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### A Panel Discussion

Thursday, March 24, 2016 | 2:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library 220

Between 1847 and 1874, approximately 142,000 Chinese migrated to Cuba as indentured laborers for sugar plantations. After the end of the coolie trade, the Chinese population of Cuba declined but left an enduring imprint on Cuban society. As early as 1858, the Chinese established *barrios chinos* or Chinatowns in Havana and later in other cities. How did the Chinese rebel against the difficult working conditions on Cuban sugar plantations? How did they transition from agricultural labor to retail trade? How did they maintain ties with their home villages in China? How did they incorporate into Cuban society and culture? What impact did they have on Cuban popular religiosity? Why did most Chinese Cubans migrate to the United States after 1959?

To answer these and other questions, the Cuban Research Institute has organized a panel of distinguished experts on the Chinese diaspora in Cuba. Confirmed speakers include:

- Ms. María Lau, visual artist, New Jersey
- Dr. José Lee-Borges, Adjunct Professor, History Department, University of Puerto Rico, Cayey
- Dr. Kathleen López, Associate Professor, Departments of History and Latino and Hispanic Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University
- Dr. Martin Tsang, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Miami Libraries

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