

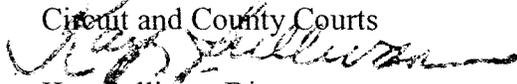


MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item 14(C)1

TO: Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D. DATE: October 19, 2004
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Honorable Harvey Ruvin, Clerk
Circuit and County Courts


Kay Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board Division

SUBJECT: Ratification of Appointment
to the Citizens' Independent
Transportation Trust Nominating
Committee

It is recommended that the Board consider ratification of the appointment of Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa to the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust (CITT) Nominating Committee.

Ordinance 02-117 provides that the President or CEO of Miami-Dade Community College shall appoint one member of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, President, Miami-Dade College, has appointed Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa to serve as Miami-Dade College's representative on the CITT Nominating Committee.

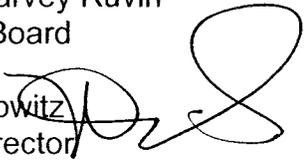
Mr. Espinosa's resume and correspondence from the CITT and Dr. Padron dated September 21, 2004, are attached for your review.

KS:dc
attachment

Memorandum

Date: September 21, 2004

To: Honorable Harvey Ruvin
Clerk of the Board

From: Nan A. Markowitz 
Executive Director

Subject: CITT Nominating Committee Replacement

Attached is a letter from Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, President of the Miami-Dade College, informing us of his recommendation of Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa (resume attached) as the Miami-Dade College representative to the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust Nominating Committee.

Pursuant to Ordinance 02-117, the Board of County Commissioners must ratify said appointment. We request that this item be placed under the County Advisory Board Appointments Section, 14C, of the October 5, 2004, Board agenda.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (305) 375-1357, should you have any questions or require additional information.

cc: Honorable Mayor Alex Penelas
Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners
Honorable Katherine Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney
George M. Burgess, County Manager
Carlos F. Bonzon, Ph.D., P.E., Surface Transportation Manager
Diane Davis, Agenda Coordinator
Dr. Eduardo J. Padron, President, Miami Dade-College
Juan Carlos Espinosa

Attachments: Resume
Appointment Letter

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College President
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September 21, 2004

Ms. Nan Markowitz
Executive Director
Office of the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust
111 NW 1st Street, Suite 1010
Miami, Florida 33128

Dear Ms. Markowitz

Miami Dade College will be represented on the Citizen's Independent Transportation Trust Nominating Committee by Mr. Juan Carlos Espinosa, Director of Institutional Initiatives. He may be reached at (305) 237-3222 or juancarlos.espinosa@mdc.edu.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Eduardo'.

Eduardo Padron

cc: J.C. Espinosa

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EDUCATION:

University of Miami Coral Gables, FL
Ph.D in International and Comparative Studies 2001
Dissertation Topic: "Regime Crisis and the Reconstitution of Civil Society: Cuba in Comparative Perspective."
Advisor, William C. Smith.

University of Miami Coral Gables, FL
Master of Arts in International Studies 1995

University of Zagreb Zagreb, Yugoslavia
Certificate in Slavic Studies, Zagrebačke Slavističke Škola 1981

Florida State University Tallahassee, FL
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations 1981

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Comparative Politics, International, Transnational & Diaspora Studies; Latin American Studies; Migration Issues; Civil-Military Relations; Cuban & Cuban-American Studies; Ethnic Politics; US Latino/Hispanic Studies.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Miami Dade College 2004-present
Director of Institutional Initiatives, Office of the College President

City of Miami 2002-2004
Director, Neighborhood Enhancement Team, City of Miami.
Director, Office of Grants Administration, City of Miami.

St. Thomas University 2000-2002
Adjunct Assistant Professor and Director, Félix Varela Center for Cuban Studies.

University of Miami 1993-2000
Assistant Director, Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies 1999-2000
Visiting Assistant Professor of Comparative and International Studies,
School of International Studies 1999-2000
Cuban Studies Coordinator, School of International Studies 1998-1999
Research Fellow, Emilio Bacardí Moreau Endowment for Cuban Studies 1995-1998
Research Fellow, North-South Center 1993-1995

Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Teacher, Program Director 1987-1994

FELLOWSHIPS, ACADEMIC HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS:

Barret Prize for Best Ph.D. Dissertation on a Latin American Topic, 2001.
US Department of Health & Human Services-Institute for College Research Development and Support, Grant Writing and Faculty Development Fellowship, 2001.
Arrábida Foundation Grant for Research on Civil-Military Relations, 2000.
Award of Excellence, Council for Advancement and Support of Education, 2000.
Council on Foreign Relations, Atlantic Partnership Program, 1999-2000.
Emilio Bacardí Moreau Endowment Graduate Fellowship for Cuban Studies, 1995-1998.

