

Surviving Groveland

Stories from the Families of the Groveland Four

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2:00 PM – 3:30 PM | Reception to follow

Keene-Flint Hall, Room 05 | University of Florida



Dr. Houchen, a Postdoctoral Associate with the CSRRR, will share excerpts and perspectives from the oral narratives of family members of the Groveland Four.

In 1949 in Groveland, Florida, three African American men and one African American teenager were charged with the rape of a white woman. The ensuing case and trial are widely considered a miscarriage of justice, and a harrowing example of anti-black violence, police brutality, and Black community survival in Jim Crow, Florida. In 2012, Gilbert King's Pulitzer prize-winning novel, *Devil in the Grove*, revived interest in the case.

This presentation is based on oral histories Dr. Houchen gathered in talking with adult children, cousins, and other relatives who survived the Groveland tragedy. They are now speaking out and seeking justice for their families. This ongoing project investigates the Groveland tragedy and its impact on the families and communities at the center of the case.

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