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## Havana's Colonial Architecture and 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Ironwork Lecture by Ileana Pérez Drago

Wednesday, September 12, 2018 | 12:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library (GL) 220

This lecture will center on constructions of Havana's late colonial period. During the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the façades of the city's buildings underwent a remarkable transformation, with ironwork mimicking that taking place at the same time in Europe. Havana's ironwork has been compared with that from Madrid, Seville, and Cádiz, a comparison that highlights the strong relationship among these cities during the Spanish colonial era. Dr. Pérez Drago's research analyzes the ironwork of Havana's architecture and its relationship with European exponents via a comparison of catalogs from England, Germany, France, and Spain. Seventy-nine buildings located in Old Havana, El Cerro, and El Vedado were part of this study. Her research methodology offers an avenue that could be applied to other architectural elements as well.

**Dr. Ileana Pérez Drago** holds a doctoral degree in Architecture from the Politechnical University of Madrid. She earned her bachelor's degree in Architecture from the José Antonio Echeverría Technological University in Havana. She is an architectural restoration specialist who has worked in the rehabilitation of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century buildings in Old Havana. She was a country manager at the international consulting firm 3g Office, headquartered in Panama City, Panama, and is currently a partner at Maafa Engineering Corporation in Miami. She is the author of the book *Hierros de La Habana: La herrería en la arquitectura colonial habanera. Siglo XIX* (2009).

**This lecture will be conducted in Spanish. The event is free and open to the public.**

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