University of Miami, North-South Center Scholar, 1993-1995.
 Iron Arrow, University of Miami Honor Society, 1996.
 Alpha Epsilon Lambda, Graduate and Professional Student Honorary Society, 1995.
 Yugoslav-American Center Scholarship, 1981.
 Pi Gamma Mu, Social Science Honorary Society, 1980.
 Dobro Slovo, Slavic Studies Honor Society, 1980.

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE). Executive Board Member, 1996-1998; 1998-2000; 2002-2004.
 Instituto de Estudios Cubanos (IEC). Vice-President, 2000-2002. Board Member, 2000-2006.
 Cuban Studies Association of the University of Miami (CSA-UM). Founder & President, 1995-1996; 1997-1998.
 American Political Science Association (APSA).
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA).
 International Studies Association (ISA).
 Latin American Jewish Studies Association (LAJSA).
 Afro-Latin American Research Association (ALARA).
 National Association of Cuban-American Educators (NACAE).
 Institute for the Study of the Third Sector (ISTR).

EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Editor, Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies Paper Series (4 issues)	1999-2000
Editor, Cuban Studies Association Occasional Paper Series (20 issues)	1996-1999
Co-Editor, Journal of Latin American Affairs	1995-1997
Editor, ICEI-Boletín del Instituto Cubano de Economistas Independientes	1996
Editor, Boletín de la Asociación Nacional de Economistas Independientes de Cuba (ANEIC)	1994-1995

Reviewer or referee, *International Migration Review*, *Cuban Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Interamerican and World Affairs*, *Latin American Politics and Society*.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books, Monographs, and Occasional Papers:

Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Alternative Civil Society in Cuba: Dissidence, Opposition, and Independent Social Activism." Miami, FL: FVC Working Papers, forthcoming, 2004.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa, *The Role of Civil Society in Divided Countries: The Case of Cyprus*. (Paper) Nicosia, Cyprus: United Nations, 2000.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa, ed. *The Cuban Economy: An Inside View (Documents of the National Association of Independent Cuban Economists - ANEIC)*. Miami: Proyecto Cuba, 1994.

Book Chapters and Articles in Refereed or Peer Reviewed Journals:

Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Cuba," in *Las relaciones civiles-militares en el mundo Iberoamericano*, José Antonio Olmeda, editor, forthcoming, 2004.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa, "The 'Vanguard of the State': The Cuban Armed Forces in Transition," in *Cuban Communism*, Irving Louis Horowitz and Jaime Suchlicki, eds., New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers, 2003.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa and Robert C. Harding, II, "Olive Green Parachutes and Slow-Motion Piñatas: The Evolution of Military as Economic Actor in a Cuban Transition," in *The Politics of Military Extrication: Lessons for Cuba*, Eusebio Mujal-León, editor, forthcoming, 2003.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa, " 'Vanguard of the State': The Cuban Armed Forces in Transition." *Problems of Post-Communism*, Volume 48, No. 6, November/December 2001.
 Juan Carlos Espinosa, "The 'Emergence' of Civil Society in Cuba." *The Journal of Latin American Affairs*. Volume 4, no.1, 1996.

Articles in Proceedings:

- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Civil Society in Cuba: The Logic of Emergence in Comparative Perspective." In Jorge Pérez-López, ed., *Cuba in Transition*, Washington, DC: Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, 1999.
- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Markets Redux: The Politics of Farmers' Markets in Cuba." In Jorge Plinio Montalván, ed. *Cuba in Transition*. Washington, DC: Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, 1995.

