CUBAN STUDIES
AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY 1998 TO 2013
The Cuban Studies Program at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS) stands as the largest, most diverse and most solidly connected to academic and scientific institutions in Cuba among U.S. university programs that foster academic research and education on the island.

The program is guided by Harvard faculty research on a wide spectrum of academic fields, namely the social sciences, environment, education, public health/medical sciences, humanities, library exchange and urban planning.
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Harvard University’s relationship with Cuba stretches back over a hundred years. At the end of the nineteenth century, Harvard scholars began conducting studies at The Harvard Botanical Station for Tropical Research in Cienfuegos, Cuba. The Botanical Station would eventually become part of Harvard’s Arnold Arboretum. In 1900, more than a thousand Cuban teachers traveled to Harvard for training in the American education system in the midst of the U.S. intervention on the island. Then, in 1912, the eminent paleontologist Carlos de la Torre received an honorary doctoral degree from Harvard for his career accomplishments – the first Cuban to receive such an honor.

Following these beginnings, Harvard has supported research and teaching on Cuba that has grown over the course of the twentieth century and into the twenty-first. Harvard’s long-standing interest in Cuba is reflected in the number of faculty with research interests in Cuba, in the comparatively large number of courses that treat Cuban issues, and in the University’s extensive library and museum holdings of Cuban materials. For instance, the Escoto Collection at Houghton Library contains valuable primary documents related to Cuban history and culture. Likewise, the collections of the Museum of Comparative Zoology reflect a sustained interest in the study of Cuban flora and fauna.

Currently, the number of faculty and students teaching and studying topics related to Cuba includes the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Today an interest in research related to Cuba can be found in almost all divisions of the university, including the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and the professional schools of Business, Design, Divinity, Education, Government, Law, Medicine, and Public Health.

The Cuban Studies Program at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

Since its inception in 1999, the Cuban Studies Program at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies has evolved into one of the most extensive and diverse ventures of its kind. Unlike any other program in the United States, the program caters to scholars from areas across the wide spectrum of academic fields, namely the social sciences, history, environment, education, chemistry, public health and medical sciences, public policy, the arts and humanities, religion, library exchange and urban planning. Components of these collaborations have included workshops and symposia in Cuba and other countries, the publication of co-edited volumes, and research stays conducted by Cuban scholars at Harvard. Guided by the oversight and leadership of the Harvard University-wide faculty Committee on Cuban Studies,
the Program's work has been sustained with generous support from Atlantic Philanthropies, the John D. and Catherine MacArthur Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, and private donors.

The Center's program of scholarly collaboration and exchanges with Cuba has sought to accomplish three important goals:

(a) to facilitate research on Cuba and the development of academic relationships in Cuba by Harvard faculty and students;
(b) to assist Harvard's educational and cultural programs in Cuba; and,
(c) to strengthen institutional ties between Harvard and Cuban academic, scientific and research institutions through visiting faculty and researchers as well as jointly organized workshops and conferences.

Since 1994, DRCLAS organized more than twelve academic conferences related to Cuba. Meetings covered topics that included the history of U.S.-Cuban cultural relations, current U.S.-Cuban relations broadly understood, the impact of health reforms on control of infectious diseases in Cuba and other Latin American countries, the history of the former Harvard Botanical Garden (now the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos), the lessons to be learned from Cuba's dengue control program, the current and future prospects for U.S. business in Cuba, and applied research on economic and social policy, among others.

Since 1999 and through 2013, the Center has hosted 87 Cuban visiting scholars for extended periods of research in fields as diverse as archival preservation, economics, history, intellectual property law, literature, tropical medicine, political science, public administration, public health and urban planning.

As a result, DRCLAS has published three edited volumes resulting from joint work with Cuban co-editors and showcasing scholarship by both U.S. and Cuban scholars. These volumes are detailed in the following pages.

Aiming to strengthen and deepen initiatives in a broad range of disciplines, a cornerstone of the Center's work has been to build links between research centers in Cuba and Harvard. The Center has worked with several Cuban academic and scientific institutions, including the Instituto Juan Marinello, Revista Temas, the research institutes of the University of Havana, the Center for the Sociological and Psychological Studies (CIPS), the Institute of Tropical Medicine Pedro Kourí (IPK), the Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos, the Group for the Integrated Development of the Capital (GDIC), and the Academia de Ciencias de Cuba. Numerous international and U.S.-based institutions have also been essential partners in the Center's programs including the University of Massachusetts-Boston, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Latin American Studies Association, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), El Colegio de México, and the U.S. House of Representatives Cuba Working Group. As part of these endeavors, each year during the last decade, many Harvard faculty and students have traveled to Cuba for research or other educational activities.

At Harvard, DRCLAS has sponsored hundreds of public events on issues and research related to Cuba. The events have included seminars with Harvard faculty and Cuban visiting scholars, film screenings, and major public events with visiting Cuban intellectuals and public figures. DRCLAS has also hosted a works-in-progress workshop for Harvard undergraduate and graduate students working on theses and dissertations related to Cuba.

In 2007, the Center launched the Harvard College Program in Cuba, a semester-length study abroad program in Havana for Harvard undergraduates. Through 2013, 43 Harvard undergraduates have participated in the program and studied alongside their Cuban counterparts at the University of Havana.

The Cuban Studies Program Report covers activities since the Program's inception to 2013. The activities are divided into thematic areas that reflect areas of collaboration: Public Health and Medicine, Applied Economic and Social Policy, U.S.-Cuba Policy, Humanities, Urban Planning, and Libraries. A section on the Harvard College Program in Cuba also includes information on the program and students' reflections on their experiences.
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY
Over the past thirteen years, the DRCLAS Cuban Studies Program has supported research on economic and social policy in Cuba in areas related to policy and management at the Universidad de la Habana and applied economic and social policy research. Partner institutions in the latter areas have included the Vice-Rectoria, Relaciones Internacionales Universidad de La Habana, Centro de Estudios de la Economía Cubana (CEEC), Centro de Investigaciones de la Economía Internacional, the Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), the Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas (CIPS), and the Swiss Agency for Cooperation and Development (COSUDE).

The Cuban economy has undergone a dramatic transformation over the course of the last decade and these changes may accelerate in the near term as a result of a economic policy changes announced by the government of President Raúl Castro. Research in economic and social policy has addressed questions of strategic economic planning and the analysis of trends in inequality and social mobility dynamics in Cuba. Major collaborative projects have included “Is Cuba’s development goal feasible by 2030?” and “Research Methods in Program Evaluation with Microdata,” among others.

The joint research on public health and medicine has resulted in seven courses and workshops that took place in Cuba. In addition, sixteen Cuban scientists and scholars have conducted research stays at Harvard. Further, the research has resulted in the publication of two co-edited volumes, The Cuban Economy at the Start of the Twenty-First Century (edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, and Lorena Barberia, Harvard University Press, 2004) and Cuban Economic and Social Development: Policy Reforms and Challenges in the 21st Century (edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, Mayra Espina Prieto, and Lorena Barberia, Harvard University Press, 2012). The first book has been published in a Spanish language edition, La economía cubana a principios del siglo XXI (El Colegio de México and DRCLAS, 2007).

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

**Ford Foundation,** two-year $175,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez) for a project on applied economic and social policy research. (2013)

**Ford Foundation,** two-year $200,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on applied economic policy research; (2) social policy and program evaluation research, (3) medical anthropology research on the impact of AIDS treatment; and, (4) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2010)

**Ford Foundation,** two-year $160,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on (a) applied economic policy research; (b) applied social policy research focused on inequality and social mobility, (c) applied medical anthropology research on the impact of AIDS treatment; and, (d) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2007)

**Christopher Reynolds Foundation,** $40,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez), for a project on policy-related research in the area of U.S. policy towards Cuba. The proposed project, U.S.-Cuban Relations in a New Century, seeks to support the undertaking of important scholarly research on U.S.-Cuban relations culminating in the production of a volume edited by Jorge I. Domínguez and Rafael M. Hernández. (2006)

**Christopher Reynolds,** $36,330 grant (Jorge Domínguez), for a project that involves supporting scholarly research on U.S. policy towards Cuba, as well as seminars and publications that will ensure that Harvard University’s ongoing collaborations in this important area are shared with a broader constituency in the academic, foundation, and public policy arenas. (2005)
Ford Foundation, two-year $200,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on (a) applied economic policy research; (b) social policy research focused on social mobility and equity, (c) medical anthropology research on the impact of AIDS treatment; (d) and support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2003)

MacArthur Foundation, three-year $250,000, for a project to strengthen and extend its ties to individuals and institutions engaged in scientific, scholarly, and policy research through additional short-term exchanges, joint workshops and conferences, and joint publications. Secondly, DRCLAS hopes to deepen existing exchange relationships and expand the number of Harvard research centers, policy institutes, and professional schools actively engaged with counterpart institutions in Cuba. (2001)

