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Book Presentation by Author Jorge L. Giovannetti-Torres

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*Black British Migrants in Cuba* offers a comprehensive study of migration from the West Indies to Cuba in the pre-World War II era, spotlighting an important chapter of the larger trajectory of the Afro-Atlantic diaspora. Grounded in extensive and rigorous multisited research, this book examines the different migration experiences of Jamaican, Leeward, and Windward Islanders, along with the transnational processes of labor recruitment and the local control of workers in the plantation. The book also explains the history of racial fear and political and economic forces behind the marking of black migrants as the “Other” and the resulting discrimination, racism, and violence against them. Through analysis of the oppositional and resistance strategies employed by British Antilleans, the author conveys migrants’ determination to work, live, and survive in the Caribbean.

**Dr. Jorge L. Giovannetti-Torres** is Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras. His first book was *Sonidos de condena: Sociabilidad, historia y política en la música reggae de Jamaica* (2001). He is the author of articles in peer-reviewed journals such as *Caribbean Studies*, *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*, *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*, *Cuban Studies*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, and *Critique of Anthropology*. Professor Giovannetti is a former British Academy Visiting Scholar in London, as well as a grantee of the New York Public Library, the American Philosophical Society, and the American Council for Learned Societies, and has held visiting appointments at New York University and Princeton University.

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