Book Reviews, Prefaces, and Introductions:

- Juan Carlos Espinosa, Review of *Diez años de transformaciones* by Andrés Cañizales and *Cuba: crisis, ajuste, y situación social* by Ángela Ferriol Murruaga, Alfredo González Gutiérrez, Didio Quintana Mendoza, and Victoria Pérez Izquierdo, in *Cuban Studies/Estudios Cubanos*, Volume 31, 2001.
- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Introduction." In Efrén Córdova and Eduardo García Mouré, "Condiciones laborales en Cuba," Coral Gables, FL, Institute for Cuban and Cuban-American Studies Occasional Paper, January 2000.

Other Publications:

- Juan Carlos Espinosa and Robert C. Harding, "Paracaídas verde olivo y piñatas a cámara lenta." *Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana*, Madrid, No. 26/27, Fall-Winter 2002-2003.
- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Política Mundial en una Ciudad Norteamericana" [World Politics in an American City] *Gaceta Cultural Hispánica del Norte*, Coral Gables, FL, July/August, 2001.
- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Ni el médico chino." *Lux*, Miami, No. 338, March/April 1996.
- Juan Carlos Espinosa, "Cuba en LASA." *Catálogo de Letras*, Miami, FL, No. 4, January/February 1996.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

- "What Color is Your Parachute: The Cuban Military-Business Complex in a Time of Change." Presented at the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Miami, FL, August 5-7, 2004.
- "The Cuban Military Today." Paper presented at the conference "Cuba: Security Dimensions in the New Millennium," The RAND Corporation, Arlington, VA, November 27, 2001.
- "Civil Society in Cuba: The Role of External Actors." Paper presented at the 32nd Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 5-8, 2001.
- "Humanitarian Assistance to Cuba during the Special Period: An Overview." Paper presented at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-4, 2001.
- "Corporate Responsibility and Workers' Rights in Cuba: The Arcos and NPA Principles." Paper presented at the conference "Best Business Practices for Foreign Investment in Cuba," Canadian Foundation for Latin America (FOCAL) and the National Policy Association (NPA), Montreal, Canada, June 1, 2001.
- "The Cuban Armed Forces as an Economic Actor: Implications for the Development of Civil-Military Relations." Paper presented at the Seminar on the Cuban Military, Office of Cuba Broadcasting, Miami, FL, May 21-22, 2001.
- "Socialist Civil Society in Cuba." Paper presented at the Conference on Cuban Civil Society, US Department of State, Washington, DC, April 6, 2001.
- "Towards a Geography of Resistance in Cuba." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies at American University, Washington, DC., March 30-31, 2001.
- "Anfibios del año 2000 [Amphibians of the Year 2000]: Negotiating Identity Between Permission, Toleration, and the Forbidden." Paper presented at the Third CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 18-21, 2000.
- "Olive Green Parachutes and Slow Motion Piñatas: The Cuban Armed Forces as an Economic Actor in a Transition." Paper presented at the conference "The Politics of Military Extrication in Comparative Perspective -- Lessons for Cuba," Arrábida, Portugal, September 21-22, 2000.
- "Civil Society and Regime Change in the Leninist Survivors." Paper presented at the Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies Symposium, "Civil Society in Cuba: Problems and Prospects," Miami, FL, October 25, 1999.
- "Rescatando la república y otras tareas: Apuntes para la renovación de los estudios cubanos y de la diáspora cubana en un nuevo milenio," [Rescuing the Republic and Other Tasks: Notes Toward the

