



Artists in Residence in Everglades EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Beth Raymer

Beth Raymer received an M.F.A in non-fiction writing from Columbia University. Her first book, *Lay the Favorite: A Memoir of Gambling* (Spiegel & Grau, 2010), was adapted into a film starring Bruce Willis, Rebecca Hall, and Catherine Zeta-Jones. Beth is a former Fulbright scholar and Florida Arts Council grant recipient. Her journalism has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine* and *The Atlantic Monthly*.

Beth will use her residency period to work on her second book, a coming-of-age novel that takes place in Loxahatchee, Florida. She is genuinely excited to chat up biologists, visitors, and volunteers at the Everglades National Park. Their perspectives will become part of how she renders South Florida in her book.