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***“En Cuba somos fiesteros”:* Popular Festivals in 1970s Cuba** **Lecture by Maite Morales**

Monday, November 19, 2018 | 12:00 PM | FIU Modesto A. Maidique Campus | Green Library (GL) 220

The seventies in Cuba were a response to the struggles and failures of the previous decade. State and local officials worked to revive the initial enthusiasm that stretched across the island in the aftermath of the Revolution's 1959 victory by bringing back popular celebrations across the island. One of the first comebacks of the 1970s was the Havana carnival, which also marked the return of the yearly tradition to the other provinces. Along with carnivals, international festivals were an opportunity to showcase the accomplishments of the Revolution and share a vision for the future. This talk will examine carnival and festivals, and how they transformed into sites of state control and defined Cuba's socialist culture during the second decade of the Revolution.

Maite Morales is a Ph.D. candidate in History at Florida International University. She also earned her M.A. in History and her B.A. in History and English at FIU. Born in Cuba, she remembers that her childhood memories of her first carnival planted a seed of curiosity that is reflected in her research interests today. She is currently working on her doctoral dissertation on everyday life and the impact of the Soviet presence in Cuban consumer culture and consumption patterns. Maite spent her summer working in archives all over Havana and Matanzas, Cuba. She is a recipient of the 2018 Eliana Rivero Scholarship.

The event is free and open to the public.

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