- Renovation of Cuban and Cuban Diaspora Studies in the New Millennium.” Paper presented at “Cuba: Exile and Culture,” Annual Congress of the National Association of Cuban-American Educators, Miami, FL, October 8-9, 1999.
- “Civil Society in Cuba: The Logic of Emergence in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Miami, FL, August 12-14, 1999.
- “Human Rights and Social Capital in Cuba.” Paper presented at the conference “Los derechos humanos: la nueva frontera,” [Human Rights: The New Frontier]. Florida International University, Miami, FL, December 10, 1997.
- “La economía política de la lentejuela: gays, comercio y estado en Cuba.” [The Political Economy of Sequence: Gays, Commerce and the State in Cuba]. Paper presented at meeting of Cubanos Unidos para un mejor Ambiente (CUBA), Miami, FL, September 17, 1997.
- “Civil Society in Cuba: Avoiding the Sociology of Desire (Lessons from Eastern Europe and Latin America).” Paper presented at the conference, “Tercera Vía: Opción Cubana,” [The Third Way: A Cuban Option], University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, April 27, 1996.
- “Afro-Latin Political Movements in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the SECOLAS 96 Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL, April 12-13, 1996.
- “The *Comandante* and the Drag Queen: The Politics of Homosexuality in Revolutionary Cuba.” Paper presented at the SECOLAS 96 Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL, April 12-13, 1996.
- “Political and Social Implications of Cuba’s Economic ‘Reforms’.” Paper presented at First Annual Cuban Studies Association Conference, University of Miami, FL, March 22, 1996.
- “The Emergence of ‘Civil Society’ in Cuba.” Paper presented at the 16th Annual ILASSA Conference, University of Texas, Austin, TX, March 1-2, 1996.
- “Sugerencias para el estudio de la sociedad civil en Cuba.” [Suggestions for the Study of Civil Society in Cuba]. Paper presented at the Miami International Book Fair, Miami, FL, November 18, 1995.
- “Civil Society in Cuba.” Paper presented at the Roundtable on Civil Society, University of Miami, Graduate School of International Studies, Coral Gables, FL, October 20, 1995.
- “Markets Redux: The Politics of Farmers’ Markets in Cuba.” Paper presented at the Fifth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Miami, FL, August 10-12, 1995.

RESEARCH OR WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Regime Crisis and the Reconstitution of Civil Society: Cuba in Comparative Perspective*, book manuscript based on dissertation, in discussion.
- Global Politics in an American City: Miami and Diasporic Citizenship*, book project, research stage.
- The Cuban Military in the Economy and in Transition*, book project with Robert C. Harding (Lynchburg College).
- Remittances and the Cuban Transition in Comparative Perspective*, grant proposal to fund a project to study the social, economic, and political impact of remittances in the sending and receiving communities. The main focus will be on the Cuban case, although other immigrant and exile communities of Miami are examined.

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS:

- “How sick is Europe?: Politics, Populism, and Immigration.” University of Miami, Institute for Retired Persons, June 5, 2002.
- “A Trans-generational Encounter: Cuban National Identity.” Conference *Dos Orillas, Cuba: ¿La Isla ó Miami?* Miami-Dade Community College, Inter-American Campus, Tower Theater, Miami, FL, May 24, 2002.
- “The Relationship between Cuban-American Communities and the Republic, 1902-1958.” Cuban Independence Centennial Commemoration Conference, San Carlos Institute, Key West, FL, May 18, 2002.
- “Finding Funding for Faith-Based Organizations.” Mayor’s Pastoral Roundtable, Miami, FL, May 15, 2002.
- “Identity and Politics in Cuba Today: Race, Gender, Ethnicity, and Sexual Orientation.” First Annual Student Conference on Cuba and US-Cuba Policy, Center for a Free Cuba, Washington, DC, April 21, 2002.
- “The Balkans: Clash of Civilizations or The Politics of Magnifying Differences?” University of Miami, Institute for Retired Persons, April 11, 2002.
- “Amistad: Lessons for Miami.” National Conference for Community and Justice, Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, FL, January 28, 2002.

