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9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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

9:45 a.m. Welcome Remarks
Robin Derby and Isabel James

10:00 a.m. Fishing for Access to the Sea: One win within a long-term struggle in the Ciénaga de Zapata
Isabel James | Geography
Discussant: Nancy Burke

10:30 a.m. Under the Eye: Cuban experiences of Hurricanes and the Hurricane Response System, 1980-2018
Allison Baker | History
Discussant: Robin Derby

11:00 a.m. History as Poetic Resonance: Comparing Miguel Barnet's Poetry with Biografía de un cimarrón
Andrew Edwards | Spanish & Portuguese
Discussant: Tom McEnaney

11:30 a.m. Update on UC-Cuba Initiative
Ex. Secretary R. Fernandez, Co-Directors Nancy Burke and Anita Casavantes Bradford and faculty leadership

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Graduate Student Networking

2:00 p.m. “La Joven Cuba:” Narciso López, the New Orleans Junta, and the Fight over Independence and Annexation in the Shadow of Young America
Kyle Jackson | History
Discussant: Raúl Fernandez

2:30 p.m. Narrativas Tejidas: Mixed Media and Multi-Artisan Art in Trinidad, Cuba
Lydia Millhon | Spanish & Portuguese
Discussant: Jorge Marturano

3:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion: Navigating Academia and Pursuing Research in Cuba
Monika Gosin and Sara Kozameh

3:30 p.m. Student and Faculty Works in Progress

4:15 p.m. Closing Remarks
Tom McEnaney

5:00 p.m. Dinner
(Location TBA)

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