**RFUF Speaker Schedule, Spring Semester 2025**

**Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art, Wednesdays, 10:00 am**

**Preceded by social gathering, Camellia Court Café, 9:30 am**

January 8 **James B. Flanegan**, Professor Emeritus and former Chair, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. *Challenge of Developing Next Generation Vaccines for Poliovirus Eradication*

January 15 **Andrew Zimmerman**, UF Professor of Geological Sciences

*Biochar:* *Can Charcoal Save the World from Climate Change?*

January 22 **Scott Darius**, Executive Director, Florida Voices for Health

*An update on Florida’s Healthcare Landscape*

January 29 **Nancy Denslow**, Professor, UF Department of Physiological Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine. *Impact of Exposures to Environmental Contaminants*

February **5 Leslie Hendeles**, Professor Emeritus, UF College of Pharmacy

*Why did Sudafed Stop Relieving Stuffy Noses?*

February 12 **William Troy Donahoo**, Professor and Chief, UF Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, And Metabolism. *The Neurohormonal Underpinnings of Homeo-*

*stasis and How a Hormone Eclipses the “Eat Less Exercise More” Adage*

February 19 **Roger Fillingim**, Distinguished Professor andAssociate Dean, UF

College of Dentistry. *Individual Differences in Response to Pain and its*

*Treatment*

February 26 **Field trip Kika Silva Pla Planetarium at** **Santa Fe College**, James Albury, Director

 ***Meet at Santa Fe College parking for the planetarium, 11:30 am***

March 5 **Eric Godet,** CEO, Gainesville Chamber of Commerce. *The Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce: The Greater Gainesville Chamber – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”*

March 12 **Rob Ferl,** UFDistinguished Professor of Horticultural Sciences and Inaugural Director, Space Institute at the University of Florida. *Flying to Space as a Scientist-Yes, the time has come for Researchers to go to Space*

March 19 **Carol McCusker**, Curator of Photography, The Harn Museum of Art

 *A Brief History of Photography*

March 26 **Student Presentations**—ILR at Oak Hammock

April 2 **Steve Gird**, Senior Director Research and Development, (Retired) Jim Beam

Company. *Bourbon: What is it? How do they make it?*

April 9 TBA

April 16 **Spring Luncheon and Business meeting** at The Village, Gainesville, 11:30 am