- “Creating an Inclusive Miami.” National Conference for Community and Justice, Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus, Miami, FL, August 30, 2001.
- “The São Paulo Forum: A New *International* in Latin America?” Institute for Hispanic-American Culture, University of Miami, Miami, FL, July 13, 2001.
- “Power, Perception, and Reality: Miami and the TAP II Survey.” Community Leadership Seminar, National Conference for Community and Justice, Wyndham Hotel, Miami, FL, June 29, 2001.
- “Reforming the State: Comments on Ernesto Betancourt’s *De la patria de uno a la patria de todos.*” Workshop on State Reform, Center for the Study of a National Option (CEON), Florida International University, Miami, FL, May 19, 2001.
- “The City of ‘M’: Miami in Latin American Films.” The Use, Abuse, and Control of Latino Stereotypes in Latin American Film, Hispanic Film Festival Academic Panel, Spanish Cultural Center for Ibero-American Cooperation, Coral Gables, FL, May 9, 2001.
- “*Miami: Laboratorio de la Ciudadanía Diaspórica*” [Miami: Laboratory for Diasporic Citizenship]. Institute for Hispanic-American Culture, University of Miami, Miami, FL, April 10, 2001.
- “Cuban-American Leadership in Miami: Changes and Challenges.” Miami Fellows Initiative Breakfast, United Way of Miami, Miami, FL, March 29, 2001.
- “World Politics in an American City.” University of Miami, Institute for Retired Professionals, Coral Gables, FL, February 1, 2001.
- “Looking Back, Looking Forward: The 25th Anniversary of the Human Rights Movement in Cuba.” Cubanaleco Center, Miami, FL, January 28, 2001.
- “On the Anniversary of International Human Rights Day.” Cuban Committee for Human Rights Conference, Miami Airport Radisson Hotel, Miami, FL, December 10, 2000.
- “The November Elections: Catholic Perspectives.” Christian Life Community *Regina Mundi*, Belen Jesuit Preparatory School, Miami, FL, November 4, 2000.
- “The Cuba After Castro Conference.” St. Thomas University Law School, Miami, FL, November 2, 2000.
- “NGOs in Partnership for Cooperation and Development: Practical and Theoretical Issues.” Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, Cyprus, October 27, 2000.
- “Reconceptualizing Public Work and Public Space: Civil Society and the Third Sector in Cyprus.” United Nations Office of Program Services, Forum Hotel, Nicosia, Cyprus, October 26, 2000.
- “NGOs as Actors in Creative Conflict: Revisualizing the Relationship Between the State and the Third Sector in Cyprus.” Management Studies Center, Nicosia, Cyprus, June 7, 2000.
- “The Role of NGOs in a Democratic Society.” United States Embassy North Office, Nicosia (Lefkoşa), Cyprus, June 5, 2000.
- “Miami and the Cubans: Continuities, Changes, and Challenges.” University of Miami, Institute for Retired Professionals, Coral Gables, FL, February 10, 2000.
- “La literatura de los *killers*: Una reseña de *Dulces guerreros cubanos* de Norberto Fuentes” [The Literature of ‘killers’: A Review of *Dulces guerreros cubanos* by Norberto Fuentes]. Florida International University, Miami, FL, December 10, 1999.
- “(Dis)Covering Cuban Culture: Miami’s English Language Press and the Marketing of Images.” Seminar on Cuban-Americans and the Image of Miami, FACE (Facts About Cuban Exiles), University of Miami, Faculty Club, Coral Gables, FL, October 18, 1999.
- “Change and Continuity in US-Cuba Relations: Prospects for the Future.” Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, February 13, 1999.
- “Actores sociales cubanos a finales de milenio según la ‘transcripción oculta’ del proceso revolucionario” [Cuban Social Actors at the End of the Millennium According to the ‘Hidden Transcript’ of the Revolutionary Process]. La Tertulia Cubana, Miami, FL, October 23, 1998.
- “Citizenship and Politics in a Global City,” Bal Harbour Rotary Club, September 17, 1998.
- “13 Ways of Looking at the Embargo” at the forum, “El propósito del embargo económico y el tema de los derechos humanos: El caso de Cuba.” [The Purpose of the Economic Embargo and Human Rights: The Case of Cuba.] Florida International University, Graham Center, May 15, 1998.
- “Sexual Orientation and Hispanic Voters in Dade County.” SAVE Lambda Conference, Miami Beach, FL, April 18, 1998.
- “Human Rights and Social Capital in Cuba,” at the conference “Los derechos humanos: la nueva frontera” [Human Rights: The New Frontier]. Florida International University, Miami, FL, December 10, 1997.

- “The Role of Exiles in the Emergence of Civil Society in Cuba.” Lecture, West Miami City Hall, March 13, 1997.
- “The State Against Civil Society in Cuba: Notes on the Fifth Plenum of the Central Committee of the Cuban Communist Party.” Proyecto Cuba Conference, Miami, FL, March 30, 1996.
- “Civil Society in Cuba: Three Visions from the Island.” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL, March 29, 1996.

