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Cordially invites you to

Rumba on Record: A New History (1941-1949)

A lecture by

Barry Cox

Musician and Researcher

Thursday May 12, 2011 | 12:00 pm FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus LACC Conference Room, DM 353

Part of the CRI Lunchtime Lecture Series

Barry Cox, recipient of the 2011 Díaz-Ayala Travel Grant awarded by the FIU Latin American and Caribbean Center and FIU Libraries, is a musician and researcher living in Brooklyn, N.Y. His main focus is on the history of rumba. He also conducts field research on rumba songs and maintains an online collection of rumba lyrics.

His presentation at FIU will examine the earliest known recording of traditional Cuban rumba. Having originated on the docks and in the poor neighborhoods of Havana and Matanzas around the 1880's, traditional rumba was generally ignored by the commercial recording industry until the mid-1950s. Rare studio recordings and little-known field recordings by Harold Courlander and Richard Waterman from the 1940s provide insight into this influential Afro-Cuban genre.

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Lunch will be provided, but space is limited. For additional information or RSVP call 305-348-2894 or e-mail at cri@fiu.edu.