

## **Cuba: A Revolutionary Perspective on Education**

### **Educator Seminar & Pre-Departure Orientation**

#### **Speakers Bio**

**Frank Mora** is Director of the Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center and Professor of Politics and International Relations at FIU. Previously he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Western Hemisphere from 2009-2013. He has held several teaching positions, including Professor of National Security Strategy and Latin American Studies at the National War College, National Defense University (2004-2009) and Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of International Studies, Rhodes College (2000-2004). During the last twenty years Dr. Mora worked as a consultant to the Library of Congress, U.S. Department of the Air Force, Department of the Army, the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), the National Democratic Institute, U.S. State Department, the Organization of American States, and U.S. Southern Command. His opinion pieces and other commentaries have appeared in the *Miami Herald*, *La Tercera* (Chile), *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, *Los Angeles Times*, *El Tiempo* (Colombia), National Public Radio, Voice of America, and *USA Today*. Dr. Mora is the author or editor of five books and numerous academic and policy articles, book chapters and monographs on hemispheric security, U.S.-Latin American relations, civil-military relations, Cuban politics and military and Latin American foreign policy.

**Michael J. Bustamante** is Assistant Professor of Latin American History at Florida International University, specializing in modern Cuba, Cuban-America, and the Caribbean. Prior to pursuing graduate work, Bustamante served as Research Associate for Latin America Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. He comments frequently on contemporary Cuban and Cuban-American affairs for publications like *Foreign Affairs* and *NACLA Report on the Americas*, and he has been an invited guest for media outlets like the BBC, NPR, Al-Jazeera America, and ABC Radio Australia. Since 2013, he has served as a recurring study-leader for people-to-people trips to Cuba for the Smithsonian Institution and the organization, Political Tours. His writings have also appeared in Cuban publications such as *Espacio Laical* and *Cuba Posible*.

**Francis Luca** has worked for The Wolfsonian museum for the past twenty-six years and presently serves as that institution's chief librarian. Dr. Luca holds a B.A. in History and English from Colby College, a M.A. in History from the College of William and Mary, and a Ph.D. in History from Florida International University. He has been an adjunct in the History Department at FIU for more than a decade, and teaches a history-through film course entitled, *Cuba and the United States, 1898–2016*. He organized and curated a Wolfsonian Library installation entitled, *Cuba: From Gunboat Diplomacy to Good Neighbor Policy*, co-curated another entitled, *Boxeo y Béisbol: The Cuba–U.S. Sports Exchange*, and curated a full-scale exhibition: *Promising Paradise: Cuban Allure, American Seduction* at the Wolfsonian museum. Dr. Luca's presentation today is one that he originally presented to a Cuban audience in the Casa de la Memoria Escénica in Matanzas, Cuba about the making of the exhibition.

**Martin A. Tsang** is the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Miami Libraries where he serves as a liaison librarian for faculty and students in History and Latin American Studies, Religious Studies, and Judaic Studies, as well as Modern Languages. He is designing a new model for transformative library engagement with UM's research and teaching communities. Martin is an anthropologist and received his Ph.D. at FIU. His focus was on the Chinese in Cuba, specifically how Chinese indentured workers influenced Cuban culture and Afro-Cuban religion. His interest in the Afro-Cuban-Chinese axis has made him a sought-after lecturer. Prior to his position at UML, Martin was a postdoctoral research fellow on a National Institutes of Health funded project investigating HIV and the tourist industry in the Dominican Republic.

**Danielle Clealand** is Assistant Professor in FIU's Department of Politics and International Relations and her research examines comparative racial politics with a focus on the Spanish-speaking Caribbean, group consciousness, and political and racial attitudes throughout Latin America. Dr. Clealand's book, *The Power of Race in Cuba: Racial Ideology and Black Consciousness during the Revolution*, examines racial ideology and the institutional mechanisms that support racial inequality in Cuba and through several methods, draws from the many black spaces on the island, both formal and informal, to highlight what constitutes black consciousness in Cuba. Dr. Clealand has taught courses such as Caribbean Politics, Cuban Politics, Black Politics in the Americas, Latin American Politics, and Race and Politics in the United States. Before joining the faculty at Florida International University, she was a visiting fellow at the Department of African American Studies at Princeton University.

**Juan Carlos Gómez** is Director of Clinical Programs and Director of the Carlos A. Costa Immigration and Human Rights Clinic at FIU. For over 20 years he has represented refugees from every part of the world where there have been conflicts and defended the rights of individuals in immigration matters, representing persons before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and the US Departments of Justice and Homeland Security in complex immigration matters. As an attorney for a Central American Refugee Project, he coordinated the representation of thousands individuals in the Southeastern United States in a national class action during the recent surge of unaccompanied children crossing through Mexico. In addition to having taught at a law school, he frequently lectures on immigration matters before professional organizations, and provides consultation to other immigration attorneys.

**Eric Dwyer** is an associate professor of Language Education in the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education at Florida International University in Miami. Eric received his PhD from the University of Texas. His scholarly interests are focused on examining local expertise in language learning pedagogy and literacy development, particularly in poorer areas. Eric has made over 100 presentations on issues and applications related to interactive teaching techniques in more than 20 countries.