“Cuba after Fidel”
a round table discussion

March 29, 2007
12:00 - 2:30 pm
Wardlaw Center
The Gordy Room
Georgia Tech

Speakers:

► Alejandro de la Fuente, “I Won’t Go Silent: The New Afro-Cuban Cultural Movement”

► Robert Pastor, “Premature Predictions and the Futility of Cuba-U.S. Relations”

► Marifeli Pérez-Stable, “Cuba-US Relations: A Revisionist Perspective Looking Forward”

Commentator: Jennifer McCoy
Chair: John Tone
Moderator: Kirk Bowman
Facilitator: Ondina Gonzalez

Students are especially encouraged to attend and participate in the question and answer period. There will be an open microphone.

Arrive early for seating. A buffet lunch will be served.

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SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

Alejandro de la Fuente is Associate Professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh. He is author of A Nation for All: Race, Inequality, and Politics in Twentieth-Century Cuba (2001) and editor of Su único derecho: los esclavos y la ley, a special issue of Debate y Perspectivas. He is currently working on a book about the formation of an Atlantic community in 16th-century Havana, tentatively titled Havana and the Atlantic, 1550-1610.

Robert A. Pastor is Professor of International Relations at American University, Vice President of International Affairs at AU, Director of the Center for Democracy and Election Management, and Director of the Center for North American Studies. He was National Security Advisor for Latin America (1977-81), Goodrich C. White Professor of Political Science at Emory University, and a Fellow and Founding Director of the Carter Center’s Latin American and Caribbean Program and the Democracy and China Election Projects. At The Carter Center, he founded and served as the Executive Secretary of the Council of Freely-Elected Heads of Government, a group of 32 leaders of the Americas, chaired by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. He is the author or editor of sixteen books, including most recently, Toward a North American Community: Lessons from the Old World for the New (2001); Exiting the Whirlpool: U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Latin America and the Caribbean (2001); and A Century’s Journey: How the Great Powers Shape the World (1999).

Marifeli Pérez-Stable is professor of sociology at Miami’s Florida International University and vice president for democratic governance at the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, DC. She chaired the Task Force on Memory, Truth, and Justice which published the report, Cuban National Reconciliation, in April 2003. She is the director of “National Dialogues on Democracy in Latin America,” a project sponsored by the Inter-American Dialogue with the cooperation of the Organization of American States. She is an editorial contributor to the Miami Herald, author of The Cuban Revolution: Origins, Course, and Legacy (1993), and editor of the reader, Looking Forward: Cuba’s Pending Transition in Comparative Perspective. She is currently preparing a book titled Intimate Enemies: the United States and Cuba after the Cold War.

Jennifer McCoy is professor of political science at Georgia State University and Director of the Americas Program at the Carter Center. She is editor of three books, most recently, The Unraveling of Representative Democracy in Venezuela (2004). At the Carter Center, she organized and accompanied President Carter on his historic trip to Cuba in 2002. She has worked on democratization and reconciliation in Latin America, including directing a dozen election-monitoring missions, mediating in Venezuela, and working on second-generation democracy issues across the region.

John Lawrence Tone is Associate Professor of history at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is the author of War and Genocide in Cuba, 1895-1898 (2006), La guerrilla y la derrota de Napoleón (1999), and The Fatal Knot: The Guerrilla War in Navarre and the Defeat of Napoleon in Spain (1994). He is currently preparing a book titled A Political and Medical History of Yellow Fever.

Kirk Bowman is Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is author of Militarization, Democracy, and Development: The Perils of Praetorianism in Latin America (2002). He is currently writing a book on tourism policies in Latin America.

Ondina Gonzalez is Visiting Assistant Professor at Agnes Scott College. She is co-editor of Raising an Empire: Children in Early Modern Iberia and Latin America (2007) and co-author of the forthcoming History of Christianity in Latin America.