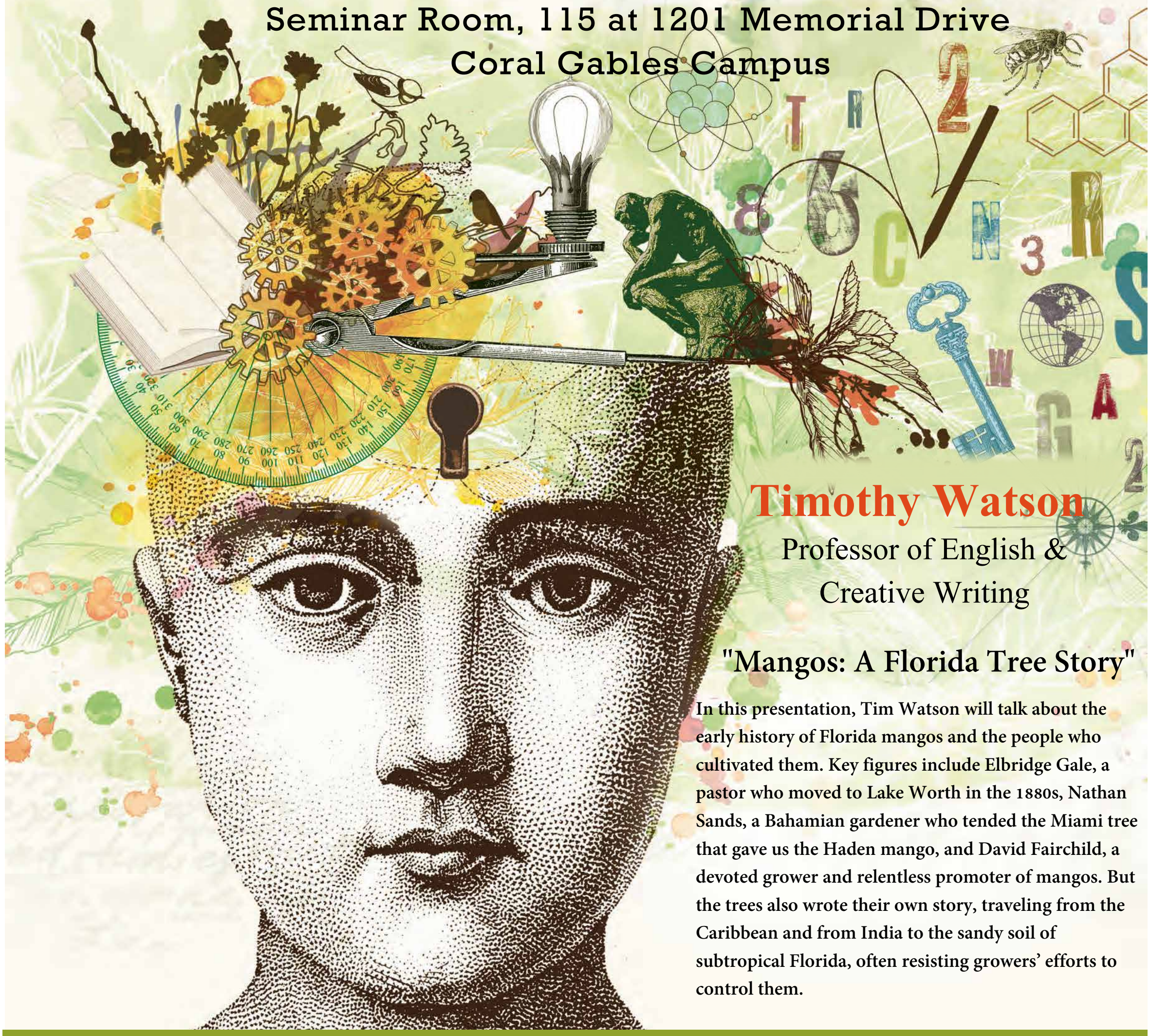
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Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 3:30 P.M.

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Timothy Watson

Professor of English &
Creative Writing

"Mangos: A Florida Tree Story"

In this presentation, Tim Watson will talk about the early history of Florida mangos and the people who cultivated them. Key figures include Elbridge Gale, a pastor who moved to Lake Worth in the 1880s, Nathan Sands, a Bahamian gardener who tended the Miami tree that gave us the Haden mango, and David Fairchild, a devoted grower and relentless promoter of mangos. But the trees also wrote their own story, traveling from the Caribbean and from India to the sandy soil of subtropical Florida, often resisting growers' efforts to control them.

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