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# CUBA Y SU MAR DE RELACIONES



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12<sup>th</sup> GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast

9:40 a.m. | Opening Invocation  
*Anita Casavantes Bradford*

9:45 a.m. | Welcome Remarks  
*Ángeles Torres Mendez and Isable James*

10:00 a.m. | Spirituality from Cuba to Venezuela

**Jeannette Charles** | History  
*Afro-Venezuelan Revolutionary and Religious Exchanges with Cuba in the 20th and 21st Centuries*

Discussant: Tom McEnaney

10:30 a.m. Economic Isolation and Geography Proximity

**Isabel James** | Geography  
*Swimming Through Borders: The Interconnectivity of Fisheries Between US and Cuban waters*

**Ysabel González** | Political Science  
Cuban Communities with Disabilities Under Economic Sanctions

Discussant: Anita Casavantes Bradford

11:30 a.m. | Round Table Discussion: Navigating Academia and Conducting Research in Cuba  
*Hanna Garth and Christina Garcia*

12:00 p.m. | Lunch

1:00 p.m. | Graduate Student Networking

2:00 p.m. | Pan-Africanism and Black Liberation

**Desmond Fonseca** | History  
*Cuba, Cape Verde and the Pan-African Atlantic*

**Andrew Klein** | History  
*Revolutionary Infrastructure in the Age of Neoliberalism: Cuba and the Black Panther Party of Oakland*

Discussant: César Ayala

3:00 p.m. | A Confluence of Migration and Economic Crises in Cuba: Implications for Older Adults  
*Interview by Nancy Burke*

3:30 p.m. | Urban Mobility and Community Activism

**Mitra Ghaffari** | Film  
*¿A Dónde Nos Llevan?*

Discussant: Michael McGalliard

4:15 p.m. | General Comments and Closing Remarks

*Robin Derby, Raul Fernandez, Ivette Hernández-Torres, Genesis Lara, Pierpaolo Polzonetti*



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