

Panel on Seminole Culture

A special panel of authors who have written about the Seminole culture and history will appear Saturday, March 20, at 4:30 p.m.

Patsy West

Co-author of *A Seminole Legend: The Life of Betty Mae Jumper*, and author of *The Enduring Seminoles: From Alligator Wrestling to Casino Gaming*, and *Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes of Southern Florida, The (FL) (Images of America)*. A 1970 FSU graduate, West has an art history/anthropology degree and is a leading ethnohistorian who has spent 37 years in the field with tribal peoples. She won the American Association for State and Local History Award for *Enduring Seminoles*.



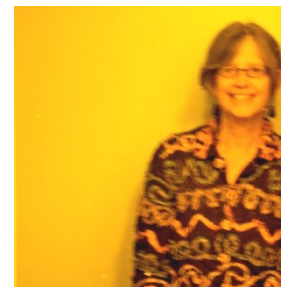
KiKi BelMonte-Schaller

KiKi BelMonte-Schaller's novel *Gray Rainbow Journey* was selected Winner of Multicultural Fiction in the National Best Books 2009 competition sponsored by USA Book News. The novel was also a finalist in the Fiction categories of Mystery & Suspense and Religion. Schaller (Cherokee/Seminole) uses her Native American heritage to create unique characters faced with choices of Native identity within the universal themes of love, hate, revenge and redemption. She is currently at work on a sequel and is also collaborating on a screenplay. Before becoming a full-time writer, she taught art and creative writing on the Seminole Reservation, and has also taught in public schools. Schaller has been a presenter and featured speaker at conferences, workshops and schools. She resides in Plantation, Florida with her husband, Jim,

her mother Lily, and the family's three cats.

Jan Godown Annino

Author of several books on Florida topics. Annino will be making a presentation related to her picture book biography, *She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Indian Leader*.



Lucia St. Clair Robson

"Best Living Western Historical Novelist"—that's what *True West Magazine* declared Robson in 2003. Her *Ride the Wind* and appeared on the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* bestseller lists. The Western Writers of America awarded it the Golden Spur for Best Historical Western of 1982. Robson has written nine other novels, including *Light a Distant Fire*, about the Seminole Indian War leader Osceola; and *Ghost Warrior*, the story of Lozen, warrior woman of the Apaches and sister of Chief Victorio.

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