Andrew Tatler-Burgess was born in England, educated at the Windsor Boys School and the City and Guilds of London Institute, before studying at the Royal Academy of Art in Holland. He has engaged in all aspects of the art world, since he has been a painter for more than twenty years, a dealer who has sold artworks in several galleries he and his wife have owned around the United States, and a collector, part of whose collection of medieval illuminated manuscripts, antique books, and botanical engravings the library displayed in 2012 and bought for its permanent collection, naming the acquisition The Tatler-Burgess Collection. Mr. Tatler-Burgess is currently enrolled as a student in interdisciplinary studies at Valdosta State University, and has recently opened a business called Vapeus, in downtown Valdosta.

In the fall of 2013, the library hosted an exhibition of oil and acrylic paintings by Mr. Tatler-Burgess that included paintings he had done for the Florida Heritage Art Series which were exhibited in the Florida State Capital gallery by the Florida Department of State in 2007. Limited edition prints were struck from some of the paintings and sold to benefit the preservation of natural resources throughout the state. The exhibit also included personal favorites such as The Geisha, a work inspired by the 2005 film, Memoirs of a Geisha, of which Mr. Tatler-Burgess commented: “Her stoic façade projects intimacy to her client and hides her true emotions.”

Mr. Tatler-Burgess created this painting for the third floor collection displaying local artists. Its subject, Football, is a tribute to Valdosta State. He donated it the Valdosta State University Archives and Special Collections in 2013.