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GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4, 2016

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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Friday, November 4
390 Classroom Building 2
UC Merced

8:30 am | Continental Breakfast

9:30 am | Opening Remarks
Co-Director **Nancy Burke**

9:45 - 10:30 am | First Session
Imagining New Conversations:
Sarduy and Melanie Klein

Presenter: **Alli Carlisle**
Discussant: **Emilio Bejel**

10:45 - 11:45 am | Second Session
Past and Future in the Production
of Visual Cultures

Presenters: **Jeremy Breningstall** and **David Tenorio**
Discussant: **Christina Garcia**

12:00 - 12:30 pm | Lunch Break

12:30 - 1:15 pm | Open Session

1:20 - 1:30 pm | Remarks
Vice Provost Marjorie S. Zatz
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1:30 - 2:30 pm | Third Session
Hidden Genealogies:
Gifts of the Calabash Tree and a Mormon
in Havana

Presenters: **Matthew Lloyd** and **Betsabe Castro**
Discussant: **Ayesha Nibbe**

2:45 - 3:45 pm | Fourth Session
Foreign Relations and Foreign Influences:
The Soviet Union, China, and Cuba

Presenters: **Magda Matuskova** and **Edwin Porras**
Discussant: **Antonio Guzmán**

3:45 - 4:45 pm | Fifth Session
Cuban Elites and Dominican Exiles
in the Fight Against Trujillo

Presenter: **Génesis Lara**
Discussant: **Anita Casavantes Bradford**

4:45 - 5:00 pm | Closing Remarks

6:00 pm | Dinner
With our own Corner Taco Truck
Hosted by Nancy Burke

Respondents at Large:

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ABOUT

Beyond Insularidad: Cuba in the World is the seventh graduate student conference of the UC-CUBA Academic Initiative. The conference brings together graduate students and faculty members from various fields in the University of California system to discuss graduate research relating to Cuba.

The UC-CUBA Academic Initiative is led by a consortium of faculty members and graduate students in the University of California system who study Cuba. The initiative is multidisciplinary and includes members from nine University of California campuses. In addition to its annual conference, UC-CUBA sometimes offers grants to graduate students pursuing research on topics related to Cuba. For more information, please visit UC-CUBA's