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Manufacturing Sin: The Inquisition in Cuba between 1604 and 1614 Lecture by Leonardo Falcón

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Cuba was the religious administrative center of the Catholic Church in the circum-Caribbean since its diocese (established in 1517) eventually encompassed Cuba, Jamaica, and Florida. The island played a key role in the development of the Church and of the Inquisition within the Spanish empire in the region, which served as a buffer against the incursion on non-Catholic European powers in the New World.

In this lecture, Leonardo Falcón presents the latest findings of his doctoral dissertation research on the Inquisition in Cuba during the early years of the seventeenth century. Based on research in Mexico, Chile, Spain, and Cuba, he has determined that indeed there were efforts to establish an Inquisition Tribunal in Havana to counteract the English establishment of Jamestown, Virginia in 1607. The tribunal was the perfect complement to the defensive role of the Spanish military in the Caribbean frontier.

Leonardo Falcón is a Ph.D. candidate in History at Florida International University. He holds an M.A. in Latin American and Caribbean Studies from FIU and a B.A. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of North Texas. He has extensive experience conducting fieldwork, collecting oral and written history, and presenting his findings in both academic and non-academic settings. He received one of the 2018 CRI Cuban Studies Scholarships to conduct research in Cuba.

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