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New Food Justice Study Group Launched in Gainesville **First Selection is Edge's *The Potlikker Papers: A Food History of the Modern South***

(Gainesville, Fla. – August 9, 2017) – Florida Certified Organic Growers and Consumers, Inc. (FOG) is launching a new Food Justice Study Group for local residents in Gainesville and its surrounding communities.

Every other month, we will be discussing a book or documentary that has been selected to generate a conversation about how our contemporary food system can help us better understand the complex issues of race, class, gender, both our collective and individual histories, and how we might envision and achieve a more sustainable, socially-just society.

“FOG supports and promotes a multitude of pathways into the local, sustainable food movement,” says David Vaina, FOG’s Education & Outreach Director. “One might begin farming or gardening organically, others might embrace consumer-driven solutions, and others might be still be seeking a deeper understanding of how our food choices can improve or disrupt the lives of peoples in our country and around the world.”

The first Food Justice Study Group meeting will be held October 16 at 6:45 PM at the Millhopper Branch Library in Gainesville. The October selection for the Study Group is John T. Edge’s *The Potlikker Papers: A Food History of the Modern South*. The book starts with the contribution of the South’s cooks and waiters during the Civil Rights era, covers the Back to the Land movement, and concludes with a South where immigrants have shaped the region’s cuisine and culture.

The Alachua County Library does carry the book in both print and electronic forms. Please consider supporting an independent bookstore if you purchase it!

Please visit www.foginfo.org or call 352.377.6345 for upcoming selections or general information about the Study Group.

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