

## The Impact of Mary McLeod Bethune on the Daytona Beach Area

Date/Time: Saturday, February 3, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Place: Anderson-Price Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Presented By: **Leonard Lempel, Ph.D.**

Event Type: In-Person

**Free Admission: (Open to the Public)**



Learn why Mary McLeod Bethune came to Daytona in 1904, how she and her school (The Daytona Literary and Industrial School for Negro Girls) immediately impacted the community, and continued to influence the greater Daytona Beach area throughout her lifetime. Specific topics to be discussed include Bethune's role in area politics, Bethune and her school's confrontation with the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s, and how Bethune's connections with FDR and Eleanor Roosevelt assisted Bethune-Cookman College and the community during the Great Depression and World War II.

**Len Lempel, Ph.D.** is a Professor of History, Emeritus at Daytona State College where he taught mostly United States and African American history from 1996 to 2015. He has numerous publications, mostly involving the African American communities in the Daytona Beach area. He has co-produced several documentary films, and is currently completing a feature-length documentary on the 'Life and Legacy of Mary McLeod Bethune.' He has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Historical Society since 2000 (president from 2014 to 2016). He has

been the editor of the *Halifax Herald*, the journal of the Halifax Historical Society since 2010, and has served on the Society's Board of Directors from 1999-2022.

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