8th CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies

Cuba 2010: An Island in a Global World

February 11-13, 2010

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¡Bienvenidos!

On behalf of the Cuban Research Institute (CRI) at Florida International University, I am very happy to welcome you to the 8th Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, “Cuba 2010: An Island in a Global World.” The enormous response to our call for papers confirms once more that the study of Cuba continues to grow, despite less than ideal circumstances for research and academic exchange with the Island. For us at CRI, it is especially satisfying to see so many graduate students and young scholars interested in the field of Cuban Studies.

This year we have an extremely full program including a luncheon keynote address and 31 panels featuring over 100 presentations, as well as the much anticipated U.S. premiere of the documentary, Cuba: el arte de la espera and discussion with the filmmaker, Eduardo Lamora. At the risk of us all being exhausted by the end the conference, we opted to include as many panels and papers as possible and chose to widen the thematic scope of the conference. I know that this gathering is further enriched by the opportunity for discussion, networking and time shared with colleagues, so in spite of the tight agenda, I also hope there will be enough time for us to enjoy informal conversations and a bit of cubaneo.

Since its foundation in 1991, CRI has had a tradition of academic relations with the Island contra viento y marea. In 2009, after enduring some very difficult times, CRI was pleased to be able to host several colleagues from Cuba, while several others are included in this year’s conference program. However, as the program goes to print, they are still going through the complicated process of securing exit permits and visas and we are hopeful that they will all be able to attend. To them, we extend a special welcome. CRI continues to pride itself in offering an open forum for discussion of all things Cuban, including controversial topics, in a climate of mutual respect.

Since the first CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies in 1997, I have been deeply involved in its organization. I will be retiring in July 2011 and thus, it is with mixed feelings that I have planned this conference, my eighth and last one as Associate Director of CRI. Working at CRI for more than two decades has been more than a job or a career for me; it has been a unique opportunity to contribute - even if modestly - to the creation and dissemination of knowledge about Cuban and Cuban-Americans, and most importantly, it has served as an opportunity to build bridges between the Island and its Diaspora.

In closing, I wish to thank Dr. Cristina Eguizábal, the director of the Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC), for her support of both CRI and myself since her arrival at FIU. I would also like to thank the CRI and LACC staff for their excellent work and commitment. Lastly, I extend my gratitude to all of you, the participants, for your presence and participation, and for your continued interest in the study of Cuba.

On behalf of all of us at LACC and CRI, I welcome you to Miami and thank you for helping us make this conference one of the nation’s premiere gatherings of scholars working on Cuba.

Uva de Aragón
Associate Director
Cuban Research Institute
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

GRAHAM CENTER FOYER
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

EAST BALLROOM
Literatura y trasgresión en la Cuba actual
Chair: Erik Camayd-Freixas
Florida International University

Orlando Luis Pardo Lazo’s Boring Home:
A Brave, New Dystopia
Yanira Angulo-Cano, Eckerd College

La subordinación de la identidad en
El rey de La Habana de Pedro Juan Gutiérrez
Luis Mora, University of North Florida

Memoria, subversión e identidad: La pervivencia del
bufo cubano en la escena contemporánea de la Isla
Esther de la Caridad Suárez Durán, Centro Nacional de
Investigaciones de las Artes Escénicas, La Habana

CENTER BALLROOM
Cuba Transnational: Encounters of the Imaginary
and Imaginary Encounters
Chair/Discussant: Lourdes Martínez-Echazabal
University of California at Santa Cruz

WEST BALLROOM
Cuban Culture in the Material World
Chair: Catherine Rovira
John Jay College, CUNY

Martha Jiménez: Shaping the Special Period
with Red Clay from Camagüey
Flora M. González, Emerson College

Islands in the Slipstream: Diasporic Allegories in
Cuban Science Fiction of the Special Period
Emily Maguire, Northwestern University

Exilic Ephemera: Cuban Simulacra
Raúl Rubio, John Jay College, CUNY

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break
**WEST BALLROOM**

**Social Actors in a Cuba in Transition**

Chair: Guillermo J. Grenier
Florida International University

El papel de la Masonería cubana en la sociedad civil y la apertura
Jorge Luis Romeu, Syracuse University

Transitioning Leadership Styles and the Role of the Military in the New Cuban Politics
Michael Aranda and Krystel Ramdathsingh,
Florida International University