MacArthur Foundation, three-year $404,900 grant, for a major program of collaboration and exchange with Cuban educational and research institutions in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and medicine/public health. (1998)

Christopher Reynolds Foundation, $25,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez), for two initiatives. The two initiatives focus on two related areas of research: the Cuban economy and Cuban social policy. The economy project involves research that illuminates sources of strength and weakness in Cuba’s economy, economic policy making, and the related issues of external economic relations and domestic welfare. The initiative on applied social policy research focused on poverty alleviation, education, housing, social services, and inequality. (2004)

Ford Foundation, two-year $140,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on (a) public management education; (b) applied social policy research in education, housing, social services, poverty alleviation, and the like, (c) applied health policy research including such topics as HIV/AIDS, health-care services and access to medicines; and, (d) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2003)

VISITING SCHOLARS

**Updating the Cuban Economy**

**Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva**, CEEC (Spring 2012)

**The Impact of Structural Change on Economic Growth in Cuba**

**Ricardo Torres Pérez**, CEEC (Fall 2011)

**The Cuban Family, Regional Differences, and Social Heterogenization**

**Mareelén de la Caridad Díaz Tenorio**, CIPS (Fall 2011)

**Social Structures and Inequality and Agricultural Workers and Agrarian Transformation**

**Lucy Martín Posada**, CIPS (Fall 2011)

**Cuban Monetary Policy and the Global Financial Crisis**

**Pavel Vidal Alejandro**, CEEC (Spring 2012)

**Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies**

**Rafael Hernández**, *Temas* (Fall 2006)

**Two Cubas or More:**

**Perceptions and Realities**

**Rafael M. Hernández**, Centro Juan Marinello, (CMJ) (Spring 2005)

**Governability in the Caribbean**

**Haroldo Dilla**, FLACSO-Dominican Republic (Fall 2004)

**Intellectual Property Law and its Relation to Industrial Property**

**Danice Vázquez de Alvaré**, University of Havana (Fall 2003)
Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change  
**Mayra Espina Prieto, CIPS** (Spring 2003)

Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change  
**Angela Ferriol**, Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Económicas (Spring 2003)

Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change  
**Viviana Togores González, CEEC**, March-April (Spring 2003)

The State’s Regulation of Cuba’s Sugar Policy  
**Oscar Zanetti**, Instituto Cubano de Historia (Spring 2001)

Improving Public Administration Mechanisms at the Local Government Levels  
**Orlando Gutiérrez**, CEEC & Catedra de Administración Pública, University of Havana (Fall 2001)

Comparative Public Administration Teaching Methodologies  
**Antonio Iglesias Morrell**, Catedra de Administración Pública, University of Havana (Fall 2001)

Cuba: New Transitions and Civil Society  
**Rafael M. Hernández**, CMJ (Spring 2000)

Comparative Study of Science and Technology Policy in Latin America  
**Rosendo Díaz**, CEEC (Spring 2000)

Cuba’s Insertion into the World Economy: the Limits of ‘Upgrading  
**Pedro Monreal González**, Center for the Studies of the International Economy, University of Havana (Fall 1998)

Reform and Reinsertion of the Cuban Economy in the 90s  
Mauricio de Miranda, Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali (Fall 1998)

**TOTAL: 19 (19.8% VISITING SCHOLARS)**

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2013  
Cuba: la actualización del modelo  
Washington, DC (May-June)

Local Budgeting and Public Finances in Mexico, Cuba and the Caribbean  
Havana, Cuba (September)

2010  
Is Cuba’s development goal feasible by 2030?  
Cambridge, MA (April)

2009  
Is Cuba’s development goal feasible by 2030?  
Havana, Cuba, in coordination with CEEC (March)

Equity and Social Mobility in Latin America: Theory, Policies and Methodology  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in coordination with United Nations International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth (June)

2007  
Equity and Social Mobility: Theory and Methodology with Applications to Bolivia, Brazil, Cuba and South Africa  
Brasilia, Brazil, in coordination with the United Nations International Poverty Center and the Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas (January)

2004  
Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change  
Havana, Cuba, in coordination with CIPS (January)

PUBLICATIONS


La economía cubana a inicios del siglo XXI, edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, and Lorena Barbería, DRLAS and Colegio de México, 2007

The Cuban Economy at the Start of the Twenty-First Century, edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, and Lorena Barbería, Harvard University Press, 2004
2001
Exploratory trip for public policy
Exchange program by faculty from the Kennedy School of Government to the University of Havana (March)

1998
Cuba Today
Co-sponsored by DRCLAS, Harvard’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and the Inter-American Dialogue (March)

EVENTS

2013
“Family dynamics, cuentapropismo and remittances. Study of cases in families of the neighborhood of the capital El Vedado”
DENISSE DELGADO VÁZQUEZ, CIPS (September 16)

Challenges of Social Equity in the current process of economic changes in Cuba
MARÍA DEL CARMEN ZABALA, University of Havana (October 18)

Hacia una nueva fiscalidad
SAIRA PONS PÉREZ, Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy (December)

2012
Cuba’s Post-Revolutionary Regime and Market-Socialism
JORGE DOMÍNGUEZ, Department of Government, Harvard University (February 28)

La actualización del modelo económico cubano
OMAR EVERLENY PÉREZ, Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy (March 26)

2010
A Critique of an Unrequested and Unwanted Transition
MARTA NÚÑEZ-SARMIENTO, Center for Studies of International Migrations, University of Havana (February 26)

El sector agropecuario y su vínculo con el sector externo: el caso cubano
ANICIA GARCÍA, Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy (November 23)

2007
Cuba’s Academic Advantage: Why do students in Cuba do better in school?
MARTÍN CARNOW, Stanford Professor of Economics and Education; HÉCTOR VALDÉS, Director of the Instituto Central de Ciencias Pedagógicas, Cuba; TOM GJELTEN, National Public Radio Correspondent; SUSAN ECKSTEIN, Boston University Professor of Sociology; co-sponsored by Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) International Education Policy Program, HGSE Latin America and Carribean Education Network, HGSE Student Government Association, Dean’s Diversity Initiative Fund (May 3)

2006
Relationships between the State and Society: State’s Role and People’s Participation in Cuba and Vietnam
KANAKO YAMAOKA, Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (October 24)

2005
Book presentation of En el Filo: Historia de una crisis diplomática, Cuba 2001–2002
RICARDO ANDRÉS PASCOE PIERCE, former Mexican ambassador to Cuba (March)

La economía cubana a inicios del siglo XXI
COLEGIO DE MÉXICO, Mexico City (March 3)

Two Cubas or More? Perceptions and Realities
RAFAEL HERNÁNDEZ, Senior Research Fellow, Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello” and editor of Temas (May)

2004
Cuba’s Economic Transition: Successes, Deficiencies, and Challenges
JORGE I. DOMÍNGUEZ, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs and Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (February 23)

Las Relaciones Haitiano/Dominicanas: El Intercambio Desigual y la Cuestión de Fronteriza
HAROLDO DILLA ALFONSO, Coordinador de Investigaciones, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) (September 28)

La Economía Cubana al Comienzo del Siglo 21
OMAR EVERLENY PÉREZ VILLANUEVA, Professor, Department of Economics and Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Havana (October 12)

2003
Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change
Faculty roundtable organized by XAVIER DE SOUZA BRIGGS, KSG, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts-Boston and CIPS (April)

Trademarks, Patents, and Intellectual Property Disputes: Case Study Evidence from Cuba?
DÁNICE VÁZQUEZ DE ALVARÉ, Adjunct Professor of the School of Law, Universidad de la Habana (November 13)

2002
Cuba: Neither Heaven Nor Hell
MARÍA LÓPEZ VIGIL, Cuban journalist and author, co-sponsored by OXFAM

2001
Cuban Education: Our Role Model?
PEDRO NOGUERA, Professor, HGSE; JUDITH K. DIMON, Professor, HGSE; BARBARA HUNT, journalist; PABLO GASTON, high school student; BERTA BERRIZ, Ed.D., HGSE, co-sponsored by the Harvard Graduate School of Education (February 23)

Cuban Images: Society, Transition, and Public Policy
XAVIER DE SOUZA BRIGGS, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, John F. Kennedy School of Government, co-sponsored by MPA-ID and KSG’s Latino Caucus (March 20)
CUBAN STUDIES PROGRAM AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

COURSE-RELATED TRAVEL

Comparative Urban Policy
XAVIER DE SOUZA BRIGGS (KSG), Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with the CESEU (Spring 1997–2000)

Cuba: Upcoming Challenges and Opportunities
ANA JULIA JATAR HAUSMANN, Senior Fellow Inter-American Dialogue, Author of The Cuban Way: Capitalism, Communism and Confrontation, and Host of CNN Crossfire in Spanish “Choque de Opiniones” (March 21)

