PIGS, POT, and POLICY: The Creation of Florida’s Modern Constitution

Thursday, July 31st at 1 PM
USF Tampa Library Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor

Ms. Adkins will be discussing her research into the creation of Florida’s first modern constitution in 1968, and the subsequent constitution revision commissions that have wrestled with Florida’s challenging issues in the ensuing decades. She will describe how Florida was able to go from a backwards, backwoods government to a forward-looking, widely admired reform government in just a few years, and how the very constitutional features that brought the government closer to the people may have backfired.

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