Strategies of Resistance: Adapting to Cuba's Shifting Food Landscapes
Melanie Davidson and Catherine Krull,
Queen’s University, Ontario, Canada

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**CENTER BALLROOM**

**Repensando el pasado: Imaginando el futuro**

Chair: Leonel de la Cuesta
Florida International University

La cooperación para el desarrollo en el contexto cubano: Actores y actantes
Grace Giselle Piney Roche, Fundación Hispano Cubana, Madrid

Análisis del papel constitucional en un período de cambio dentro de la sociedad cubana
Camilo Loret de Mola, University of Miami

Convivencia y reconciliación
Juan Antonio Blanco, Florida International University

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**EAST BALLROOM**

**Transgeographical Dilemmas: Nineteenth Century Constructs of Race**

Chair: Karina Céspedes
Colorado State University

Discussant: Raúl Fernández
University of California at Irvine

Cultural Mutates: Colonialism, Nation and Cuban Color in the 19th Century
Gema R. Guevara, University of Utah

Black Cuban Intellectual Culture of the Late 19th Century: Teófilo Domínguez Digs up His Past
Laura Lomas, Rutgers University

Geographic Dilemmas: Annexation, Whiteness, and Cuban Diasporic Politics in New York
Nancy Mirabal, San Francisco State University

The Transfer of Sugar Technology in the Tropics
José Guadalupe Ortega, Whittier College

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**12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
### CENTER BALLROOM
**Plenary Session**

*Nara Araújo (1945-2009) - In Memoriam*

- Uva de Aragón
  - Florida International University

- Eliana Rivero
  - The University of Arizona

- Flora González
  - Emerson College

#### Break

**2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Break**

**EAST BALLROOM**
**Memory in Cultural Creation**

**Chair:** Judith A. Weiss  
**Mount Allison University, New Brunswick, Canada**

**Discussant:** Barbara Riess  
**Allegheny College**

- Ciudad, memoria y ficción en *Inventario secreto de La Habana* de Abilio Estévez
  - Myrna García-Calderón, Syracuse University

- Memory in the Making: A Reading of Three Films from Cuba’s *Cine Pobre* Festival
  - Cecelia Lawless, Cornell University

- Revisiting Cuba with Childhood Memories: Catalan Writers Reconstruct their Cuban Past
  - Ana Serra, American University

### WEST BALLROOM
**Transiciones Yuxtapuestas: 1952-1958**

**Chair:** José Álvarez  
**University of Florida**

**Discussant:** Marifeli Pérez-Stable  
**Florida International University**

- Fundamento ideológico del Directorio 13 de Marzo
  - Alberto Müller, University of Miami

- El Partido del Pueblo Libre y las elecciones de 1958
  - Uva de Aragón, Florida International University

- La transición oculta de la Sierra Maestra:
  - De la libertad al totalitarismo
  - José Álvarez, University of Florida

#### Break

**4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Break**
**4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.**

**EAST BALLROOM**

**Cuban Racial Dynamics in the Cultural and Public Sphere from the 1960s to the Present: Reflections and Resistances**

Chair: María Isabel Alfonso  
St. Joseph’s College

Discussant: Alejandro de la Fuente  
University of Pittsburgh

Race, Oral History, Memory and  
*Ediciones El Puente: Pieces of a Collective Puzzle*  
María Isabel Alfonso, St. Joseph’s College

Nuevas estrategias ético-estéticas de expresión racial en la creación plástica cubana contemporánea: La obra de Juan Roberto Diago, María Magdalena Campos-Pons, Alexis Esquivel y René Peña  
Odette Casamayor-Cisneros, University of Connecticut-Storrs

**WEST BALLROOM**

**Diáspora: Continuity and Changes**

Chair: Lisandro Pérez  
Florida International University

La circulación de personas, dinero y prácticas culturales entre el Caribe hispánico y Estados Unidos  
Jorge Duany, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

La eterna diáspora de los judíos cubanos: Una literatura de dictaduras, revoluciones y exilio  
Maritza Corrales Capestany, Universidad de La Habana

**CENTER BALLROOM**

**José Lezama Lima o el impulso de la imagen: Recordando a Lezama en su centenario**

Chair: Rita Molinero  
Universidad Interamericana de Puerto Rico

Ideas sobre la libertad en José Lezama Lima: Vicisitudes de la causalidad y liberación fatal  
Aída Beaupied, Chestnut Hill College

Poetas de la metamorphosis: Lydia Cabrera, José Lezama Lima y Orígenes  
Julia Cuervo Hewitt, Penn State University

El pabellón del vacío: José Lezama Lima cumple cien años  
Francisco Morán, Southern Methodist University

José Lezama Lima en 1936: Madrid-La Habana-Moscú  
Antonio José Ponte, *Diario de Cuba*

El mar de los desterrados  
Rafael Rojas, Centro de Investigaciones y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), México, D.F.