Re-encountering “lo local”: Approaches to urban community development in 1990’s Havana
MIREF URIARTE, Gaston Institute for Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston (April 12)

Proceso de regulación de la industria azucarera cubana por el Estado, 1926-1941
OSCAR ZANETTI, Instituto de Historia de Cuba (April 25)

Cuban Images: Society, Transitions, and Public Policy
XAVIER DE SOUZA BRIGGS, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, co-sponsored by MPA-IS and the KSG’s Latino Student Caucus (March 20, 2001)

Research Roundtable: Doing Challenging Research in Cuba
Harvard College seniors PRISCILLA AQUINO, SUZANNE BESU, JACKIE HAMM, and PATRICK NOBEL (March 8, 2001)

Governance and Community Problem-Solving: Lessons Across Borders
Faculty roundtable discussion directed by Xavier Briggs, in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts–Boston and Oxfam America

WORKING PAPERS

Equidad y movilidad social en el contexto de las transformaciones agrarias de los años noventa en Cuba
LUCY MARTÍN POSADA
#2007–2008–2

Política social en Cuba: Equidad y movilidad
MAYRA PAULA ESPINA PRIETO
#2007–2008–3

SENIOR THESSES

The Catholic Church in Modern-Day Cuba: A Study of the Development of Civil Society

Cuba’s Commercial and Diplomatic Relations with Spain and Great Britain 1959–1964
MARÍA CARLA CHICUÉN, History Adviser: JORGE DOMÍNGUEZ (2010)

Venezuela-Cuba Relations since 1999: A Multidisciplinary Analysis

Between Rasta and Revolution in Cuba’s ‘No Women, No Cry’: Articulating Liberation, Without ‘Gender,’ through Transnationalism

GRANTS

Term-time research travel grant

The effects of the economic reforms of Cuba in 1993
ANDREW KLEIN, Government, Student research grant (2001)

Comparative Abolition: Havana and Rio de Janeiro and the Problem of the Rearticulation of Gender Roles During Gradual Abolition
ALISON ALONSO, History, Summer student research grant (2000)

CERTIFICATES

Cuban Education Reviewed: A Study on the Effectiveness and Purpose of a Socialist-Based System of Education Through the Voices of Educators and University Students and University-Aged Cuban Youth
PRISCILLA SAMADY AQUINO, Sociology (2001)
ENVIRONMENT
The DRCLAS Cuban Studies program has supported research between U.S. and Cuban scholars on environmental issues in Cuba. A large amount of this research was based at the Cienfuegos Botanical Garden in Cuba, which once served as a Harvard research station belonging to the Arnold Arboretum. Another major initiative between Cuban and Harvard scholars concentrated on the diversity of Anoles lizards on the island. Between 2002 and 2009, a total of nine visiting scholars from Cuba conducted research at Harvard related to the flora and fauna of Cuba.

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

MacArthur Foundation, three-year $404,900 grant, for a major program of collaboration and exchange with Cuban educational and research institutions in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and medicine/public health. (1998)

**VISITING SCHOLARS**

Presence of Lizards of the Genus Anolis in the Protected Areas of Cuba as a Way for their Conservation  
Lourdes Josefina Rodríguez Schettino, Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática (Fall 2009, Anolis Symposium)

Cuba: An Anole Lizard’s Paradise  
Luis Manuel Díaz Beltrán, Museo Nacional de Historia Natural de Cuba Fall (Fall 2009, Anolis Symposium)

Personal Observations on the Morphological Variation of Anolis allisoni and A. porcatus in Cuba  
Orlando Garrido, Museo Nacional de Historia Natural de Cuba (Fall 2009, Anolis Symposium)

Taxonomy of Glomeromycota Fungi  
Ricardo A. Herrera Peraza, Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática (Spring 2002)

Biodiversity and Biogeography of Spiders  
Giraldo Ayalón García, Museum of Natural History (Spring 2002)

Research in Orchidology  
Heidi Torres García, Cienfuegos Botanical Garden (Summer 2002)

Research in Orchidology  
Arabel Cuesta Molina, Cienfuegos Botanical Garden (Summer 2002)

Research in Orchidology  
Marta Aleida Díaz, Cienfuegos Botanical Garden (Summer 2002)

**WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

1999  
Encuentro Bilateral Harvard-Jardín Botánico de Cienfuegos  
Cienfuegos, Cuba (November 12–13)

**EVENTS**

2002  
Ecological Development: The Cuban Experience  
Richard Levins, Harvard School of Public Health (February 1)

Biodiversity in Cuba  
Giraldo Alayon, Curator of the Museum of Natural History (May 29)

**GRANTS**

An Ecosystem Approach to Organic Agriculture: Cuba  
Richard Levins and Tamara Awerbuch, School of Public Health, Faculty Research Grant (2001)
HUMANITIES
The DRCLAS Cuban Studies Program’s focus on humanities research related to Cuba has covered the fields of history, music, religion, film, literature, and the visual arts. Partner institutions in Cuba in this field have included the Instituto de Lingüística y Literatura, Casa de las Americas, Instituto de Investigación sobre la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello,” and the Instituto Cubano de Arte e Industria Cinematográficas. Three major conferences related to film, literature, and visual arts have been organized in Cuba by the Cuban Studies Program in collaboration with these institutions. In total, the Cuban Studies Program has hosted fifteen visiting scholars from Cuba who have conducted humanities-related research at Harvard.

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

**MacArthur Foundation,** three-year $404,900 grant, for a major program of collaboration and exchange with Cuban educational and research institutions in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and medicine/public health. (1998)

**VISITING SCHOLARS**

**A Creole Family and Its Slaves in Saint-Domingue and Cuba: A Transatlantic Experience**

Marial Iglesias Utset (Spring 2012)

**Historical Sciences**

Carlos Alzugaray Treto, CEHSEU (Spring 2011)

**Black in Latin America Conference**

Miguel Barnet, UNEAC, Tomas Fernandez Robaina, UNEAC and Marial Iglesias Utset, Department of History, University of Havana (Spring 2011)

**Popular Music and Social Change in Contemporary Cuba**

Nora Gámez Torres, University College, London (Fall 2011)

**The Living Memory Project:**

**Orlando García, Archivo Principal Cienfuegos,** (Fall 2001)

**Comparative Study of Race in Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico**

Gisela Arandia Covarrubias, UNEAC, (Fall 2000)

**The Way Writers in the U.S. Imagine Havana**

Victor Fowler Calzada, University of Havana Department of Literature and Biblioteca Nacional José Martí (Fall 2000)

TOTAL: 15 (15% VISITING SCHOLARS)

**WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES**

2006

**The Image of Cuba in Cinema:**

**The Making of a Canon**

(October 11)

2000

**Havana in Literature**

Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with Casa de las Américas and the Centro de Investigaciones Literarias (January 24-February 1)

1999

**La Cultura en la Historia de las Relaciones entre Cuba y Estados Unidos: Expresión Artística, Imaginación Popular, Actividad Social y Desarrollo Institucional**

Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with the Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello” (January 29-30)

**EVENTS**

2012

**A Creole Family and Its Slaves in Saint-Domingue and Cuba:**

**A Narrative of a Trans-Atlantic Experience**

Marial Iglesias Utset, Visiting
“During my stay at DRCLAS I gained access to biblio-graphic sources and many libraries that were useful for the development of my research. My time as a scholar at DRCLAS gave me the opportunity to enforce my work. The bibliography I was able to consult helped me widen the spectrum of ideas for the analysis of the critical work of Jorge Manach.” —Dr. Marta Lesmes Albis

Scholar, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University (February 27)

Hearing Voices in Contemporary Cuban Popular Song
SUSAN THOMAS, Visiting Scholar, DRCLAS (April 2)

Boleto al paraíso Film Screening
ARACHU CASTRO and BRAD EPSS, Harvard University (April 11)

Church and Community: A Dialogue on the Role of the Catholic Church
CARDINAL JAIME ORTEGA with CARDINAL SEAN O’MALLEY, JORGE DOMÍNGUEZ, and MARY JO BANE (April 24)

2010
Pedro Pérez-Sarduy Reads from his novel: The Maids of Havana
PEDRO PÉREZ-SARDUY, poet and novelist (March 31)

The Symbolism of Race in Cuba Today
PEDRO PÉREZ-SARDUY, poet and novelist (March 30)

The Role of the Artist in Society: A Conversation with Carlos Varela
CARLOS VARELA, Cuban Musician (May 12)

Transnational Santeria: Ritual Media, Tourism and Religious Subjectivities between the U.S. and Cuba
AISHA M. BELISO-DE JESÚS, Assistant Professor of African American Religions, Harvard Divinity School (September 20)

Unidad Mítica del Caribe al Brasil: Las influencias religiosas y puntos de comparación con Cuba, en Haití, Jamaica, República Dominicana, Venezuela, y Brasil
NATÁLIA MARÍA BOLÍVAR ARÓSTEGUI, Cuban Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (October 6)