CONFERENCE/EVENT PLANNING AND ORGANIZING:

- Co-chair, Organizing Committee for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-5, 2001.
- Organizer, Cultural Series “*Voces 2: Cuban Exile Theater*,” Four lecture/discussions with directors & playwrights sponsored by St. Thomas University, the Father Félix Varela Center, & the Casa Grande Cultural Center, Miami, FL, May-June 2001
- Organizer, Concert, “Cuban Art Song,” Father Félix Varela Center and the Jorge Gavira Voice Studio, Coral Gables Congregational Church, May 20, 2001.
- Organizer, The State, Justice, and the Rule of Law: On the Centennial of Cuba’s First Republican Constitution, St. Thomas University, Miami, FL, May 11-12, 2001.
- Organizer/moderator, Cultural Series “*Voces 1: Cuban and Cuban-American Poets*,” Four poetry recitals with readings by the authors sponsored by St. Thomas University, the Father Félix Varela Center, & Latin American Museum, January 16-25, 2001.
- Chair, Organizing Committee for the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-5, 2000.
- Organizer/co-chair, 31st Annual Meeting of the *Instituto de Estudios Cubanos*, Coral Gables, FL, June 23-24, 2000.
- Organizer/coordinator, *The Story of the Boat People: Mariel Twenty Years Later*, a series of symposia, lectures, films, concerts, and exhibits running from April 1, 2000 - September 1, 2000. Sponsored by the University of Miami and Facts About Cuban Exiles (FACE).
- Chair, Organizing Committee for the Ninth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Biltmore Hotel. August 11-15, 1999.
- Organizer, First Annual Cuban Film Festival at the University of Miami, November 12-14, 1999. Program included over a dozen films, a photography exhibit, and the presence of directors, producers, and actors.
- Organizer/presenter, Symposium, “Civil Society in Cuba: Problems and Perspectives,” Miami, FL, October 25, 1999. Sponsored by the Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies.
- Organizer/moderator, “Coloquio: La obra de Tomás Fernández Robaina y su aporte a los estudios cubanos” [Colloquium: The Work of Tomás Fernández Robaina and his Contribution to Cuban Studies], University of Miami, School of International Studies, May 5, 1999
- Co-chair/co-organizer, Conference, “Legacies of 1898,” Miami, FL, November 4-6, 1998. Sponsored by the University of Miami, Florida International University, University of California-Berkeley, University of Alcalá (Spain), University of Salamanca (Spain), University of Madrid Complutense (Spain), University of the Philippines, University of Puerto Rico.
- Organizer, Lecture and Program Series, Cuban Studies Association at the University of Miami, 1995-1998. (Over 100 events).
- Organizer/Chair, “Faith and Power: Religion in Contemporary Cuba,” University of Miami-James L. Knight Center, Miami, FL, September 12-13, 1998.
- Organizer, Symposium, “Exiles, Émigrés, and Expatriates: Cuban National Identity in the Diaspora,” Hotel Intercontinental, Miami, FL, September 13-14, 1997.
- Chair, Organizing Committee for the Eighth Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Miami-James L. Knight Center. August 5-8, 1998.
- Chair, Organizing Committee for the Seventh Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Miami-James L. Knight Center, Miami, FL, August 10-13, 1997.
- Organizer/moderator, “La Habana en estos días: cultura actual en Cuba.” Four-part lecture series on contemporary Cuban culture (urban architecture, film, theater, and journalism), University of Miami, Graduate School of International Studies, November 1996 - February 1997.

- Organizer/conference co-chair, "Cuba and the World: Confronting Old Assumptions and New Realities." First Annual South Florida Symposium on Cuba. University of Miami-James L. Knight Center, Miami, FL, October 18, 1996.
- Organizer/moderator, "Civil Disobedience and Political Change: A Cuban Option," University of Miami, April 27, 1996.
- Conference organizer, First Annual Cuban Studies Association Graduate Student Conference, University of Miami, March 22, 1996.
- Organizer/moderator, "Vital: Una apreciación---Las publicaciones católicas en Cuba" [A celebration of Vital: Catholic Publications in Cuba]. University of Miami, March 15, 1996.
- Organizer/moderator, Miami premiere and discussion, *Manteca* by Alberto Pedro Torriente, Grupo de Teatro 'La Má Teodora,' Black Box Theater, Miami, FL, January 24, 1996.

