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2012-2013 Winter Luncheon Meeting

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On Friday, January 25, 2013 Dr. J. Michael Francis, Hough Family Endowed Chair in Florida Studies at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, spoke to nearly 100 Town and Gown members and guests. Dr. Francis is one of the world's leading experts on early Florida history and as such spoke to the romantic notions of the conquistadors that first arrived in la Florida. He also gave a rousing recounting of the history of deSoto, and spoke of the exciting challenges he will offer history students at USFSP including a course in early Spanish graphology.

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