El cuerpo de la nación. Género, sexualidad y nacionalismo en Cuba
ABEL SIERRA MADERO, Essayist, Researcher and Professor, co-sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University (October 12)

Africa and Cuba: Intertwining Souls
NATÁLIA MARÍA BOLÍVAR ARÓSTEGUI, Cuban Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (October 15)

2008
New Short Fiction from Cuba
Book presentation by editors JACQUELINE LOSS and ESTHER WHITFIELD (April 22)

2006
Film screening: ¡Salud! (November 5)

Film screening: Habana Blues
BENITO ZAMBANO (November 7)
Film screening: One Way or the Other
SARA GÓMEZ (November 14)

Film Screening: María Antonia
SEGIO GIRAL (November 21)

Film Screening: Cosas que dejé en La Habana
MANUEL GUTIÉRREZ ARAGÓN (November 28)

Film Screening: Frutas en el café
HUMBERTO PADRÓN (December 5)

Film screening: Páginas del Diario de Mauricio
MANUEL PÉREZ (December 12)

2005
Cuba’s Cutting Edge Contemporary Cinema: Film and Discussion
RAFAEL HERNÁNDEZ, editor of Temas and Senior Research Fellow at the Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello” (May 27)

2003
Heroine or Hoaxer: A Latina Soldier in the American Civil War
MARIE AQUÍ CARTER, Charles Warren Center/Iguana Films (April 21)

2002
Long Ago and Far Away in Cuba
RICHARD EDER, New York Times (February 11)

Framing Cuba
ERNESTO FERNANDEZ, Photographer; ERNEST JAVIER FERNANDEZ, Photographer (September 26)

An Evening with Archivist Jose Llufrio
JOSE LLUFRIIO, Instituto Cubano de Arte y Industria Cinematográfica (September 21)

Copyrighting Che: Cultural Production and Citizenship in Cuban Late Socialism
ARIANA HERNÁNDEZ-REGUANT, Tulane University (December 3)

2001
Nightgowns from the Past: Dilemmas of Telling a Cuban Story Where African Spirits and Jewish Memory Converge
RUTH BEHAR, Professor of Anthropology, University of Michigan, co-sponsored by Askwith Education Forum at the HGSE (April 23)

The Provincial Archive as a Place of Memory: Confronting Oral and Written Sources on the Role of Former Slaves in the Cuban War of Independence, 1895-98
REBECCA SCOTT, University of Michigan, with the collaboration of ORLANDO GARCÍA MARTÍNEZ (Archivo Provincial de Cienfuegos) and MICHAEL ZEUSKE (Universität zu Köln) (November 9)

La Lucha por la Independencia de Cuba 1895-1898: Las Memorias Vivas de los Participantes
ORLANDO GARCÍA, Director, Provincial Archives of Cienfuegos in Cuba. Development and DRCLAS (November 14)

2000
Le generación del chícharo: viaje a través del paladar literario de los felices
ZOE VALDÉS, contemporary Cuban writer and author of Querido primer novio (April 10)

Temas homosexuales en la literatura cubana de los 80 y 90: renovación o retroceso?
ALFREDO ALONSO, editor Casa de las Américas magazine (April)

Fidel, Che, and the 21st Century
ENRIQUE OLTUSKI, author of The People of the Plains and former Minister of Communications (September 21)

Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic: Identity and Race in the Hispanic Caribbean
GISELA ARANDIA COVARRUBIAS, member of the Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba (UNEAC) (October 10)

Film Screening: Memorias de Subdesarrollo
TOMÁS GUTIÉRREZ ALEA (October 24)

Cuban Literature During the 1990s, Cuban Literature During the 1990s
VICTOR FOWLER CALZADA, Adjunct Professor of Letters and the University of Havana, member of the UNEAC and associate of the Biblioteca Nacional Jose Martí. (November 7)

Film screening: Retrato de Teresa
PASTOR VEGA (November 28)

1999
Viajeros cubanos a Estados Unidos (1898-1900)
LUISA CAMPUZANO, University of Havana, Director of the Women’s Studies Program at Casa de las Américas and director of Revolución y Cultura magazine (September 30)
Latin American Film, José Antonio Mazzotti, December, Havana, Cuba, to attend the 24th Latin American Film Festival, perform research, and conduct interviews with directors, actors, and producers. (They experienced what one student called, “a lesson I could never have learned in the classroom” (Julia Hiatt AB ’03). The course’s Teaching Fellow, Alexandra Vega-Merino (GSAS, Romance Languages and Literatures), highlighted the following field-trip outcomes: “I am proud of our students’ work in Havana—I mention only the experiences of some, but each has a unique story to tell.” Charlene Music ’04 produced a stunning photo exhibit about Cuba. Marla Kaplan ’03, whose senior thesis considers Mexican cinema, was able to gather an enormous amount of material for the study. After attending a meeting of Latin American documentary filmmakers, Andy Conrad ’05 created a support network for them. He also shot around 8 hours of footage during our trip. And as a result of our visit to the Film School [the Escuela Internacional de Cine y Television] in San Antonio de los Baños, Nicole Legnani ’03 decided to apply to the school’s prestigious program to study screenwriting and cinematography.” (2002)

COURSE-RELATED TRAVEL

STUDENT THESES

Danced Belief: Embodying the Orishas in Matanzas, Cuba
Anna Walters, Folklore and Mythology Adviser: Smita Mahiri (2006)

Sexual Revolutions: Faith and the Passion of Change in El Siglo de las Luces and El Mundo Alucinante
Rebecca Hammer, Romance Languages and Literature; Adviser: Doris Sommer (2006)

How Shall We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Foreign Land?: The Practice of Regla Ocha among Cuban Immigrants in Greater New York
Jeslyn Miller, Social Studies Adviser: Nicole Newendorp (2005)

The Virgin in the Rocks: Private and Public Interpretations of Symbols in Santeria

Timba

Jineteras en la Habana: Official, Social, and Personal Constructions of Sex-Worker Identity in Havana, Cuba
Kristen Bolt, History and Literature Adviser: Jose Mazzotti (2003)

Palimpsestos de lo femenino: Recuperaciones del espacio lírico en tres poetas Habaneras del siglo veinte
Yari Pérez Marín, Romance Languages and Literature; Adviser: Luis Fernández-Cifuentes (1997)

GRANTS

Summer Research Travel Grant
Michelle Tisdel Flikke, Social Anthropology, GSAS, Social Anthropology (2003)
Summer Research Travel Grant
Keja Valens, Comparative Literature, GSAS (2003)

Study of archival materials related to Cuban poet Jose Lezama Lima
Juan Pablo Lupi, Comparative Literature, GSAS, Travel research grant (2002)

Defining the 20th Century Cuban Revolution: An Analysis of the Sociopolitical Effects of 1959 through Cuban & Cuban Exile Literature of the 1990s
Jennifer Altarriba, History and Literature, Travel research grant (2002)

The Roots, Development, and Implications of Jinetero-Rastafarianism in Cuba
Marcel Anderson, Social Studies, Travel research grant (2002)

Feminine Images in the Afro-Cuban religion Santería, particularly around the cult of the Yemaya and Ochun gods
Petra Rivera, Afro-American Studies, Travel research grant (2002)

An Ecosystem Approach to Organic Agriculture: Cuba
Richard Levins and Tamara Awerbuch, School of Public Health, Faculty research grant (2001)

Contemporary Jewish Identity Formation in the Revival of Judaism under Castro
Greg Goering, Divinity School, Summer research grant (2001)

An Ethnography of Religious Syncretism and Representations of National Identity in Contemporary Cuban Popular Piety
Jalane Schmidt, Divinity School, Summer research grant (2001)

State Mediation of Visual Forms of Expression in Cuba and the Internationalization of Cuban art
Juan Carlos Gabarro, Anthropology, Student research grant (2001)

Contemporary Cuba through the Lens of Popular Music beginning in 1990
Patrick Noble, Folklore and Mythology, Student research grant (2001)

Catholic Religious Revival in Cuba in the 1900s: The Sources, Extent, and Implication
Jacqueline Hamm, Social Studies, Summer research grant (2000)

Feminist Discourse and the Resurgence of Prostitution in Post-Revolutionary Cuba
Ashley Forde, History and Literature, Summer research grant (2000)

Certificates

Revolutionary Desires: Sexuality and Late-Socialism in Cuba

Cuba’s Rival Rituals: 20th Century Festivals for the Virgin of Charity and the Contested Streets of the Nation

Cuban Museums and Afro-Cuban Heritage: Fragments and Transition in Daily Life
Michelle Antoinette Tisdel Flikke, Anthropology, PhD dissertation (2006)

Pablo Ros, History, Senior thesis (2006)

Danced Belief: Embodying the Orishas in Matanzas, Cuba
Anna Walters, Folklore and Mythology, Senior thesis (2006)

Revolutionary Tourism?: Cuba, Cubans, and Foreigners in the Literature of the Special Period
Ashley McRainey Forde, History and Literature, Senior thesis (2001)

Fiction(s) of Cuba in Literary Economies of the 1990s: Buying In or Selling Out?
Esther Katheryn Whitfield, Romance Languages and Literatures, PhD dissertation (2001)

Alison M. Kraus, History and Literature, Senior thesis (2001)
From its beginning, the DRCLAS Cuban Studies Program initiated a series of projects to promote scientific research between Cuban and Harvard scientists in the areas of public health and medicine. The Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK) and the Department of Biology at the Universidad de la Habana have been the main partner institutions in these projects. The IPK is Cuba’s leading research institute and treatment center in the control and eradication of infectious diseases in Cuba and elsewhere. The public health initiative has three main objectives: 1) to increase scientific exchange between the IPK, the Universidad de la Habana, and Harvard; 2) to study the functioning of Cuban health care system, its control and eradication of infectious diseases and the role of institutions such as IPK in the public health system; and 3) to make available public health work currently underway in Cuba’s scientific and research laboratories and institutions.