La flauta china: Mi diálogo con Cintio Vitier  
Enrico Mario Santí, University of Kentucky
Aspects of the English Usage of Cuban-Americans
Barbara Katharina Fengler, Universität Regensburg, Germany

Twelve Threads to Navigate the Labyrinth of Cuban Culture
Luis Martínez-Fernández, University of Central Florida

Cuban Suite: Contemporary Cuban-American Music and Text
Kevin Meehan and Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés, University of Central Florida

Constructing a Transnational Identity: A Case Study of the Cuban Musical Diaspora
Eva Silot Bravo, University of Miami

CENTER BALLROOM
Cuba and the World: International Relations
Chair: Cristina Eguizábal
Florida International University

A Diplomatic Account on an Inevitable Divorce: Relations between Cuba and Israel, 1959-1973
Margalit Bejarano, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Transcending the Imaginary: Viewing U.S.-Cuba Relations in a Canadian Popular Context
Joanne C. Elvy, Algoma University, Ontario, Canada

The Presidential Electoral Cycle and U.S. Cuba Policy
Susan Eckstein, Boston University

The Political Will to Democratize in Cuba: An Implication for U.S. Policy
Roger R. Betancourt, University of Maryland (co-author, Jorge A. Sanguinetti, DevTech Systems, Inc.)

Opportunities and Challenges for Cooperation
Brian Fonseca, Florida International University

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
GRAHAM CENTER FOYER
Reception

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
CENTER BALLROOM
Documentary - Cuba: El arte de la espera
U.S. premiere of the award-winning documentary about the return of a Cuban exile to Preston, his small hometown formerly dominated by the sugar mill of United Fruit Company.

Introduction and discussion by filmmaker Eduardo Lamora

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
GRAHAM CENTER FOYER
Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
EAST BALLROOM
Cuban Suite: Multimedia Approaches to Diasporic Cuban Cultural Identity

Chair: Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés
University of Central Florida
WEST BALLROOM  
(Re)Negotiating Identities in Cuban-American Art and Literature

Chair: Eliana Rivero  
The University of Arizona

Discussant: Isabel Álvarez Borland  
College of the Holy Cross

Mirta and Roberto: Incestuous Paradigms or How I Married “My One and Only” Who Despised Me  
Jorge Febles, University of North Florida

Cuban Art in the Diaspora: A Visual Journey  
Andrea O’Reilly Herrera, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

De manifiestos y regresos: Las memorias de una generación de cubanoamericanos  
Iraida Lopez, Ramapo College

Escribir en cubano y vivir en otro plano: Las escritoras  
Eliana Rivero, The University of Arizona

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10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

EAST BALLROOM  
Contiendas del neobarroco: De Severo Sarduy hasta hoy

Chair: Anke Birkenmaier  
Columbia University

Discussant: Antonio José Ponte  
Diario de Cuba

Revisión de principios: El barroco de Alejo Carpentier y de Severo Sarduy  
Anke Birkenmaier, Columbia University

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CENTER BALLROOM  
Cuba’s Economy: Ideological Rectitude or Pragmatic Survival?

Chair: Félix Martín  
Florida International University

Evolution of Cuba’s Economy since 1959 and Future Prospects  
Jorge A. Sanguinetty, DevTech Systems, Inc.

