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Bob Graham Center director wins Dorothy Dodd Lifetime Achievement Award

GAINESVILLE, Fla.— The Board of Directors of the Florida Historical Society has unanimously selected David Colburn as the 2015 recipient of the Dorothy Dodd Lifetime Achievement Award. The award is given annually to persons who have given more than two decades of service to the study and promotion of Florida history.

Colburn was provost and senior vice president of the University of Florida from 1999-2005, and has been a member of the University of Florida history faculty since 1972. He served as chairman of the Department of History from 1981-1989 and vice provost and dean of the International Center at the University of Florida from 1997-1999. Colburn's teaching and research have focused on politics, race and ethnicity in Twentieth Century America. He was named teacher-of-the-year on three occasions and has authored and/or edited 14 books, including most recently: *From Yellow Dog Democrats to Red State Republicans* (2007) and *Florida's Megatrends* with Lance deHaven-Smith (2010).

He has served as a distinguished lecturer for the Organization of American Historians and as a Road Scholar for the Florida Humanities Council, speaking internationally, nationally and statewide on history and politics. He has appeared on many news programs to discuss civil rights, race relations, state and national politics, and international political developments.

Colburn is past president of the Florida Historical Society, past chair of the Florida Humanities Council and past chair of the Federation of State Humanities Council. He currently serves as the director of the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida. The center provides public programs to students and citizens on critical issues confronting Florida and the nation.

He has authored more than 200 essays on state, national and international politics; and served as a regular contributor to the Orlando Sentinel for 20 years. More recently he has written for the Miami Herald, the St. Petersburg Times, the Florida Times Union, the Gainesville Sun and the Ocala Star-Banner.

The award will be presented on May 23, as part of the FHS Annual Meeting and Symposium in St. Augustine. Colburn will deliver the keynote address for the program.