This joint research on public health and medicine has resulted in eight courses and workshops that took place in Cuba. In addition, eighteen Cuban scientists and scholars have conducted research stays at Harvard.

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

Atlantic Philanthropies, one-year $100,000 grant (Michael Starnbach, Eric Rubin), to support a) an intensive course on infectious diseases and bio-molecular medicine research in Havana; b) a subsequent visit by a short-term visiting scientist from a leading institution in Cuba to advance research on an infectious disease taught during the course in collaboration with a Harvard faculty counterpart; and, c) the expansion of a joint research project on the impact of AIDS treatment led by researchers from the Harvard and Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri (IPK) (2011)

Atlantic Philanthropies, one-year $132,000 (Michael Starnbach, Eric Rubin) in collaboration with Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health, for a) a joint research project on histoplasmosis between Harvard and Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri (IPK) researchers; and, b) a short-term visiting scientist from another leading institution in Cuba to advance research on a second infectious disease.

Ford Foundation, two-year $200,000 grant (Jorge Dominguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on applied economic policy research; (2) social policy and program evaluation research, (3) medical anthropology research on the impact of AIDS treatment; and, (4) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2010)

Ford Foundation, two-year $160,000 grant (Jorge Dominguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on (a) applied economic policy research; (b) applied social policy research focused on inequality and social mobility, (c) applied medical anthropology research on the impact of AIDS treatment; and, (d) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2007)

Ford Foundation, two-year $140,000 grant (Jorge Dominguez, Arachu Castro), for a project on (a) public management education; (b) applied social policy research in education, housing, social services, poverty alleviation, and the like, (c) applied health policy research including such topics as HIV/AIDS, health-care services and access to medicines; and, (d) support for Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences. (2003)

MacArthur Foundation, three-year $404,900 grant, for a major program of collaboration and exchange with Cuban educational and research institutions in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and medicine/public health. (1998)

Social and Environmental Determinants of Health in Cuba: Collaboration with Center for the Study of Health and Welfare at the University of Havana

Richard Levens and Tamara Awerbuch, School of Public Health Focus (Study of
health rather than of disease “sanología”—“examining environmental and economic differences affecting health within municipal regions.” Also statistical and mathematical methodologies for analyzing—Levins was awarded an honorary doctorate for his contributions to the advancement of biomathematics, ecology, environmental sciences, and Marxist philosophy.) (2003)

VISITING SCHOLARS

Infectious Disease Research
Belkís Romeu Alvarez
Instituto Finlay, Havana
(Fall 2013)

Marine Antimicrobial Peptides
Anselmo Otero González,
Department of Biochemistry, University
of Havana (Spring 2012)

Diagnosis and Control of Tuberculosis
Raúl Díaz Rodríguez, IPK
(Spring 2012)

Histoplasmosis
Gerardo Martínez Machín,
Department of Microbiology,
Higher Institute of Medical Sciences,
Havana (Spring 2012)

Biology of Histoplasma capsulatum
Gerardo Martínez Machín, IPK
(Spring 2011)

Marine Antimicrobial Peptides

Anselmo Otero González,
Department of Biochemistry, University
of Havana (Spring 2011)

Potential Application in Cancer Immunotherapy
Ana María Hernández Vázquez,
Center for Molecular Immunology
(Fall 2011)

The Pathogenesis of Histoplasmosis
Gerardo Martínez Machín, IPK
(Spring 2010)

HAART and Quality of Life of AIDS Patients in Cuba
Jorge Pérez Ávila, IPK
(Fall 2010 and Spring 2009)

HAART and Quality of Life of AIDS Patients in Cuba
Carlos Aragónés, IPK and
Ida González Nuñez, IPK
(Fall 2009)

HIV/AIDS in Cuba
Jorge Pérez Ávila, IPK (Spring 2005)

The of Cytotoxic T-lymphocytes in the Immune Response to Bacterial Infections such as Chlamydia
Rayner Rodríguez, IPK (Fall 2005)

HIV/AIDS Resource Allocation
Alicia Reyes Jiménez, IPK
(Spring 2004)

Comparison of two PCR-based DNA Fingerprinting Methods for Typing Mycobacterium tuberculosis
Raúl Díaz, IPK (Fall 2004)

Investigation of the Function of Virulence Regulators of Mycobacterium tuberculosis using Genome-Wide Location Analysis
Jorge Maestre Mesa, IPK
(Fall 2004)

Genotypes of Kshv in Cuba
Vivian Kourí Cardella, IPK
(Fall 2003)

HLA Class I genes and Dengue in Cuba
Beatriz Sierra, IPK (Spring 2002)

Historical Evolution of Epidemic Diseases in the Americas: 1492-2000
Enrique Beldarrain Chaple, Calixto García Faculty of Medicine (Fall 2002)

HIV Load Viral Testing
Lisette Pérez, IPK (Fall 2001)

Optimization of Protein and Nucleotide Adjuvants with Immunoestimulatory Properties
Anselmo Otero González,
Department of Biochemistry, University
of Havana (Fall 2000)

Cuba’s Healthcare System AIDS Research and Treatment
Jorge Pérez Ávila, IPK, Guadalupe Guzmán, IPK, and Gustavo Kourí, IPK
(Summer 2000)

Dengue Virus Vaccine with DNA Immunization
Mayra Mune Jiménez, IPK
(Summer 2000)

Certification Procedures for BL-3 Facility
Roberto F. Fernández, IPK
(Spring 1999)

“During the course of my research in the area of history of epidemics, my time at Harvard was an exceptional opportunity to go through the collections of information that they have. The access to collections in the University’s library network that are not available in my country was exceptional. This experience helped in my development both as a professional and a researcher.” —Dr. Enrique Beldarrain Chaple
WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2005
Resource Allocation Practices for the Prevention and Treatment of AIDS in the Caribbean
Havana, Cuba, IPK, co-sponsored by DRCLAS, the Pan Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), the Harvard Medical School and IPK (March)

2004
HIV/AIDS Treatment in Cuba and Resource Allocation
Jorge Pérez and Alicia Reyes, Instituto de Medicina Tropical “Pedro Kouri” (April 26)

Pioneering Medical Research in Cuba
Panel discussion with Jorge Luis Maestra Mesa, Rayner Rodríguez Díaz, and Raúl Díaz Rodríguez, Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri; Professors Arachu Castro, Paul Farmer, and Michael Starnbach, Harvard Medical School; Professor Eric Rubin, Harvard School of Public Health (February 15)

2002
The Impact of Health Systems Reform in the Control and Prevention of Infectious Disease in Latin America
Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with IPK (April 29-May 3)

2003
Forum on Dengue
Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with IPK (April)

2001
IPK 7th Annual International Conference on Dengue, Arachu Castro, Michael Starnbach, and Paul Farmer, Havana, Cuba (August)

EVENTS

2010
HIV Infection in Cuba from 1986-2009: Outcomes of antiretroviral therapy based on subtypes, recombinants, and resistance to ARVs
Jorge Pérez, IPK, co-sponsored by the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School (October 26)

2006
Film screening: Life is Whistling
Fernando Pérez (October 31)

Film screening: The Return of San Gregorio
(November 5)

2005
Cuban Medical International Cooperation
Jorge Pérez, Director of the Instituto de Medicina Tropical “Pedro Kouri” and former Director of the Sanatorium of Santiago de Las Vegas (April 15)

2004
HIV/AIDS Treatment in Cuba and Resource Allocation
Jorge Pérez and Alicia Reyes, Instituto de Medicina Tropical “Pedro Kouri” (April 26)