The Cuban Economy: Crisis Again!  
Carmelo Mesa-Lago, Professor Emeritus, University of Pittsburgh

The Competitiveness of the Cuban Tourism Sector: Current Problems and Future Challenges  
María Dolores Espino, St. Thomas University

Cuba’s Energy Future: Challenges and Opportunities  
Jorge Pinón, University of Miami

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WEST BALLROOM  
New Directions in Cuban Transnational History

Chair: Julio Capó, Jr.  
Florida International University

Discussant: Daniel Álvarez  
Florida International University
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**University of Miami’s Cuban Heritage Collection:**
Resources, Programs and Services
María R. Estorino, University of Miami

**Cuban Resources at Florida International University’s Special Collections**
Althea Silvera, Florida International University

**Theater as Research and Teaching Resources in the Social Sciences**
Lillian Manzor, University of Miami

**The Cristóbal Díaz-Ayala Music Collection**
Mayra Nemeth, Florida International University

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**Leaving Cuba: Exiles, internacionalistas, and Economic Migrants**

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**Making Medicine Public: Participatory Citizenship and the Cuban Medical Diplomacy Program in Venezuela**
Alissa Bernstein, University of California at Berkeley

**WEST BALLROOM**

### 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

**CENTER BALLROOM**

Lunch with Keynote Address

**Keynote Address**

*Nuevos medios, nuevos escenarios*
Antonio José Ponte, *Diario de Cuba*

### 1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**Leaving Cuba: Exiles, Revolution, and Exile, 1959-1965**

| Anita Casavantes Bradford, University of California at San Diego |

**Redefining Exile Politics: Afro-Cubans in Miami**

| Monika Gosin, Duke University |

**Cuban Foreign Aid: Internacionalistas in Africa**

| Ayesha Anne Nibbe, University of California at Davis |

**The Church in Cuba, 1952-1959: Clash of Ideologies**

| Joseph Holbrook, Florida International University |

**The Transatlantic Foundation of Cuba’s “Fire King”: Federico Fernández Cavada and U.S. - Cuba Relations, 1790-1850**

| Julio Capó, Jr., Florida International University |

**Semi-Voluntary Slavery: Chinese Indentured Servitude in Cuba, 1847-1874**

| Jessica Allison, Florida International University |

**Cuban Exiles’ Rejection of “Imperialist” Catholicism in Key West, 1870-1895**

| Sitela Álvarez, Florida International University |

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**Gertrudis Gómez de Avellaneda: Los paradigmas del sujeto poscolonial y del sujeto femenino**

| Ivelisse Collazo, Florida State University |
Cuba a través de su discurso literario contemporáneo: De la colonia al exilio
Alicia E. Vadillo, State University of New York at Oswego and Lidia A. Verson, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Masoquismos y revanchas en boca de mujer
Ileana Fuentes, Red Feminista Cubana

3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

EAST BALLROOM
Historical Trauma, Losses and Separations: Some Psychological Effects of Exile and Traumatic Migrations in the Cuban Community in Miami

Chair: Eugenio M. Rothe
Florida International University

Discussants: Eugenio M. Rothe
Florida International University
Holly Ackerman
Duke University

The Regionalization of U.S. Policy toward Caribbean Sea Migrants and Its Human Consequences
Holly Ackerman, Duke University

Historical Trauma, Losses and Separations: A Pilot Study to Identify the Psychological Problems of Exiles
Hector Castillo, Therapeutic Health Options Community Mental Health Center

Post-traumatic Stress Symptoms in Cuban Boat Children During and After Refugee Camp Confinement: Future Consequences and Preventive Interventions
Eugenio M. Rothe, Florida International University

Immigration-Related Parental Separations of Hispanic Youth in Miami: Psychological Consequences and Treatment Interventions
Daniel A. Santisteban, University of Miami

3:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

CENTER BALLROOM
Cuba y el Caribe en el pensamiento de María Zambrano: Insularidad, universalismo y metamorfosis

Chair: Madeline Cámara
University of South Florida

Genius Loci: El espíritu del lugar y la universalidad en la obra de María Zambrano, José Ángel Valente y José Lezama Lima
Jorge Brioso, Carleton College

S(C)ites of Memory: Puerto Rico and Cuba in the Work of María Zambrano: Dialogues with Inés María Mendoza and Lydia Cabrera
Madeline Cámara, University of South Florida

Viaje iniciático de María Zambrano a la Cuba secreta
Kevin Sedeño Guillén, Universidad Nacional de Colombia/Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina

María Zambrano in Virgilio Piñera
Rita Martin, Radford University

Cuba como Castilla en El pensamiento de María Zambrano
Goretti Ramírez, Concordia University, Quebec, Canada

