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Powerful narrative of the Everglades to be featured in college lecture

Michael Grunwald will speak on his critically acclaimed work

(Oct. 20, 2006 – Palm Beach Gardens) The author of “a riveting tale” of the most famous wetland on earth will take center stage Nov. 14 when Washington Post investigative reporter **Michael Grunwald** steps to the podium at Palm Beach Community College. PBCC’s Eissey Campus Library is sponsoring Grunwald’s lecture on his new book, “**THE SWAMP: the Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise,**” at the Meldon Lecture Hall at 7 p.m. in Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd.

Grunwald chronicles the colorful and fascinating history of the Everglades’ destruction and the settlement of South Florida, richly detailed with con artists, corrupt politicians and misbegotten efforts to drain the wetland and tame the forces of nature. He argues that South Florida’s ecosystem has been virtually destroyed and describes the role of the Army Corps of Engineers to undo the damage in the largest environmental restoration project in the world, now riddled with delays and cost overruns.

Grunwald’s lecture is free, and the public is invited. He will be available after the lecture to autograph his book. “The Swamp” will be available for purchase through the Classic Bookshop. If you plan to attend, call 561-207-5811.

To find out more, go to www.pbcc.edu/documents/MTIS/theswamp.pdf

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