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Book Presentation by Gerald E. Poyo

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José D. Poyo (1836–1911) was an activist, publisher, social critic, fundraiser, and foundational figure in the campaign for Cuban independence from Spain. His leadership and his mantra—*Adelante la revolución*—mobilized an insurrectionist movement in Key West. His multidimensional grassroots work and his newspaper *El Yara*, the longest-lived Cuban exile newspaper of the 19th century, gave hope to a people who aspired to be liberated from the bonds of colonialism. *Exile and Revolution* is a comprehensive account of how Poyo and his revolutionary colleagues spurred the working-class community of Key West and transformed their roles as supporting cast to become critical actors in the struggle for Cuban independence.

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