



**Who, What and Where of the Florida Conservation Battle**, Quinton White Jr., Ph. D., Jacksonville University, Wednesday 5-7 p.m. January 18-April 4, 2012

**Seminar Summary:** The Who, the What and the Where will be a unique look at the science, history, philosophy and sociology of the fight to save the fragile Florida environment with some hands on and feet wet field work. We'll talk about how fire and water shaped Florida and the influence of indigenous people too. Join us as we take a look at the heroes and heroines of the Florida conservation movement ranging from the historic John and William Bartram to the matriarch Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, and include the dynamic duo Archie and Marjorie Carr and such modern writers as Bill Belleville and Craig Pitman. We'll combine a blend of readings and discussions with some field trips to look at what they were fighting to preserve. What did Old Florida look like and where are we today? Let's look at the St. Johns River, the sandy beaches and the sensitive wetlands along with the importance of fire and water in maintaining the ecology of Florida. This seminar will be a multi-disciplined approach with topics for elementary, middle school and high school teachers alike.

Seminar topics include:

- An Introduction to Old Florida- Fire and Water
- A Walk on the Beach- Field Trip
- Early Pioneers: John and William Bartram
- A Look at the Wild Side of Florida- Field Trip
- Booming Florida: Douglas and the Carrs
- A Ride on the River-Field Trip
- Modern Warriors
- What does the future hold?

**Quinton White**, Executive Director of the Marine Science Research Institute at Jacksonville University. He has been studying the St. Johns River for over three decades. He received his Ph.D. in 1976 from the University of South Carolina at the Baruch Institute of Marine Biology and Coastal Research. He has a MS degree from the University of Virginia. He is a former Professor of the Year at JU. His research has taken him to China, the Galapagos Islands, the Bahamas and down to 1500 feet below the ocean. His research on the St. Johns River includes work on manatees, dolphins, and human related nutrient impacts.