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8:30 am  | Continental Breakfast
9:30 am  | Opening Remarks
         Co-Director Nancy Burke
9:45 - 10:30 am  | First Session
         Imagining New Conversations: Sarduy and Melanie Klein
         Presenter: Alli Carlisle
         Discussant: Emilio Bejel
10:45 - 11:45 am  | Second Session
         Past and Future in the Production of Visual Cultures
         Presenters: Jeremy Breningstall and David Tenorio
         Discussant: Christina Garcia
12:00 - 12:30 pm  | Lunch Break
12:30 - 1:15 pm  | Open Session
1:20 - 1:30 pm  | Remarks
         Vice Provost Marjorie S. Zatz
         UC Merced
1:30 - 2:30 pm  | Third Session
         Hidden Genealogies: Gifts of the Calabash Tree and a Mormon in Havana
         Presenters: Matthew Lloyd and Betsabe Castro
         Discussant: Ayesha Nibbe
2:45 - 3:45 pm  | Fourth Session
         Foreign Relations and Foreign Influences: The Soviet Union, China, and Cuba
         Presenters: Magda Matuskova and Edwin Porras
         Discussant: Antonio Guzmán
3:45 - 4:45 pm  | Fifth Session
         Cuban Elites and Dominican Exiles in the Fight Against Trujillo
         Presenter: Génesis Lara
         Discussant: Anita Casavantes Bradford
4:45 - 5:00 pm  | Closing Remarks
6:00 pm  | Dinner
         With our own Corner Taco Truck
         Hosted by Nancy Burke

ABOUT

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