El delirio cubano zambraniano:
Delirio, razón, esperanza
Pedro Gutiérrez Revuelta, University of Houston
3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

WEST BALLROOM
Identidad y trans-identidad: Expresiones artísticas y culturales

Chair: Juan Martínez
Florida International University

La trans-identidad cubana a través del arte
Janet Batet, Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Canada

El recurso de la ambigüedad versus el compromiso político en la producción cultural cubana de la revolución
Jorge Camacho, University of South Carolina, Columbia

Raúl Martínez: Antología de un artista
Gustavo César Echevarría, Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba (UNEAC), La Habana

5:05 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

WEST BALLROOM
Héroes, exiliados y enfermos de SIDA en la Cuba Global

Chair: Narciso J. Hidalgo
University of South Florida

La persistencia del mito: El Che y la temporalidad
James J. Pancracio, Illinois State University

En un lugar cerca del cielo: Testimonio del SIDA
Rafael Saumell, Sam Houston State University

Atemporalidad e insilio en Cuba: El arte de la espera
Narciso J. Hidalgo, University of South Florida

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8:30 a.m. -9:00 a.m.

GRAHAM CENTER FOYER
Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

EAST BALLROOM
Music, Film and other Cultural Expressions

Chair: Santiago Juan-Navarro
Florida International University

Memorias of the Mirror: Hypertextuality and the Evolving Gaze in Cuban Cinema Today
Jordan Shannon, Tulane University

Transnationalism and Journalistic Ethics of the Cuban Hip Hop
Manuel Fernández, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

5:05 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

WEST BALLROOM
Héroes, exiliados y enfermos de SIDA en la Cuba Global

Chair: Narciso J. Hidalgo
University of South Florida

La persistencia del mito: El Che y la temporalidad
James J. Pancracio, Illinois State University

En un lugar cerca del cielo: Testimonio del SIDA
Rafael Saumell, Sam Houston State University

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CENTER BALLROOM
The Cuban Ripple Effect: Writing cubanidad at the Turn of the Millennium
Chair: Karen Christian
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Discussant: Lillian Manzor
University of Miami

La transcreación de la realidad cubanomiamense: Juego lingüístico entre Raining Backwards y En la Ocho y la Doce de Roberto G. Fernández
Naida Saavedra, Florida State University

El hombre, la hembra, y el hambre:
El período especial
Hector R. Romero, The University of Texas-PanAmerican

10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

EAST BALLROOM
Los límites del discurso femenino y la cotidianidad en la obra de Teresa Dovalpage
Chair: Olympia B. González
Loyola University Chicago

Yo soy la fea: Representación femenina en Posesas de La Habana y Muerte de un murciano en La Habana
Teresa Dovalpage, University of New Mexico

WEST BALLROOM
From English Muffins to Hunger: Literature of the Diaspora
Chair: Ricardo Castells
Florida International University

As British as Muffins: Exile, Tradition and Literary Genealogy in Guillermo Cabrera Infante
Ana Rodríguez Navas, Princeton University

Tendencias literarias en la diáspora: Pablo Medina
Belén Rodríguez Mourelo, Pennsylvania State University, Berks
**CENTER BALLROOM**

**Roundtable Discussion**

**El Instituto de Estudios Cubanos (IEC): 40 años en la historia de Cuba**

Chair: Javier Figueroa  
Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Mercedes Arce, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México (UACM)

María Cristina Herrera, Miami Dade College

Carmelo Mesa-Lago, University of Pittsburgh

Marifeli Pérez-Stable, Florida International University

**WEST BALLROOM**

**El hombre, la hembra, y el hambre:**  
**Food and Sex in Cuban Culture**

Chair: Susannah Rodríguez Drissi  
University of California at Los Angeles

Discussant: Amalia Cabezas  
University of California at Riverside

*Camareras: Food, Drink, and Love*  
Amalia Cabezas, University of California at Riverside

*La puerquita con las nalgitas doraditas: Creole Erotics in Cuba and the Dominican Republic*  
Robin Derby, University of California at Los Angeles

*Sabor a mí: Sexual Gastronomy and Cuban Music Lyrics*  
Raúl Fernández, University of California at Irvine

*¿Comida Cubana! Cuban Food Culture Today*  
Hanna Garth, University of California at Los Angeles

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