Pioneering Medical Research in Cuba
Panel discussion with Jorge Luis Maestra Mesa, Rayner Rodríguez Díaz, and Raúl Díaz Rodríguez, Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri; Professors Arachu Castro, Paul Farmer, and Michael Starnbach, Harvard Medical School; Professor Eric Rubin, Harvard School of Public Health (February 15)

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Bottom right: Proof of scientific cooperation in the medical and public health sector. On the left: at a Lab at Harvard Medical School, top right: business lunch at the Plaza Vieja, Havana, and below: a workshop at the IPK Institute, Havana.
Public Health; Lorena Barberia, DRCLAS (May 14)

Course Introduction: Community Participation in Health in Cuba
David Díaz Carbo, University of Havana (September 11)

Primary and Infectious Disease Health Care in Cuba
Jorge Pérez, IPK (September 25)

Health Achievements in Perspective: Infectious Disease in Cuba and Haiti
Paul Farmer, Harvard Medical School, co-sponsored by DRCLAS and the Pan-American Development Foundation (October 9)

2000 Science in Cuba’s Development Strategy
Richard Levins, Harvard School of Public Health (Cuba Study Tour 2000 Seminar), co-sponsored by KSG (March 15, 2000)

1999 Cuban Healthcare and the World
Dr. Alfredo Portero Urquizo, Director of the Medical Cooperation Unit at the Cuban Ministry of Public Health, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (November 4)

Tuberculosis Control in Cuba
Arachu Castro and Jim Yong Kim, Harvard Medical School (November 20)

COMPETENCE:

Immunology Infectious Disease Course: In collaboration with the Harvard Medical School ("El Curso de Inmunología que ofrecieron los profesores de Harvard fue todo un éxito. En primer lugar se reunieron un número muy grande de personas interesadas (más de 200) en representación de numerosas instituciones del país, sobre todo del Polo Científico y además también se beneficiaron algunos extranjeros que cursan maestrías y doctorados en nuestro instituto. El Nivel Científico fue muy bueno y con gran nivel de actualización; fue una gran oportunidad contar con especialistas del más alto rango en temas muy importantes, de interés para nuestro Centro y en los que no siempre se tiene toda la información necesaria. Más que los resultados del Curso fue muy importante poder avanzar algunos proyectos de colaboración conjunta en diferentes aspectos, en particular TB en nuestro departamento."—Dr. Gerardo G. Martínez Machín, Jefe del Departamento Bacteriología Micrologia, IPK) (2002)

Seminar on the Cuban Public Health System: In collaboration with the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change at the Harvard Medical School (The seminar focused on examining the health system in the last four decades, and also its current strengths and weaknesses. Seeking to understand how Cuban public health officials have maintained their effectiveness in setting up successful control strategies for infectious disease threats, such as malaria, HIV/AIDS, dengue, and immuno-preventable diseases, even in the context of dramatic economic adjustment, the seminar’s proceedings and research bibliography on Cuban public health were also published as part of DRCLAS’s Working Paper series and have been utilized as course materials at Harvard and by universities throughout the U.S.) (2001)

Public Health in Cuba: As part of the course, 15 public health students spent a week in Cuba. Much of their visit was coordinated by the IPK. Major themes included utilization of natural and alternative medicines; development and provision of vaccines; impact of the embargo on access to medical technology and pharmaceuticals; and the training of other Latin American health care workers to address humanitarian crises. (2000)

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WORKING PAPERS

Seminar on Cuban Health System: Its Evolution, Accomplishments and Challenges

STUDENT THESES

The Power of Perseverance: The Story of the Family Doctor in Cuba During the Special Period
Suzanne Besu, Special Concentration Adviser: Mary-Jo Del Vecchio Good (2001)

GRANTS

Origins, Evolutions and Current Reform of the Cuban Health Care System
Arachu Castro, Harvard Medical School, Summer research grant (2001)

An Examination of the Health Care Reform Climate during the Castro Take-over of 1959: Planning Process, Implementation and Effect
Jodie Abbatangelo, School of Public Health, Summer research grant (2001)

AIDS Education and Prevention: A Comparison Study of Adolescent Males, Relating HIV and Condom use
Brian Somoano, School of Medicine, Student research grant (2001)

An Ecosystem Approach to Organic Agriculture: Cuba
Richard Levins and Tamara Awerbuch, Harvard School of Public Health, Faculty research grant (2000)

The Sociological Impact That Food and Medicine Shortages Have Had on the Practice of Medicine in Cuba
Suzanne Besu, Health Policy, Summer research grant (2000)
U.S.-CUBA POLICY
The DRCLAS Cuban Studies Program has sought to foster interdisciplinary academic research on U.S.-Cuban relations with particular focus on exploring potential change in these relations. Partner institutions in Cuba on U.S.-Cuban relations have included the Centro de Investigación sobre la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello,” Universidad de la Habana, Revista Temas, and the Instituto Cubano de Arte e Industria Cinematográficas (ICAIC).

Since 1998, the Cuban Studies Program has hosted 24 visiting scholars from Cuba who have studied historical and contemporary aspects of U.S.-Cuban relations. In addition, research in this area involving Cuban and U.S. scholars has resulted in two co-edited volumes. The first Culturas encontradas: Cuba y los Estados Unidos, co-edited by Rafael Hernández and John Coatsworth, was published in 2001 by Harvard University Press. The second, Debating U.S.-Cuban Relations: Shall We Play Ball?, co-edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Rafael Hernández, and Lorena Barberia, was published by Routledge Press in 2011.

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

Christopher Reynolds Foundation, $40,000 grant (Jorge Domínguez), for a project on policy-related research in the area of U.S. policy towards Cuba. The proposed project, *U.S.-Cuban Relations in a New Century*, seeks to support the undertaking of important scholarly research on U.S.-Cuban relations culminating in the production of a volume edited by Jorge I. Domínguez and Rafael M. Hernández. (2006)

Christopher Reynolds, $36,330 grant (Jorge Domínguez), for a project that involves supporting scholarly research on U.S. policy towards Cuba, as well as seminars and publications that will ensure that Harvard University’s ongoing collaborations in this important area are shared with a broader constituency in the academic, foundation, and public policy arenas. (2005)

**VISITING SCHOLARS**

Role of Media in U.S.-Cuba Relations

Olga Rosa González Martín, CEHSEU (Spring 2011)

History of Academic Exchanges between Cuba and the United States”

Milagros Martínez Reinosa, Oficina de la Vice-Rectora de Relaciones Internacionales, University of Havana (Fall 2011)

Foreign Direct Investment in Cuba and the Caribbean: Risks or Benefits

Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, CEEC (Spring 2010)

Where is Cuba in U.S. Foreign Policy Today?

Soraya Castro Marion, CEHSEU (Spring 2010)

Cuba-USA Trade: The Agrarian Sector and Beyond

Lázaro Peña Castellanos, CEEC (Fall 2010)

Cuba’s International Insertion and Prospects for Cuba-U.S. Trade

Jorge Mario Sánchez-Egozcue, CEHSEU (Fall 2010)

Proposals for a transition towards democracy in Cuba elaborated by U.S. scholarly institutions (2004-2009)

Marta Núñez Sarmiento, Centro de Estudios de Migraciones Internacionales (Spring 2010)

Cuba-USA Trade: The Agrarian Sector and Beyond

Armando Nova González, CEEC (Spring 2010)

A Triangular Comparative Analysis of U.S. and Canadian Cuba Policy 1959-1963

Raúl Rodríguez Rodríguez, CEHSEU (Fall 2009)

Cuba: Culture and Society and United States-Cuba Relations

Rafael M. Hernández Rodríguez, editor of *Temas* and Senior Research Fellow at the Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello (Spring 2007 and Fall 2006)

Foreign Direct Investment in Cuba and the Caribbean

Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, University of Havana (Spring 2003)

U.S.-Cuba Relations: Opportunities for Strengthening Relations

Carlos Alzugaray Treto, Instituto Superior de Relaciones Internacionales (ISRI), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Spring 2002)

U.S. Media Coverage of Cuba

Alfredo Prieto, Editor-in-Chief of *Temas* Magazine (Spring 2002)

The Impact of Cuban Business Networks in Miami and San Juan on Bilateral Trade

Luís Rene Fernández Tabio, CEHSEU (Fall 2001)
U.S.-Cuba Relations after Sept. 11th
Rafael M. Hernández, CJM
(Fall 2001)

The US Policy-Making Process Towards Cuba after the Cold War
Soraya Castro Marino, CEHSEU
(Fall 2000)

U.S. Foreign Policy towards Latin America
Isabel Jaramillo Edwards, Center for the Study of the Americas (CEA)
(Spring 2000)

The Sugar Trade Between Cienfuegos and Boston
Orlando García, Archivo Provincial Cienfuegos & UNEAC (Fall 2000)

The Miami Enclave and a Potential Economic Relation with Cuba
Luis René Fernández Tabío, CEHSEU (Fall 1999)

