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Film Screening and Discussion with Carlos D. Díaz Montero and Elaine Acosta

Friday, April 26, 2019 | 7:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Graham Center (GC) 150 | 10955 SW 15th St., Miami

This film documentary presents an intimate view of the “Dean of Cuban Studies” and “Master of Social Security in Latin America,” Dr. Carmelo Mesa-Lago. His personal and academic history is told as a counterpoint between chance and the tireless pursuit of objectivity. The film engages in a conversation about the avatars of producing a scientific discussion on the economic policies of the Cuban Revolution from outside Cuba, despite the constant attempts to discredit Mesa-Lago’s work made by the island’s government and some members of the academy. Mesa-Lago’s exile experience, family relations, and enormous gratitude to his wife Elena Gross combine to create an essential record for the memory of the Cuba of the last sixty years.

- **Carlos D. Díaz Montero** is a computer engineer and filmmaker currently residing in Miami. He has directed several film, photographic, and website projects in Spain, Chile, and the United States.
- **Dr. Elaine Acosta** is a Visiting Scholar at FIU’s Cuban Research Institute. She holds a Ph.D. in International and Intercultural Studies from the University of Deusto in Bilbao, Spain.
- **Dr. Carmelo Mesa-Lago** is Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of the Community Advisory Board of FIU’s Cuban Research Institute.

This event is free and open to the public.

The film is in Spanish, as will be its discussion.

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