CONFERENCES AND PANELS (OTHER ACTIVITIES):

- Panel organizer/chair, "History Ignored: Documenting Forty-three Years of Resistance in Cuba." Fourth CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, March 6-9, 2002.
- Panel organizer/presenter, "Sociedad civil en Cuba." Latin American Studies Association, Washington, DC, September 5-8, 2001.
- Panel organizer/chair, "Internet and e-Commerce in Cuba." Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-4, 2001.
- Panel organizer/discussant, "Civil Society in Cuba." Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-4, 2001.
- Panel organizer/presenter, "Humanitarian Assistance to Cuba in the Special Period." Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-4, 2001.
- Discussant, "Rationed Products and Something Else: Food Availability and Distribution in Cuba," by José A. Alvarez, University of Florida, Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 2-4, 2001.
- Chair/organizer, "Civil Society and Independent Movements in Cuba Today," Third CRI Conference on Cuban and Cuban-American Studies, Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 18-21, 2000.
- Moderator/discussant, "Human Rights Violations in Latin America and the Caribbean," 2000 Lambda Conference and Business Expo, Miami Beach, FL, May 20, 2000.
- Moderator, "Hispanic Issues," 2000 Lambda Conference and Business Expo, Miami Beach, FL, May 20, 2000.
- Moderator, "The Santería Religion in South Florida," Society for the Study of Religion and Culture, University of Miami, October 14, 1999.
- Moderator, "Hispanics in the Media," University of Miami, School of Communication, October 5, 1999.
- Chair, "Public Opinion in Cuba: Results of a Survey," panel at the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 12-14, 1999.
- Discussant, "Second Economy, Second Society, and Political Control in Cuba: Perspectives from Network and Institutional Economics," by Mario A. Rivera, University of New Mexico, Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy, Coral Gables, FL, August 6-8, 1998.
- Panel organizer/chair, "Perspectives on Cuba for the Second Clinton Administration." University of Miami, February 16, 1997.

ACADEMIC COMMITTEES:

- St. Thomas University, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Reaccreditation Steering Committee, 2001-2002.
- St. Thomas University, SACS Self-Study Report Chief Editor, 2001-2002.
- University of Miami, Institute for Museum and Library Services Grant, Advisory Board, 1999-2000.
- University of Miami, Steering Committee for the Creation of the Institute for Cuban & Cuban-American Studies, 1998-1999.
- University of Miami, Emilio Bacardí Moreau Endowment Advisory Board, Secretary, 1995-1997.

ACADEMIC ADVISORY BOARDS:

- Virginia Key Beach Park Trust, Scholars Advisory Committee, 2002.

Instituto de la Memoria Histórica Cubana Contra el Totalitarismo (IMHICT) [Institute for Cuban Historical Memory Against Totalitarianism], Board of Advisors, 2001-present.
Center for a Free Cuba, Washington, DC. Experts Advisory Board, 2000-present.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING:

United Nations, 2000-2001. Civil society and ethnic conflict, bi-communal relations in Cyprus.
US Department of State, 1998-2001. Cuban politics, US-Cuba relations.
Office of Cuba Broadcasting, 1996-2001. Program development, civil-military issues, Cuban politics, Cuban foreign policy.
Center for a Free Cuba, 1999-2003. Program development, civil society, race, gender, ethnicity in Cuba, US-Cuba relations, people-to-people programs, Cuban-American topics.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ADVISING:

National Conference on Community and Justice, 2001 – 2002, Multi-culturalism, community leadership development, inter-ethnic relations.
National Policy Association, 2001, Best Business Practices, Cuban economy.
CBS News “Sixty Minutes,” 2001, Cuban economy, economic links between Miami and Cuba.
Miami Fellows Initiative, 2001-2002, Miami, inter-ethnic relations.
Center for Strategic and International Studies, 2000-2002, Caribbean issues, leadership development, Cuban politics.
National Endowment for Democracy, 1999-2002, Civil society in Cuba, Island-Exile relations.
WPLG-TV News, 1999-2001, Community relations, Cuban and Cuban-American issues.

Briefings for the staff of Senators Connie Mack, Bob Graham, representatives Bob Menéndez, Lincoln Díaz-Balart and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. 1996-1999.

CONTENT CONSULTING ON ACADEMIC PROJECTS:

Cuban Miami, Robert M. Levine and Moisés Asís, New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2000. (Book also includes over 20 photographs taken by Juan Carlos Espinosa.)
Cuba, William P. Mara, Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 1999.

