To announce a lecture series to be held at the University of Miami for teachers regarding the upcoming 500th Anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s Exploration of Florida.

- The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills, in conjunction with the University of Miami’s Center for Humanities, is offering a lecture series to interested teachers in honor of the 500th Anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s landing on the shores of Florida.
- The lecture series, as part of a larger conference to be held in February titled: “Florida at the Crossroads: Five Hundred Years of Encounters, Conflicts, and Exchanges,” will offer thought-provoking dialogue revisiting the past, heeding the present, and envisioning the future of Florida as a crossroads of people, quests, and exchanges.
- The University of Miami’s Center for Humanities has received a grant from the Florida Humanities Council to offer the lecture series free of charge to interested teachers and to organize the conference to be held February 9-11, 2012.
- Interested teachers can sign up for the lecture series through the Professional Development Registration and Menu System by searching for the course by instructor, “Brazofsky,” and clicking on the session titled: 500 Years of Encounters, Conflicts, and Exchanges.”
- Participants who attend all three lectures and complete the follow up assignment will be awarded 10 Master Plan Points and be given priority consideration to attend the conference associated with this grant in February (more details regarding the conference will be forwarded to interested participants at a later date).
- The dates, topics, and locations of the three lectures are as follows:
  - Saturday, September 24, 2011: “The New World and the Search for Eternal Youth: A Visual History.” Location: University of Miami’s Merrick Building Room 110. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
  - Saturday, October 15, 2011: “The Cuban Tradition of “El Lector” in Nilo Cruz’s Anna in the Tropics.” Location: University of Miami’s Cuban Heritage Collections Library. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and November 19, 2011: “Blacks in Florida History.” Location: University of Miami’s Merrick Building Room 110. Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Prior access to this lecture series will be given to 4th grade Florida History teachers and 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th grade teachers of history.
- No stipend will be given for attending the lectures.
- For additional information please see: http://www.humanities.miami.edu/symposia/florida500
- If you need further information please email rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net or see the contact information below.

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