U.S. Cuba Commercial Relations—Effects over the Exchange Rate
Jorge Mario Sánchez, CEHSEU (1999)

Cuba Today: Civil Society, Political Economy, and International Relations;
The United States, Latin America, and Europe: Analysis of the New Agenda
Haroldo Dilla, Institute of Philosophy, University of Havana (Fall 1998)

TOTAL: 24 (24% VISITING SCHOLARS)

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2003
Doing Business with Cuba: Today and Tomorrow Corporate Partners Program

1999
La Cultura en la Historia de las Relaciones entre Cuba y Estados Unidos: Expresión Artística, Imaginación Popular, Actividad Social y Desarrollo Institucional
Havana, Cuba, co-sponsored by CJM (January 29-30)

2012
Guantanamo: An American History
Jonathan Hansen, Harvard University (March 5)

2010
The Cuban Revolution (1959-2009): Relations with Spain, the European Union, and the United States
Joaquín Roy, Jean Monnet Professor and Director of the University of Miami’s European Union Center of Excellence (April 28)

Competing Metaphors in the Cuban-United States Relationship
Soraya Castro Mariño, Professor in the Department of Foreign Policy and Researcher at the Center for the Study of International Migrations (CEMI) at the University of Havana (June 8)

Cuba’s Insertion in the World Economy from a Global Value Chain Perspective and the Impact of Improved U.S.-Cuba Relations
Lázaro Peña Castellanos, Center for the Study of the International Economy, University of Havana (September 27)

U.S.-Cuba Economic Relations: Rediscovering Normalization
Jorge Mario Sánchez Egozcue, Center for the Study of the Cuban Economy, University of Havana (November 18)
2007

Guantánamo Bay: An American Story
Jonathan M. Hansen, Lecturer in Social Studies, Harvard University (April 26)

Metadiplomacy between Cuba and the United States: Lessons from the Kennedy Years
Rafael M. Hernández, Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor (December 4)

2006

Civil Society and U.S.-Cuban Relations Discussion
(November 15)

2005

Cuba and Mexico: In the Crossworks of the Modern World
Ricardo Pascoe, Mexican Ambassador to Cuba and Professor of Political Science and International Relations at the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City (March 23)

Cuba, Today and Tomorrow: What Is and Should Be the Role of the International Community
Paul Webster Hare, United Kingdom Ambassador to Cuba, 2001-2004; Vicki Huddleston, Chief U.S. Diplomat in Cuba, 1999-2002; Michael Small, Canadian Ambassador to Cuba, 2000-2003; Jorge I. Domínguez, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs (April 21)

2003

Cuba 2000-2003: A Diplomatic Perspective
Ambassador Michael Small, Former Canadian Ambassador to Cuba and Visiting Fellow, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (October 16)

2002

Julia Sweig: Inside the Cuban Revolution
Julia Sweig, Council on Foreign Relations (October 7)

U.S.-Cuban Relations and the New Crusade Against Terrorism
Rafael Hernández, Senior Research Fellow at the Centro de Investigación y Desarrollo de la Cultura Cubana “Juan Marinello” in Havana (November 19)

2001

Reflections on the March 2001 Bay of Pigs Conference: Declassifying Cuban Documents and Choreographing Political Theater
Jorge I. Domínguez, Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs and Director of the Weatherhead Center of International Affairs (April 24)

Book Launch and Panel Discussion, Culturas Encontradas: Cuba y los Estados Unidos (September 6)

Opportunities for Strengthening U.S.-Cuba Relations
Ambassador Dagoberto Rodríguez, Chief of the Cuban Interest Section, Institute of Politics Student Advisory Committee (October 11)

Should the U.S. Change its Cuba Policy?
Ambassador Sally Grooms Cowal, the President of the Cuba Policy Foundation, and Ambassador Dennis Hays, the Executive Vice President of the Cuban American National Foundation (December 12)

PUBLICATIONS

Culturas Encontradas: Cuba y los Estados Unidos Edited by Rafael Hernandez and John Coatsworth, DRCLAS and Centro Juan Marinello (2001)
OUTREACH

Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School Media Project with Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor, Rafael M. Hernández (Fall) (The Cambridge Educational Access’s Media Arts Studio filmed the conversations and produced a 54-minute program, Imágenes de Cuba; the program aired on the city’s cable access channel available in 28,000 homes.) (2006)

2000
Cuban Immigration and Transnational Ties
SUSAN ECKSTEIN, Professor of Sociology, Boston University, and Lorena Barbería, DRCLAS Cuba Program Associate (December 5)

U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Latin America and the Caribbean: The Challenges of Instability, U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Latin America and the Caribbean: The Challenges of Instability
ISABEL JARAMILLO EDWARDS, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Americas in Havana, Cuba (October 17)

U.S. Policy-Making Process Toward Cuba after the Cold War
SORAYA CASTRO MARÍÑO, Researcher, Centro de Estudios sobre Estados Unidos, Universidad de la Habana (March 6)

1999
The Miami Enclave and a Potential Economic Relation with Cuba
LUIS RENÉ FERNÁNDEZ TABIO, Universidad de la Habana, Cuba. (December 2)

WORKING PAPERS

Canada, the United States and Cuba between 1959 and 1962: The Triangular Relation As Seen in Cuban Diplomatic History
RAÚL RODRÍGUEZ RODRÍGUEZ #2010–11 (2010)

La política española ante la Cuba del futuro

STUDENT THESIS

In Sickness and in Health: The U.S. Influence on the Development of Sanitation and Public Health in Cuba Between the Spanish-American War and the Cuban Revolution 1898–1959
Adviser: JOHN WOMACK (2008)

Cuba Exile Activism: Multiple Avenues for Affecting Change

¿Yankee Sí?: The Effect of American Colonialism on the Development of Cuban Capital Markets 1898–1934
PABLO MANUEL ROS, History Adviser: John Coatsworth (2006)

Language Policy: Developing a Model for the Miami–Cuban Official Language Paradox

Kastro: John F. Kennedy, Fidel Castro, and Political Masculinities in the Early 1960s
ARTHUR (BENJAMIN?) COWAN, History and Literature; Adviser: ESTHER WHITFIELD (2002)

GRANTS

The Economic and Political Effects on Globalization on Cuba from Miami, New York, and Washington, D.C.
EDUARDO DOMÍNGUEZ, Government, Student summer research grant (2000)

CERTIFICATES

Cuban Exile Activism: Multiple Avenues for Affecting Change.

Post-War Perspectives and Unrealized Goals: U.S.-Cuban Relations, 1944-1952
URBAN PLANNING
The DRCLAS Cuban Studies Program’s support of research on Urban Planning in Cuba has supported research related to trends in architectural design, urban development, and architectural history in Cuba. A major aspect of this research included a series of studios led by Cuban architects and Harvard professor Leland Cott that took place in Havana. Five visiting scholars from Cuba have conducted research stays at Harvard in order to advance research on urban planning.

**FACULTY PROJECTS AND GRANTS**

**The Impact of Tourism Policies on Spatial Development and Local Governments in Cuba**

Lee Cott (GSD) and Liz Meléndez of the Center for Urban Development (2003)

**VISITING SCHOLARS**

Joseph Sert’s Plans for Havana

Mario Coyula Cowley, School of Architecture, CUJAE (Fall 2011)

Cuba-U.S. Architectural Exchanges in the 20th Century

Eduardo Luis Rodríguez Fernández, Independent Architect (Fall 2004)

Community Development: Municipal Strategic Planning

Rosa Oliveras, Grupo Para el Desarrollo Integral de la Capital (Fall 2003)

Mario Coyula Cowley, Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies, Director of the Integrated Development Group for Havana (Spring 2002)

Julio César Pérez, Loeb Fellow at the GSD, Faculty of Architecture, University of Havana (Spring 2002)

Julio César Pérez, Loeb Fellow at the GSD, Faculty of Architecture, University of Havana (Fall 2001)

TOTAL: 5 (5% VISITING SCHOLARS)

**EVENTS**

2010

Havana Revisited: An Architectural Heritage

DRCLAS Art Exhibit Opening and Lecture by Cathryn Griffith (February 3)

2006

Havana and Its Housing: Fulfilling the Promise of the Revolution

Leland Cott, Adjunct Professor, Department of Urban Planning an Design, Graduate School of Design (March 20)

Book Launch: History of Havana

Rafael M. Hernández and Dick Cluster (December 13)

2004

Modernist Architecture and Urbanism in Cuba

Eduardo Luis Rodríguez Fernández, Cuban Architect and Historian (October 7)

2002

Havana and Its Architecture: Modernism in Pre-Castro Cuba

Leland D. Cott, Harvard Graduate School of Design (January 23)

Havana: Challenges and Opportunities

Mario Coyula, Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor (April 23)

