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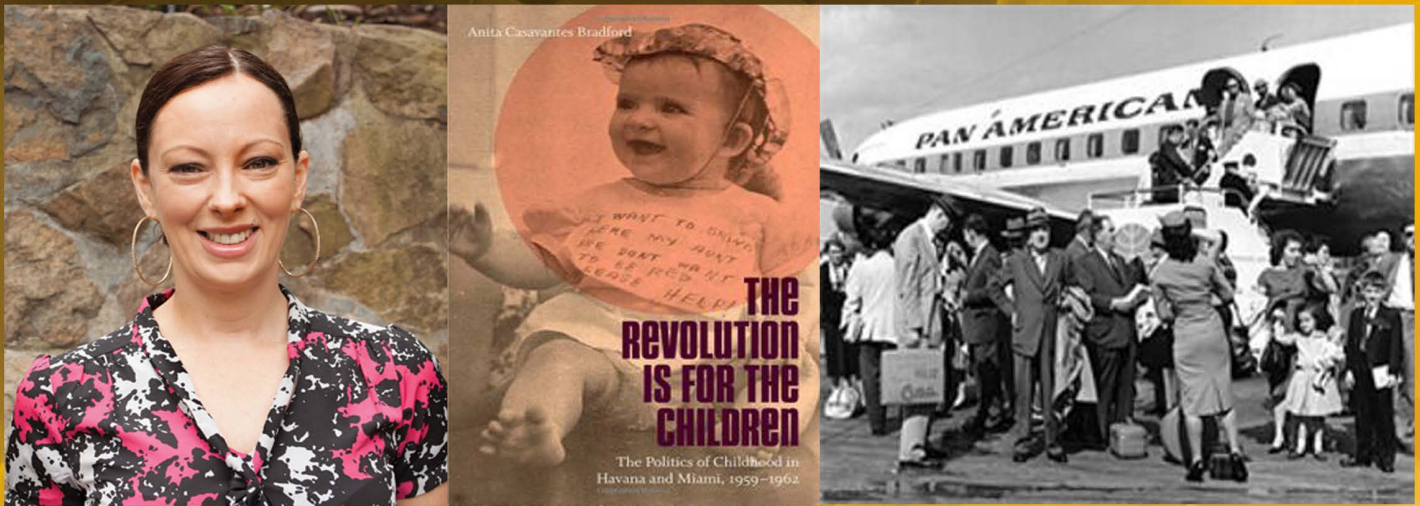
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## Remembering Pedro Pan: Faith, Family, and Freedom in Cuban-American Collective Memory

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This lecture will critically analyze the ways in which former Pedro Pan children, their siblings, and parents have remembered, individually and collectively, their experiences as unaccompanied minors in the United States, as well as the personal and political meanings they have attributed to those experiences. It will consider where those memories and processes of meaning making have intersected with and diverged from the broader Cuban-American community's collective memory of Operation Pedro Pan, as well as from the alternative narratives of the children's exodus as it has been represented on the island.

Anita Casavantes Bradford earned her Ph.D. in U.S. Latina/o and Latin American history at the University of California, San Diego. She was a President's Postdoctoral Fellow from 2011–2013 in the Department of Chicano/Latino Studies at the University of California, Irvine. She is now a joint appointee in History and Chicano/Latino Studies at UC Irvine. Her book, *The Revolution Is for the Children: The Politics of Childhood in Havana and Miami, 1959–1962* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press) was released in April 2014. Her current research explores the relationship among Cold War Catholicism, the emergence of South Florida's post-1959 Cuban-American community, and the subsequent transformation of Miami into a multiethnic global city by the 1990s.

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