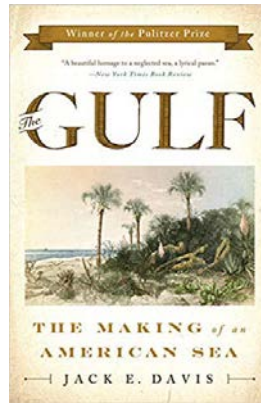
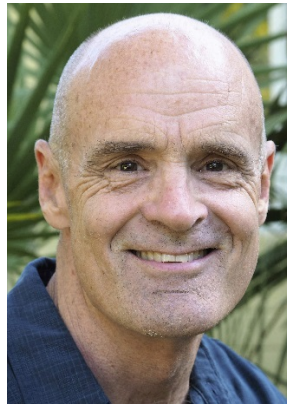




MEDIA ALERT: January 25, 2019

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WSRE PUBLIC SQUARE AND PENSACOLA STATE COLLEGE PRESENT JACK E. DAVIS



WHO: Jack E. Davis, a University of Florida history professor, won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for History for his book, "The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea."

WHAT: Free WSRE Public Square event and book signing: "Florida and the Gulf of Mexico: History, Wisdom, and Hope." Drawing from his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea," Davis will talk about the role the Gulf of Mexico has played in the course of U.S. history; the way people, from pre-Spanish natives to current shoreside residents, have organized their societies and individual lives around nature; how Gulf nature has been a positive force in human events; and how human activities have sometimes led to unintended consequences that have undermined the Gulf's beneficence.

WHEN: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at Pensacola State College

WHY: WSRE Public Square presents public talks on topics related to the arts, science, education and media. This presentation by Davis is funded in part by a Florida Humanities Speakers Series grant awarded to Pensacola State College, WSRE's licensee. The Florida Humanities Council partners with community organizations around the state. Support is provided by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs.

HOW: Admission is free. Visit wsre.org/speakers to register and learn more.

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Photo Note:

Pulitzer Prize winner Jack E. Davis, author of “The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea,” will give a public talk at the WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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