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September 4, 2014 | 2:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Graham Center 150

On August 12, 1994, Fidel Castro announced that his government would let those Cubans who wanted to leave the island do so in any way they could. For the third time after Camarioca (1965) and Mariel (1980), the Castro regime encouraged a sudden and mass migration to the United States. Thousands of people took to the sea in small boats, homemade rafts, inner tubes, refurbished vehicles, and anything that floated. The ensuing *balsero* (rafter) crisis dramatized mounting social pressures due to worsening living conditions in Cuba during the so-called Special Period in Times of Peace.

The Cuban Research Institute has invited a distinguished group of scholars, artists, and professionals who were directly involved with the *balsero* crisis, to share their personal experiences and perspectives during and after the events of August-September 1994. We hope our guests will help us understand the long-term consequences of the post-Soviet Cuban exodus as well as its impact in Miami, Florida, and beyond. Confirmed participants include:

- Dr. Holly Ackerman, Duke University Libraries
- Dr. Eugenio Rothe, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, FIU
- Mr. Siro del Castillo, Manuel Perea P.E. Consulting Engineers
- Mr. Willy Castellanos, Photographer, Aluna Curatorial Collective
- Mr. Juan Si González, Artist, Aluna Curatorial Collective

The event is free and open to the public. For more information and to RSVP, please call (305)348-1991 or write cri@fiu.edu.

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