

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference**  
*Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida*  
*March 26-28, 2015*

Thursday, March 26

7 pm Annual Trustees Dinner, **Terrace Hotel**, Lakeland

Friday, March 27 —Hollis Room, Florida Southern College

- 8—9 am Registration
- 9—9:30 Welcome, Ashley Lear, President of MKR Society; Dean Brad Hollingshead (Florida Southern College); Keith Huneycutt (Florida Southern College); Malcolm Manners (Florida Southern College), and Art Wade (Rose Petals Nursery, Newberry)
- 9:30—10 James Michael Denham (Florida Southern College), “The Black and White of Florida Cracker Lives: Shared Traditions and Recalled Legacies”
- 10—10:20 Bev Hogue (Marietta College, Ohio), “When Local Color Meets the Open Road: Rawlings and Hurston at the Crossroads”
- 10:20—10:40 Darien Andreu (Flagler College), “The Literary Benéts and Their Florida Connections”
- 10:40—11 *Break*
- 11--11:30 Rodger Tarr (Illinois State University) and Brent Kinser (Western Carolina University) (Homework: read “Black Secret”)
- 11:30—11:50 Jim Stephens (Gainesville and Cross Creek), “Honoring Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings: The Rawlings Stamp”
- 11:50—12:10 Ashley Lear (Embry-Riddle University), Oh, Brother!: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow’s Lesser Known Brothers
- 12:10—12:30 Keith Huneycutt (Florida Southern College), “Zora Neale Hurston in Polk County”
- 12:30--1 Alexander Rich (Florida Southern College), "Interpreters of Nature: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, Frank Lloyd Wright, and the ' Sense of Place.'"
- 1—2 Lunch (sack lunches)
- 2 pm Frank Lloyd Tour of Florida Southern College
- 6:30 Cocktail hour, **Terrace Hotel**
- 7:30 Banquet, **Terrace Hotel**.  
Guest Speaker: John Fleming (University of South Florida)

*Saturday, March 28—Hollis Room, Florida Southern College*

- 8:30—9 am MKR Society Business Meeting
- 9—9:30 MKR Writing Contest Winners from Lakeland (Ellen Giallonardo);  
MKR College Writing Contest Winner Joshua Wilkey (Western  
Carolina University)  
(Kevin McCarthy and Ashley Lear)
- 9:30—9:50 Michael Stowe (University of South Florida), “Community in  
Response to Isolation: Place-Making in Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings’s *The  
Yearling* as a Model for Community Engagement in a Gated Florida”
- 9:50—10:20 Anne Pierce (Hawthorne), “Steamboats on the Ocklawaha River”
- 10:20—10:40 *Break*
- 10:40—11:10 Richard Bergmann, “The Connecticut Yankee Home of Maxwell  
Perkins: Editor of Genius”
- 11:10—11:40 Flo Turcotte (University of Florida), “Caught at the Still: Marjorie  
Kinnan Rawlings and the Florida Moonshiners”
- 11:40—Noon Margaret Harris (Palm Harbor), “Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and  
Dessie Smith Prescott: Pioneer Women and Their Cookbooks”
- 12:40 Silent Auction
- 1:00 pm Luncheon, **Lakeland Yacht and Country Club**  
Guest Speaker: Poet Peter Meinke (St. Petersburg)