“There are no other Everglades in the world. They are, they have always been, one of the unique regions of the earth, remote, never wholly known.” Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Join faculty and staff from Hillsborough Community College as we explore the “river of grass” during the holidays – the best time to be in Florida. Slough slog to cypress domes, nature’s cathedrals. Paddle untamed marshland among gators and crocodiles. Observe birds from a bygone era. Celebrate the New Year watching fireworks across Florida Bay along the Florida Keys with new friends. Your adventure awaits!

Program size: 15 students
Cost: $500 (includes administrative fees)
Deadline for registrations and full payment: November 1, 2017

Faculty
Dustin Lemke, Communications faculty
Angela Mick, Counseling faculty
Kathleen King, Director HCC Honors Institute

Please be aware that this is a draft schedule and is subject (likely) to change

Required Reading (read prior to arrival)
"The Everglades: River of Grass" by Marjory Stoneman Douglas

Suggested Reading (prior to arrival)
“Swamplandia!” by Karen Russell

Wednesday, December 27: Arrive Florida City. Pick up at the Miami airport will be at 2 pm and 8 pm (for those who will fly to the location.) Please plan flights accordingly. Look for a large white van with Hillsborough Community College logo on the side.

Participants will spend their first night:
Everglades International Hostel
20 SW 2 Avenue Florida City, Florida 33034
305.248.1122
Reservations have already been made.
http://www.evergladeshostel.com/
http://www.evergladeshostel.com/media/EvergladesHostel&ToursFlyer.pdf
A variety of topics to be covered might include: flora and fauna of the Everglades, birding, fire ecology, Frank Lloyd Wright architecture, astronomy, philosophy, biology, literature, and invasive species.

Thursday, December 28
Breakfast
Orientation to the program
Leave Florida City 9 a.m. – Stop at Robert Is Here
(http://www.robertishere.com/xcart/home.php)
Stop at information center
Lunch - picnic
Orientation to the park
Leave No Trace
Mahogany Hammock Interpretive Walk
Arrive Flamingo Campground: http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/flamcamp.htm
Set up camp
Dinner
Debrief

Friday, December 29
Breakfast and pack lunch
Paddling explorations
Lunch
The Importance of Reflection to Learning
Dinner
Discuss "The Everglades: River of Grass" by Marjory Stoneman Douglas
Debrief

Saturday, December 30
Breakfast and pack Lunch
Slough slog
Lunch
Invasive Species
Dinner
Controversial Environmental Social Issues and/or “The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise” by Michael Grunwald
Debrief

Sunday, December 31
Breakfast and pack lunch
Ecology and Restoration of the Everglades
Lunch
NPS Park Staff Sessions TBA
Dinner
Final presentations
Monday, January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
  Breakfast and pack lunch
  Break camp
  Flights out of Miami should be NO EARLIER than 3 pm.