2001

Havana and Its Architecture: Living in the Past and the Future

Lee Cott, Design Critic in Urban Planning and Design, Graduate School of Design, Harvard University (March 14)

2000

Havana Always: A Cuban Returns


**COURSE-RELATED TRAVEL**

Leland Cott, “Havana Design Studio IV,” Graduate School of Design, Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with the Grupo para el Desarrollo Integral de la Capital (Spring). The group examined the feasibility of designating a 20th Century Modern Preservation District in the La Rampa neighborhood. (2003)

Leland Cott, Mario Coyula-Cowley,
“Havana Design Studio III,” Graduate School of Design, Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with the Grupo para el Desarrollo Integral de la Capital. The group concentrated on the seven-kilometer long oceanfront roadway, El Malecón and explored issues relating to the preservation, adaptive reuse, and new construction within the Havana city fabric. (Spring 2002)

LELAND COTT, “Havana Design Studio II,” Graduate School of Design, Havana, Cuba, in collaboration with the Grupo para el Desarrollo Integral de la Capital (Spring). The group studied planning and urban design strategies in the Almendares River district. (2001)


WORKING PAPERS

La vivienda en Cuba desde la perspectiva de la movilidad social
LILIA NÚÑEZ MORENO #2007–2008–4

GRANTS

Summer Research Travel Grant
CHRISTINA CHU, Graduate School of Design (2003)

Urban Land Use: Opportunities for Local Development in Cuba
LELAND COTT, Adjunct Professor in Urban Design, GSD, and JOHN DRISCOLL, Lecturer in Urban Planning, GSD, Faculty Research Grant (2003)

2002
The Impact of Tourism Policies on Spatial Development and Local Governments in Cuba
LELAND COTT, Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning and Design, and Liz Meléndez San Miguel, GSD, Faculty Research Grant (2002)

Waterfront development and preservation of the Malecón of Havana
DANIEL FABREGA, School of Design, Student Research Grant (2001)
VISITING SCHOLARS

Organization of ‘Escoto Collection’ in Houghton Library

ARACELI GARCÍA CARRANZA, JOSÉ
Marti National Library
(Spring 1999)

TOTAL: (1.1% OF VISITING SCHOLARS)
The program allows students to spend a semester studying at the University of Havana where they enroll directly in courses of their choosing across campus and attend classes with Cuban university students. It introduces Harvard College students to critical issues in Cuban history, culture, and contemporary Cuban society.

Class offerings at the Universidad de la Habana range from Afro-Cuban studies, history, literature, or film to economics, psychology, geography, math or biodiversity courses.

Since the first edition of the program during the spring 2007 semester, 43 Harvard undergraduates have studied abroad in Havana. Nine students participated in the program in spring of 2007, three in fall of 2007, four in fall of 2008, six in fall of 2009, three in fall of 2010, nine in fall of 2011, three in the fall of 2012 and six in the fall of 2013.

Students also take a course on Cuban-U.S. relations and contemporary Cuban society, co-taught by the Resident Director of the program from Harvard University and a faculty member from the Centro de Estudios Hemisféricos y sobre los Estados Unidos (CEHSEU). Cuban scholars who have completed research stays at DRCLAS as Cuban Visiting Scholars also provide students with ongoing mentoring and guidance in varying fields for research projects and other academic interests. The Resident Director, usually a Harvard graduate student who works on Cuba is on call 24 hours and coordinates also extra-curricular activities in Havana.

Overall, the program provides students with a strong network of support while encouraging a full immersion experience. Students spend time attending arts and cultural events, traveling through the island, exploring the city, and developing friendships with university students. They live in the neighborhood of Vedado, within walking distance of the university and many theaters, restaurants, parks, and other places of interest.
PARTICIPANT RESPONSES

Diane de Gramont
Cuba is a unique place to study abroad, and an incredible academic and personal experience. A good study abroad program takes students out of their comfort zones and exposes them to new ideas and new ways of thinking. My classes at the University of Havana were more intellectually challenging than any I had taken at Harvard. They were not more difficult in the traditional sense of high course loads and hard exams but they forced me to think differently and question some of my basic assumptions. I examined critiques of capitalism in my economics tutorial and debated the value of democracy with skeptical peers. Beyond classes, living in Havana is an education in itself. I have always been very interested in democracy, but my time in Cuba renewed my commitment to examining how democracy can meet the needs of people and how to overcome the false choice between social security and freedom. It has deeply influenced my current work in the Democracy program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, where I examine the connection between political and economic development.

Christina Giordano
Studying abroad will inevitably change your perception about how the world around you functions. It will teach you how to think critically about the relationship that the United States has to the rest of the world, and to appreciate the important role that this relationship plays in global politics. But, perhaps more importantly, it will give you a sense of your own role as a student, and the responsibility to bridge the gap between what you understand as an American, and what you need to understand as a global citizen. It opens up worlds of new understanding that are not possible to enter inside the classroom; the kind of understanding that is only possible through experiencing the daily lives of others. Living in Cuba reveals a place not known to tourists. It is not just the country itself that reveals itself to you, however—Cuba is a face and a people who are warm, jovial, and long-suffering. Cuba is an experience that can only be lived by immersing oneself totally. I would very much encourage anyone considering the Cuba study abroad program to take advantage of Harvard’s resources and do this program. It is a life-changing experience full of unexpected insight, respect for a new culture, and memories that will last the rest of your lifetime.

Daniel Littlejohn-Carillo
I think perhaps the biggest impact studying abroad had on me was on allowing me the breathing space and a different perspective to think critically about my study path at Harvard. The environment on campus is stimulating but very intense and fast-paced and it leaves very little space for pausing to evaluate the ‘bigger picture’ of the decisions that one makes and directions one takes. Studying abroad (like previously taking time off) provides a different perspective, a different environment and often surrounds one with people more in touch with the ‘real world’ than many students at Harvard are. The values of humanitarianism and the flexibility to collaborate with a wide range of different actors in challenging environments were certainly strengthened by the time I spent in Cuba.

Matt King
The Harvard study abroad program in Cuba gave me an opportunity to see a part of the world that not many are able to see, through a lens that not many are able to access. Since returning from my time in Havana where I studied Afro-Caribbean religious traditions, Political Philosophy, and US-Cuban relations, I decided to change my course of study and career path from Religious Studies with a focus on Buddhism to Environmental Science and Public Policy. In 2009 I co-founded a social enterprise called Quetsol which is Guatemala’s largest and fastest growing solar distribution and finance company.

Anna Pasternak
Cuba made me realize that the way I looked at the world was a result of the society in which I was raised. I looked at material items, education, or medical care and their attachment to monetary value. Certain things were more important to me because they COST more. Cuban friends studied what they loved, my American friends studied what would provide them with a lucrative career. I started Movement Exchange in many ways because of my experience in Cuba studying at el Instituto Superior de Arte. I began to realize how dance could be used to promote culture, identity, self-esteem among women etc. The lack of publicity (on television, billboards or otherwise) objectifying women in Cuba and holding us to a standard of being skinny, blond, with perfect skin and shiny hair was enlightening. Never have a I ever felt so confident and accepted as a woman in my natural state.

Morgan
In Cuba, I was the best version of myself that I had ever seen. Cuba--quite like my experience at Harvard--changed my life in no small way. My confidence blossomed, my sense of adventure grew, my capacity to empathize with and desire to capture the human experience became insatiable. When I think about my time at Harvard, my mind inevitably floats back to Cuba, making it perhaps the capstone experience of my college education. And perhaps, one of the capstone experiences of my life.

In part, I suppose Cuba served as the catalyst for my career path. I’m a journalist now, and my interest in media issues began in Cuba, where the access to information was limited. Because access to information was so limited, it often misrepresented life on the island.
It also whet my appetite for adventure, filling me with the confidence and self-assurance to know that I could go anywhere in the world and make it an enriching experience. Not long after I left Cuba I applied for the Fulbright Fellowship to South Africa. I taught students from rural townships how to use video cameras to tell their personal narratives, capturing the postapartheid transition. And now I’m at Columbia Journalism School!

Harry Rimalower

I decided to go to law school because of my experience studying abroad in Cuba. I had never thought of “rights” as anything more than an abstraction until I was in Cuba. My Cuban friends were incredibly intelligent people who were sometimes afraid to fully express themselves. Experiencing this firsthand shook me out of my apathy and made me appreciate the liberties I enjoy as an American. I decided to go to law school to better understand and fully explore these basic rights.

Clockwise from top: Harvard College Students in Cuba Ekene Agu and Miriam Psychas (left and right in front) with students from their Biodiversity class on a field trip (Fall 2011); Harvard College Students Ricardo Rojas-Ramirez and Nicole Carter during a program trip to Viñales, (Fall 2011); Harvard College student Roisin Duffy-Gideon (2nd from right) with Cuban peers at University of Havana (Fall 2010)
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