How Do UC-CUBA? Graduate Student Workshop

April 17-18, 2009
University of California, Los Angeles
6275 Bunche

FRIDAY, April 17th
8:30 - 9:45 Breakfast and Opening Remarks

Group One—Aid and Humanitarianism
10:00 - 11:00

Presenters
Ayseh Nibie, "Cuban Foreign Aid—Internationalizing Aid"
Abba Bernardi, "The Politics of Cuban Medical Humanitarianism and Education in Equatorial Guinea"

Commentators/Respondents
Hanna Shull (Graduate Student) and Andrew Aptor (Faculty)

Group Two—Immigration
11:15 - 12:10

Presenters
Kristina Slaten, "Everyone Wants Those People? Research on Immigration Crisis and the Deportation of Mariel Cuban Refugees at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas"
Anita Casavantes Bratt, "The Importance of Disparities within the Cuban Revolution and the formation of the Miami exiled community"

Commentators
Monika Geism (Graduate Student) and Raid Fernandez (Faculty)

Lunch
12:10 - 12:45

Working Session: 1:00 - 2:00 Travel and Research in Cuba

Group Three—Preservation and Sustainability
2:30 - 3:30

Presenters
Makita Tanaka, "Modernity’s Other(s): Tradition, Heritage, Past"
Hanna Shull, "Sensationalized Fears and Disconnecting the Mind: The Struggle to Fill Belles in Santiago de Cuba"

Commentators/Respondents
Ayseh Nibie (Graduate Student) and Robyn Derby (Faculty)

How Do U See Cuba?

Sponsored by the UC-CUBA Multi-Campus Research Program, the UC-Cuba Graduate Student Workshop is an interdisciplinary, collaborative effort of graduate students and faculty, whose research involves the study of any aspect of Cuba. The goal of the workshop is to nurture new research, facilitate collaborative work, and create lasting relationships.

An important characteristic, and perhaps the driving force behind this project, is the desire to improve the quality of the graduate student experience. This workshop initiates a learning community that we hope will grow beyond this first moment of departure.