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FLORIDA STUDIES FACULTY TO SPEAK AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

USF St. Petersburg historian [J. Michael Francis](#) will speak at the Library of Congress, the nation’s oldest federal cultural institution, on Monday, April 10. Francis will speak to the creation of a new initiative that aims to make colonial Florida history accessible to users across the world with the click of a mouse.

This comprehensive, interactive and multidisciplinary digital project will contain infographics, maps, original documents, and a historical database of people who lived in Florida between 1513 and 1821. The first phase of the initiative is expected to launch in the fall.



J. Michael Francis

Francis, Hough Family Chair of Florida Studies and Professor of History, is a leading expert on colonial Florida and Spanish history. He has taught in the fields of colonial Latin America, early Florida, Spanish borderlands, the pre-Columbian Americas, and Spanish paleography.

Francis recently presented about the initiative with two graduate students at a national conference in Alabama. [Learn more.](#)

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