TELEVISION OR FILM DOCUMENTARIES:

Consultant, interviewed for *Once and Future Cities*, hour-long segment on Miami, The Discovery Channel, 2003.
Interviewed in *Cuba in my Heart*, WPLG-TV, Miami, FL, Josie Goytisolo, director, 2000.
Historical consultant, interviewed for *A History of Florida*, Florida Public Television, Larry Golden, director, 1999.
Consultant, *Cubans in America*, Alex Antón, director, 2001.

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS/APPEARANCES:

Interviews or appearances as panelist on local, national, and international media including:

National/International Television: Nightline, ABC News, NBC Nightly News, CBS News, CNN, CNN-International, CNN América, Austrian Television, NHK-Television (Japan), Telemundo Network, TV Martí.
Local Television Stations: WPBT-TV, WFOR-TV, WPLG-TV, WLRN-TV, WLTV-TV, WAMI-TV, Tele-Miami Canal 40, WSCV-TV, Dynamic Cable News.

National/International Radio: Radio Martí, BBC-World Service, National Public Radio, Monitor Radio, CNN-Radio, Spanish National Radio, Radio Nederland, Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation, KPRZ (San Diego, CA), Radio Miami International, La Voz del CID (Miami).

Local Radio Stations: WWFE La Poderosa-AM, WAQI Radio Mambí, Radio Paz Catholic Broadcasting, WQBA 1140-AM, WRHC-AM, WOCN-AM, WCMQ-AM.

National/International Print Media: The Wall Street Journal, USA Today, Orlando Sentinel, Boston Herald, New York Times, New York Newsday, The Washington Post, Christian Science Monitor, Chicago

Tribune, Index on Censorship (London), Le Monde (Paris), The Globe and Mail (Toronto), A Folha de São Paulo, Frankfurter Rundschau (Frankfurt), Proceso (Mexico City), Swiss News Agency (Zürich), Scripps-Howard News Service, Information (Copenhagen, Denmark), The Washington Times, Inter-Press Services, La Nación (San José, Costa Rica), Bolivian Times (La Paz, Bolivia), Cyprus Weekly (Nicosia, Cyprus), Kıbrıs (Lefkoşa, Cyprus), YeniDüzen (Lefkoşa, Cyprus), Peace Magazine, Reuters, Associated Press, United Press International, Notimex, Agence France-Press.

Local Print Media: El Nuevo Herald, The Miami Herald, New Times (Miami), Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel, El Observador Iberoamericano (Miami), Exito (Miami), Libre (Miami), Diario las Américas (Miami), The Florida Catholic (Miami), La Voz Católica (Miami).

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT:

Current Boards of Directors/Leadership Roles:

United Way of Miami-Dade, Trustee, 2004.
 Citizens for a Better South Florida, Board Member, 2003-present.
 Facts About Cuban Exiles, Member of the Board of Directors, 2000-present.
 People for the American Way "Celebrate Free Speech Campaign," Advisory Board Member, 2002-2004.

Previous Board of Directors/Leadership Roles:

Amigos of the Cuban Heritage Collection at the University of Miami Otto G. Richter Library. Executive Board member, 1997- 2004.
 American Civil Liberties Union of Greater Miami, Member of the Board of Directors, 2001-2003.
 Leadership-Miami, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, 1998-present.
 Republic of Cuba Centennial Commemoration Committee, Member, 2001-2002.
 City of Miami, Culture & Fine Arts Board, 1999-2001. Vice-Chairman, 2000-2001.
 SAVE-Dade, Founding member, Board of Directors, 1994-1996, Advisory Board Member, 1996-1997, Hispanic Task Force Co-chair, 1998.
 Cuba-Net, Executive Board Member, 1995-1996.

Grant, Selection, or Nominating Committees:

Miami Beach Cultural Arts Council, Cultural Grants, Music Committee, 2004.
 Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council, Hannibal Cox Jr. Cultural Grants Committee, 1998-2000.

Active Memberships:

Fairchild Tropical Garden
 Dade Heritage Trust
 Dade Cultural Alliance
 Florida Humanities Council
 Amigos of the Cuban Heritage Collection at the University of Miami-Dade Community College
 Cuban Cultural Heritage

LANGUAGES:

Fluent: English, Spanish.
 Working knowledge: Portuguese, French, Croatian/Serbian, Russian, Italian.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST