Caribbean Pasts, Presents, and Futures

An Interdisciplinary Conference in Honor of Francisco Scarano

April 12-13, 2019
University of Wisconsin–Madison
FRIDAY, APRIL 12

4:00 PM  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Memorial Union, Tripp Commons Room

7:00 PM  Dinner for conference participants

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

*All sessions will take place at the Union South. Room TBA

8:00 AM  Session One

"Caribbeanist Anthropology and Minerva's Owl: Lessons Forgotten, Lessons Learned”
Stephan Palmie, University of Chicago

"Pathologizing the Jibaro: Mental Health and Incarceration in Puerto Rico, 1940s and 50s"
Alberto Ortiz, University of Iowa

Ileana M. Rodríguez-Silva, University of Washington

Chair: Pablo Gomez, University of Wisconsin, Madison

9:30 AM  Break

9:45 AM  Session Two

"Nevertheless, She Persisted: Women Workers, Minimum Wages, and Crises in Puerto Rican Labor and Politics, 1937-1940)“
Anne Macpherson, The College at Brockport
“The Streetchildren of San Juan”  
*Solsirée del Moral, Amherst College*

"That's Why I Married a Cuban': Patriarchy's Perils and Possibilities in Puerto Rican Working Women's Narratives of Border-Crossing Marriages"  
*Eileen Findlay, American University*

Chair: Sophie Sapp-Moore, University of Wisconsin, Madison

11:00 AM   Break

11:15 AM   Session Three

"Flying Home: Diaspora and the Afterlife in the Caribbean and Brazil"
*Marc Hertzman, University of Illinois*

"The Bella Miquelina Affair at Bahia, Brazil in 1848"
*Dale Graden, University of Idaho*

"Assimilation, Incorporation, and Cooptation: Latinos Engage Political Institutions"  
*Benjamin Marquez, University of Wisconsin, Madison*

Chair: Patrick Iber, University of Wisconsin, Madison

12:15 PM   Lunch for Conference participants
1:15 PM  Session Four

“The Iberian Age as the First World Order”
Alfred McCoy, University of Wisconsin, Madison

"Contrabando en el Caribe durante los siglos XVI-XVII"
Genaro Rodríguez Morel, Academia Dominicana de la Historia

"Was there a 17th century crisis in the Americas?“
Herbert Klein, Columbia University

Chair: James Sweet, University of Wisconsin, Madison

2:15 PM  Break
2:30 PM  Session Five

"Finding Happy Lora (Or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Caribbean)"
David Sheinin, Trent University

"Caribbean History in 3D: How Humor, Conviction & Witnessing Can Shape a Career”
Lillian Guerra, University of Florida

"Looking at the Political Web Engendered by the Cuban Revolution during the Early Sixties. An Examination through the History of a Cuban Opposition Group, The Cuban Student Directorate, 1959-1966"
Javier Figueroa, University of Puerto Rico

Chair: Victor Goldgel, University of Wisconsin, Madison

3:30 PM  Break
3:45 PM    Session Six

"A Journey into the Caribbean: Lessons from Francisco Scarano"
Alfonso Múnera, Ex-Ambassador of Colombia, Trinidad-Tobago

"When Words of Gratitude Are Not Enough: The Drafted Emails I Never Sent to 'One of the Greatest Caribbeanists' in the Country"
Andrés Matías Ortiz, Mercy College

“Putting the 'C' in LACIS: Entering the Caribbean"
Alberto Vargas, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Chair: Jeanne Essame, University of Wisconsin, Madison

4:45 PM    Break

5:15 PM    Keynote Lecture:

In a Sea of Colonial Cane: Caribbean History as Autobiography
Francisco Scarano, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Introduction by Steve Stern, University of Wisconsin, Madison

7:00 PM    Dinner for Workshop Participants