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Operation Pedro Pan and the Cuban Children's Program: A History Lecture by Víctor Andrés Triay

Friday, April 12, 2019 | 7:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library (GL) 220

Víctor Andrés Triay's presentation will address the origins and development of Operation Pedro Pan and the Cuban Children's Program, which brought thousands of unaccompanied minors from Cuba to the United States between 1960 and 1962. Beginning with the Castro Revolution's rise to power in 1959, the lecture will explain how the Revolution's increasing radicalization and its embrace of Marxism sparked the "first wave" of mass migration out of Cuba. Dr. Triay will describe how, during that "first wave," Father Bryan Walsh of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, former Ruston Academy headmaster James Baker, and others laid the foundation for Operation Pedro Pan and the Cuban Children's Program. The presentation will also discuss how the programs operated and the experiences of those who were Pedro Pan children.

Dr. Víctor Andrés Triay is a professor of history at Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Connecticut. He is the author of *Fleeing Castro: Operation Pedro Pan and the Cuban Children's Program* (1998); *Bay of Pigs: An Oral History of Brigade 2506* (2001); *La patria nos espera: La invasión de Bahía de Cochinos relatada en las palabras de la Brigada de Asalto 2506* (Spanish version of *Bay of Pigs*, 2003); *The Cuban Revolution: Years of Promise* (2005); and the historical fiction trilogy, *The Unbroken Circle* (2013–14). He was the lead researcher for the Cuban Research Institute's Brigade 2506 oral history project in 2016 and 2017. Dr. Triay, whose parents left Cuba in 1960, was born and raised in Miami, Florida.

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