in an environmentally responsible fashion. Faculty members from Florida Institute of Technology and the Budapest University of Technology and Economics propose to collaborate in developing a course, which would explore the development of environmentalism in their respective regions. The goal of this collaborative effort would be to launch a dynamic exchange between historians, engineers, and scientists in Hungary and Florida, which focuses on ways to design a course examining environmental history from a comparative perspective. Our objective is to present students with an opportunity to assess the implications of rapid environmental change in modern life. The course would examine the complex question of determining how modern states balance the need for economic and technical progress with protecting natural resources and basic eco-systems. Specific topics that will be examined include: the use of pesticides and chemicals and their impact on nature and human society, the control of pollution, the impact of population growth on sensitive areas, the rise of environmental activism, and the development of environmental consciousness in popular culture.

*Principal Investigators:* Dr. Gordon Patterson and Dr. Robert Taylor (Florida Tech)

*First year activities:* Gordon Patterson and Robert Taylor will visit BUTE during the spring/summer 2002 and present a workshop offering an overview of environmental issues in contemporary Florida. One or two members of the BUTE will visit Florida Tech in the fall 2002 and present a workshop on environmental issues in Hungary.

*First year costs:* \$12,000