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Author to screen film, discuss wonders of St. Johns River

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Author Bill Belleville

The USF St. Petersburg [Florida Studies Program](#) and the [Student Environmental Awareness Society](#) present “Florida’s St. Johns River,” a lecture and film hosted by author Bill Belleville at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27.

Belleville, author of *River of Lakes: A Journey of Florida’s St. Johns River*, will discuss the documentary *Water’s Journey: The River Returns* at Harbor Hall, 1000 3rd St South. It is free and open to the public.

Produced by Karst Productions, *Water’s Journey* explains the history of the St. Johns River and its importance to Florida. Belleville will discuss the film and his personal experiences with river.

“Who better to comment on the film and the St. Johns River than the guy who wrote about it?” said Chris Meindl, Ph.D., Florida Studies program director. “Florida Studies is pleased to partner with the Student Environmental Awareness Society for this event.”

Formed 100,000 years ago, the St. Johns River is home to hundreds of species of birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish and other water creatures. Before Europeans arrived in Florida, many Native American tribes called the river home. The river runs 300 miles from its marshy headwaters south of Melbourne through Jacksonville.

Belleville is also the author of *Salvaging the Real Florida: Lost and Found in the State of Dreams*, and *Losing it All to Sprawl: How Progress Ate My Cracker Landscape*. He also is co-producer and writer of the documentaries *In Marjorie's Wake: Rediscovering Rawlings, a River & Time* and *Conch Cowboys*.

For more information about the event or the Florida Studies Program, please call Chris Meindl at (727) 873-4872.

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