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Lecture by Lillian Guerra

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Lillian Guerra draws on her years of research in newly opened archives and on personal interviews to shed light on the men and women of Cuba who participated in mass mobilization and civic activism to establish social movements in their quest for social and racial justice and for more accountable leadership. Driven by a sense of duty toward *la patria* (the fatherland) and their dedication to heroism and martyrdom, these citizens built a powerful underground revolutionary culture that shaped and witnessed Fulgencio Batista's overthrow in the late 1950s.

Dr. Lillian Guerra is the Waldo W. Neikirk Professor of Cuban and Caribbean History at the University of Florida. She is the author of four scholarly books of Caribbean history: *Heroes, Martyrs, and Political Messiahs in Revolutionary Cuba, 1946–1958* (2018); *Visions of Power in Cuba: Revolution, Redemption, and Resistance, 1959–1971* (2013); *The Myth of José Martí: Conflicting Nationalisms in Early Twentieth-Century Cuba* (2005); and *Popular Expression and National Identity in Puerto Rico: The Struggle for Self, Community, and Nation* (1998). She is currently finishing another book called *Patriots and Traitors in Cuba, 1961–1981*. A recent recipient of the John Simon Guggenheim and American Council of Learned Societies Fellowships, Guerra's *Visions of Power in Cuba* won the 2014 Bryce Wood Book Award from the Latin American Studies Association.

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