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## *Un Tipo Típico:* The Popular Humor of Guillermo Alvarez Guedes Lecture by Albert Sergio Laguna

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 | 2:00 PM | Frost Art Museum, Room 107 | 10975 SW 17th St, Miami

Comedian Guillermo Alvarez Guedes (1927–2013) was one of the most beloved figures in the history of Cuban popular culture. In this lecture, Professor Albert Sergio Laguna analyzes Alvarez Guedes's jokes in order to investigate how Cubans in Miami were imagining themselves politically, culturally, and racially in the tumultuous 1970s and 1980s. Laguna's work illustrates the centrality of humor and play in a community that has often been described as angry, reactionary, and melancholic. He contends that our understanding of the Cuban diaspora is lacking not in serious, but in play.

**Dr. Albert Sergio Laguna** is Assistant Professor of Ethnicity, Race & Migration and American Studies at Yale University. His research and teaching interests include transnational Latino/a literatures and cultures, humor theory, performance studies, and the Cuban diaspora. He is the author of the recent book, *Diversión: Play and Popular Culture in Cuban America* (2017). His work has appeared in *Latino Studies*, *The Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*, *Diario de Cuba*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Miami Herald*, *The Washington Post*, and on CNN.com.

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