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**Tampa Bay History Center Presents Final Lecture in Series**

(Tampa, FL) - The Tampa Bay History Center is hosting its final lecture in the current Florida Conversations Series on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The lecture features author Martin Dyckman whose topic is "What's all this Fuss About an Independent Florida Judiciary?"

Martin Dyckman is the author of *A Most Disorderly Court: Scandal and Reform in the Florida Judiciary* which recounts a dark period in Florida politics and traces the reform efforts that ultimately led to a constitutional amendment of all Florida's appellate judges.

Martin Dyckman, former investigative reporter, editorial writer and columnist with the *St. Petersburg Times*, has earned several honors including the American Bar Association Silver Gavel and the Distinguished Service Award of the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors. In 1984, the Florida Bar Foundation recognized his writing with its Medal of Honor Award. He is also the author of *Floridian of His Century: The Courage of Governor LeRoy Collins*.

The Florida Conversations Lecture Series is made possible through a partnership with the USF Libraries' Florida Studies Center. Programs are underwritten by the Tampa Bay History Center Endowment Fund at USF with media sponsorship from *The Tampa Tribune*. The Florida Conversations are free and open to the public. Seating is limited; reservations required. To RSVP call 813.228.0097.

**About the Tampa Bay History Center**

The new 60,000-square-foot Tampa Bay History Center in Tampa's bustling Channelside District takes an illuminating walk through 12,000 years of powerful stories. The Center features the first native inhabitants, Spanish conquistadors, pioneers, sports legends, a 1920s-era cigar store, interactive maps, and exhibits that feature a rich ethnic heritage and adventurous spirit that has inspired generations. The four-floor Center boasts a visually captivating atrium, a theater, map center, library, event hall, museum store and the Columbia Café.

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